



The last audience in America to which I would make a serious address would be a reunion of college graduates. In such reunions men honoring ancient shrines of learning with one accord breathe the prayer: "Make me a sophomore just for tonight." And few prayers are more unfaithfully answered.

# English Is Essential

If a Man from Mars were to land in America and decide to stay, what would he find his greatest handicap? What would he want to learn? Undoubtedly he would be curious about the things we make and about what we think. But whatever his interest . . . a wheelbarrow or the atomic bomb, the latest comic strip or Shakespeare's Hamlet . . . he would feel, as his keenest need, the understanding and use of our language, English. Without that tool he would learn very little of our science, business, or culture, and his progress in knowing these and other fields would be determined very largely by his ability to understand and use English.

not put his thoughts on paper is only half a man, this department offers him, according to his needs, instruction, guidance, and practice in writing. In this age of bigness, when all living grows daily more complex, an individual who aspires to any degree of eminence in his field must be able to communicate in writing . . . whether in an application for a job or in a scientific report to a billion dollar corporation. He will strive for clarity, conciseness, exactness and force. These are the constant concern of the teachers of written English.

Third, every student who wishes to improve himself and better his chances in life wants to understand people and the circumstances under which they live. Who could be a better teacher for him than the great makers of literature? Who made a more effective appeal for prison reform or for the unfortunates of England generally than Dickens? Who has helped us to understand the Oskie migration better than Steinbeck? Who showed us the issues, the suffering, the people of the Spanish Civil War better than Hemingway? Is it not safe to say . . . without in the least minimizing the splendid contribution of other college subjects . . . that no other college course touches and illumines life at so many points as does literature? Life . . . all of life . . . is the stuff that literature is made of.

Finally, there is the appreciation of the beautiful. There may be students whose taste in the arts does not improve, who continue to be satisfied with average, or lower than average, plays, music, art, stories, but I have never personally known one. With experience and maturity everyone elevates his taste in these things more or less. College courses in literature hasten the process and hence multiply the years of enjoyment.

Man from Mars, we're ready.

Sigurd H. Peterson  
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What this comes to is the undoubted fact that the basic desideratum to even moderate achievement in any field in our complex civilization is the proper understanding and use of language. It is no wonder, therefore, that English is the one subject required of all students in practically every college and university in America, and that in all these institutions the English department has usually the largest enrollment on the campus. The student entering college . . . like the Man from Mars . . . needs four things that the English department is prepared to give him. First, to improve his understanding of the language, we offer him help in reading, vocabulary building, and analysis of written expression. For those who are slow readers or have meager vocabularies, we have a well equipped and well staffed reading clinic, which has achieved some almost unbelievable results. All students want understanding . . . the ability to grasp clear utterance and to distinguish between the real and the purported meaning of what they read . . . whether it be a business letter, political double-talk, or propaganda masquerading as truth. Meaning, therefore, is our first objective and our constant concern in all our courses.

In the second place, recognizing the fact that the man who can understand, who can

## Little Man On Campus—by Bibler



The whole family was proud of Stanley last week—first of our generation to graduate from college.

# Foreign Students in U.S. Reach Record Number

There is a record-breaking foreign student population in U.S. college and universities, according to a report issued today by the Institute of International Education, 1 East 6th Street, New York.

The current "census," conducted jointly by the Institute and the Committee on Friendly Relations Among Foreign Students, shows that well over 30,000 students from other lands are being trained this year in the United States.

Top countries, with the largest number of their young citizens studying here, are Canada, China, and Germany. The biggest jump in numbers over past years, however, is in the rapid increase in students coming from Asia, the Near East and Africa. There is only one European country (Germany) now among the "top ten" as compared with four from Asia and two from the Near East. Many Chinese Stranded

Nearly 3,000 of the Chinese students tabulated have been in the U.S. two or three years, and are unable to return to China today. Another sign of the times is that nearly one-third of the 30,000 students are women.

The Institute estimates that these students represent a financial investment of \$75,000,000, working on the basis that total cost of travel, tuition, room and board for the average student is \$2,500. Almost half of them are "scholarship students," receiving their training on funds provided by their governments, our government, private agencies, or by the colleges and universities themselves.

In distribution, the foreign student population of the U.S. this year roughly corresponds to the total population. With heavy concentrations in New York and California, foreign students can be found in every state in the union. For sheer numbers, the most "popular" American schools among foreign students are the University of California, Columbia University, and New York University . . . each having over 1,000 foreign students in their student body. Engineering remains the chief field of study for visiting students. However, while our engineering schools are the main drawing cards for South Asians and Near Easterners, most European students are now coming for study in social sciences and the liberal arts. An interesting development this year is the fact that religion is among the top ten fields of study for the first time.

