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## A Problem to Solve

Dean Colin V. Dymont's attack on over-organization, printed in Saturday's Emerald, has aroused the entire campus to thought. On one point there is complete accord. Students are not free to do as they would like to do. From morning until night there are meetings and duties. Although an effort is made to prove that activities interfere with regular studies, it is the main contention that too many outside interests usually cut off any thought of scholarly things, such as browsing in the library.

The Emerald has voiced its approval of student activities. There is no doubt that practical experience in managing affairs or of leadership is of value. There are a number of things to take into consideration. In the first place student activities are not properly distributed. One student carries several offices while the masses are never called upon. The burden is on the student who is encumbered with the offices. The problem does not apply to nine out of ten. Here the point system might be tightened up so that it would affect those who have too much to do.

There is a problem and it is serious. Something should be done when all the committee work, all the planning, and all the responsibility rests on the shoulders of a few. Are undergraduates here sacrificing their education for activities? If the point system were made effective would students spend the extra time in study, in this scholarly research—or in idleness?

Dean Dymont is right in bringing the question up for student discussion. The Emerald invites communications on the subject from students or faculty. The customary length limitation for letters to the editor will not be enforced in order that the subject may be given better discussion.

## Why Have Students?

Insinuations have been made by certain members of the faculty that the students had no right to express their opinion on the proposed change to the semester plan. Seemingly annoyed that the straw vote should have been so decisive, some have whispered that the student newspaper had an undue influence in supporting the present system. And, hist—it is said that the editorial office of the above mentioned newspaper was the rendezvous of various wire-pulling factionalists.

The Emerald is flattered—exceedingly. To think that faculty and students should flock to the editor's office to enlist his support. Think of the poor students, ignorant of the issues, breathlessly awaiting the arrival of the paper to find out what to think. If the semester backers had only been able to prevail on the editor the student vote would undoubtedly have been six to one in favor of the change.

From the consideration taken by some few members of the faculty of student opinion on the subject, it is wondered just why a university needs students, anyhow. Why not have a perfect institution where there are no students to have opinions? The faculty could then discuss and decide without consideration of anyone on the outside.

The students are vitally concerned and all but a few members of the faculty have recognized it. The movement to ask the opinions of medical school men and assistant professors on the campus is a wise one. But, even if the votes of these two groups is as decisive as that of the students, there will probably be a disgruntled few who will claim that someone exerted undue influence.

## No Editorials Needed

It is customary to use a great deal of editorial space about this time of year to urge students to attend basketball games, and to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner when they get there. No opportunity for such an editorial has yet presented itself this year. The armory has been packed for most of the games and the utmost courtesy has been shown visiting players. It is a source of pride.

There were fewer faculty members present at the meeting yesterday than at the session when the semester plan was adopted. Forty three were present yesterday and 54 at the previous meeting.

## CAMPUS BULLETIN

Notices will be printed in this column for two issues only. Copy must be in this office by 4:30 on the day before it is to be published and must be limited to 25 words.

**Ye Tabard Inn**—Meeting Anchorage, 7:30 Wednesday evening.

**Theta Sigma Phi**—Meeting at 5 o'clock Journalism shack. Important.

**Women Swimmers**—Life saving class 1:15 today. Beginning swimming at 3.

**California Club**—Meeting, Thursday night, room 105 Commerce building, 7:30.

**Mu Phi Epsilon**—Special business meeting Tuesday 4:30, school of music.

**To-Ko-Lo**—Important meeting, 7:15 tonight in men's room of Woman's building.

**Thespians**—Meeting 5 p. m. today in student body offices Gift Campaign building.

**Eutaxian Meeting**—At 7:30 tonight, Woman's club room at Woman's building.

**W. A. A. Meeting**—Important meeting of W. A. A. today at 5 in the Woman's League rooms Everybody come

**Phi Beta Kappa**—Meeting of preliminary organization Tuesday afternoon, 4:15, room 8, Commerce. Important.

**Hawthorne Club**—Wednesday night, 7:30. Men's lounging room, Woman's building. Decartek's Theory of Emotions will be discussed.

**All Friends, and Relatives of Seniors** and Representatives and members of the executive and student councils meet in Villard hall tonight at 7:00. Meeting will last but 30 minutes.

**Oregana**—The committee in charge of the Oregana announces that the February fest will be held Thursday, February 8th instead of February 9th as previously announced, and will be formal.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the EMERALD from students and faculty members are welcomed, but must be signed and limited to 250 words. If it is desired, the writer's name will be kept out of print. It must be understood that the editor reserves the right to reject communications.

**To the Editor:**  
 This is a last desperate appeal to the powers that be, for I am going down for the third time. Probably the campus in general will be relieved, when I am gone for then this caterwalling through the Emerald will cease; yet self-preservation is the first law of nature and I appeal to the faculty to save me.

The floods are rising. Ho, to the rescue, ye Superintendent of Grounds, with a few loads of gravel. The next time I return home, I shall have to swim down the path to 11th street.

According to the last reports, the first twenty feet of the path in front of McClure hall (leading off toward Deady) was submerged, and one must wade and splash through it as well as one is able. Of course the person attired in oxfords is out of luck.

By Deady, to the left of the steps, when descending from the east end, a lake has already gathered, and one must seek refuge and safe passage over soggy lawn (forbidden by the campus committee) and past drenched and potentially muddy rosebeds, to where the high and dry spots of the sidewalk show above the waters.