Close-Up View Sought According to the Institute, students from abroad today report as never before a desire "to get to know the United States." How important this "seeing America close-up" is, from the students' viewpoint, is shown by this comment by an Austrian boy, quoted in the report: ". . . The questions of U.S. get more complex for me the more I study them. I was particularly surprised by the strength of the middle class, the importance of the family, the power of the churches and the freshness and inexhaustible resources of this country. I am working out a detailed plan how to overcome the appalling lack of knowledge about U.S. in Europe and to improve relations between these two continents." The Institute, which administers exchange-of-persons programs,

Pharmacists There will be a picnic for all pharmacy students, faculty members, and their guests at Avery park Sunday, May 18, from 12 until 6 p.m. Baseball playoffs between the four classes will begin at 2 in the afternoon. Barbecued pork loin will be served at 5:30. Tickets are 50 cents and are on sale in the pharmacy building.

Junior Dames The Junior Dames will hear Prof. H. R. Sinnard, head of architecture, speak on house planning Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Union 208.

Child Development Copies of the Spock lecture are now ready for winter term child development students in the home economics office.

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# Smoke Rings

By DICK COYNER

Dear "Pravda": I am pleased to report that this area is now ready. Recently a group of rebellious students rioted against capitalistic police forces in the town of this American (ugh) college. As we all know, this is always the first sign of unrest among the proletarian groups. I trust you can find use for this for the marvelous propaganda machine which our beloved leaders have established.

Yours against capitalism, Smokiskov Keindachtiv

Out of incidents such as these, small, trivial details,

a well-organized propaganda machine can find a world of material to work for. Remember the arrival of Governor Tom Dewey in Grants Pass during the last presidential campaign? Welcome committee was formed of the "Cavemen," the Grants Pass boosters organization. In Russia, the story ended up: Governor Dewey is greeted by the uncivilized people of the west coast. It (the story) was accompanied with a picture of these Southern Oregon Neanderthalians.

This well-oiled propaganda has operated to the point where the Moscow dentists charge \$100 to pull a tooth. The way they do it is more work. They pull it through the ear, because everyone is afraid to open his mouth. Another story, which I have often chuckled over, is grim with a tragic moral: Three men are talking in a Siberian salt mine. The first man says, "I'm here because I disagreed with Rasputin." The second whispers back, "I'm here because I agreed with Rasputin."

"Only part of it," replied the returning soldier. "By the time he had called the names of members of the Politburo individually, he didn't have time to say too much about you."

I noticed that the Russians announced recently that they and they alone invented television, radio-transmitters, and radar. They had previously invented the automobile, the airplane, the radio, the telegraph, the printing-press, and the steam engine. Maybe they also invented inventors? Who knows what can happen in this crazy world of ours. Oh yes, "Pravda" when translated means truth. Goodbye for now.

# Time Change Will Confuse

Whether or not Corvallis residents will switch the clocks to daylight saving time will be considered at a regular meeting of the city council Monday night. Questionnaires have been distributed in the Corvallis Gazette-Times and at least one councilman has polled his ward in an effort to find out the wish of the citizens. However, it is not definite if a decision will be made.

If the city should change to daylight time, the College will be placed in a trying situation. Gov. Douglas McKay has declared that the state will remain on standard time, and the College — being a state institution—

should stay in line with the Governor's decision. Which time, then, will College clocks read?

College officials have said that we may follow the system now carried on at the University of Oregon. Eugene is on daylight time, so the University is running classes an hour earlier than usual while retaining standard time. Classes run from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m., and from 12 noon to 4 p.m. This may be the answer here, if there's a change in City time.

The time of day may give OSC students a perplexing problem next week, should the city revert to daylight time.

# Your Day, Sophs

Daisy Mae has gone to pot in a cheap dancing casino; Li'l Abner remains noble and unabashed after a month of marriage; the Dick Hastings Mystery Man contest is to be solved, and the "mostest" beards will be judged . . . all this points to a big Sophomore day this Saturday.

The annual affair appears to be better than usual.

A life-saver passing relay has all the earmarks of the old game of "post office." The sack race might not be to the advantage

of the girls as it has been revealed that the sacks are to go over the feet and not the heads of the participants. However, the women need not worry about losing their man. The traditional Sadie Hawkins race will still be held.

This is one of the few chances that sophomores will have to get together with just the members of the class. Take advantage of it. Gather the classmates together and head for Colorado lake for a day of fun and enjoyment! (C. P.)

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Various small vertical advertisements on the right edge of the page, including one for 'Post wort' and another for 'New To'.