They say our student health bill is large. Let's invest in a few loads of gravel and a little labor, NOW, and save future bills for doctors, and medicine. Supply the gardner with the necessary funds if he lacks them.

- Other bad places are:
1. The left-hand path leading east from the Pioneer.
  2. The cut-off path, from the road to 11th (especially between the two popular trees, and the sidewalk terminus).
  3. The first ten feet of the sidewalk, on the south-east corner, at the intersection of Kincaid street and 11th street. (More drainage needed).
  4. The entire road from Friendly hall to 11th street.
  5. The first twenty feet of the road leading from Friendly hall (rear door) to University street.
  6. The strip of planking, which crosses the parking, immediately across the street from the campus road, and which connects the street with the walk leading past the sundial and the Ad building, toward Hendricks hall.
  7. The gutter on the north-east corner at the intersection of Kincaid and 13th (opposite the Co-op).
  8. The broad highway leading from the library (down-hill) to the sidewalk.

Please, for these difficulties may we plead not a few table-spoons of gravel, but a few wagon-loads.

**To the Editor:**  
 Apropos the scholar as he appears in Sunday's Emerald editorial entitled "Gumption." First the scholar is pictured to us as "the chap who is going to keep the small, frail flame of truth alive in a mighty windy, tempestuous world." The argument then progresses from truth to practicality and it is pointed out that the scholar is not practical; to quote, "he cannot roll up his sleeves and get things done; his mind is too delicately tuned, too finely balanced to compromise or deal in subterfuge." It is implied that com-

promise and subterfuge are essential to progress. To paraphrase the editorial, the man of nine pins is the man who wins.

Thus, while the man of nine pins may violate his moral integrity, he does the essential thing, that is, he wins. Understanding us as he does and giving us results, or what we term material progress, he deserves our approbation and that doubly so for he does all this without troubling himself or us overly much with fine distinction as to method. What if the scholar gets the old reliable hemlock, or the more modern Ku Klux! He deserves it for cavailing about compromise or subterfuge.

That the end will justify the means is the theory that the foregoing is based upon. Well, the means have been in operation for some time, how does the end stack up? We find material progress, culture, comfort, etc. but the evil, "mighty windy, tempestuous world" still remains. Evidently more "subterfuge" or "compromise" is required—or is it another philosophy?

And right here it is that the scholar comes in. He demands a hearing, he has always demanded a hearing; but he is in the minority. It is a sad commentary on this age that the true scholar, not by any means the mere pedagogue, but the creative thinker, is more rare than at any time since the Renaissance. Yet he still exists, and, given a hearing, he might say, "To compromise with evil, to follow the line of least resistance is worse than futile. That expediency which is measured by the greatest ultimate good to the greatest number can be effected only by a devotion to principle; therefore listen to your Newtons and Aristotles for in so far as they multiply, each of you shall profit."

Are we giving them a hearing?  
 J. D. S.

## MAY PETERSON IS GUEST

Concert Artist Appearing Here Entertained by Delta Gammas

Miss May Peterson, who appeared in concert at the Heilig last night, was the dinner guest of Delta Gamma fraternity Sunday. Her director and accompanist were also entertained. Pleasure was expressed by Miss Peterson for the delightful entertainment accorded her, and she was especially delighted with the Woman's building and art collections. Miss Peterson, say those who met her, is a very charming and pleasing person, and her hostesses were indeed glad of the privilege of meeting and knowing her and the members of her party.

## PLEDGING ANNOUNCED

Kappa Theta Chi announces the pledging of Francis Linklater of Hillsboro.

## MARGARET SCOTT WILL WORK ON "VOTER" STAFF

Legislature Activities Will be Covered for Publication by University Journalism Student

Margaret Scott, senior in the school of journalism and daily news editor on the Emerald last year, leaves today for Salem where she has accepted a position on the staff of the Oregon Voter, a publication covering the activities of the state legislature, printed weekly. Miss Scott, who is a member of Theta Sigma Phi, women's national honorary journalism fraternity, will not leave the University permanently, but expects to return to the campus when the present session of the legislature ends, in about three weeks.

While in Salem Miss Scott will assume the duties of a special correspondent for the Emerald, sending in stories from the legislature which will be of interest to campus readers. Her work for the Voter will consist in reporting the activities of the legislative bodies, especially covering committee meetings and interviewing leaders in the senate and in the house of representatives. Yesterday morning C. C. Chapman, editor of the Oregon Voter, telephoned to Eric W. Allen, dean of the school of journalism, asking that one of his advanced students be recommended for the vacancy in his staff. Miss Scott is a member of the Editing class.

## EMIL GHIO CALLED HOME

Oregon Club President Has News of Mother's Serious Illness

Emil Ghio left Sunday night on the Shasta for San Diego, California, where he was called by the serious illness of his mother. He does not expect to re-enter the University until the Spring term.

Ghio is president of the Oregon club and treasurer of the California club.

Prominent in student activities, his friends declare that his absence will cause considerable reorganization in the ranks of the various organizations in which he is interested.

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This is not a divorce case, an entangled matrimonial affair or a love ship on troubled waters. It is a straight out and out talk between we three, the reader, the advertiser and the paper—in other words, a justification of ourselves.

THE ADVERTISER offers his confidence in the reader his goods, himself and the paper. His advertising is more than "paid publicity," it is a merchant's faith in the paper, the readers and himself.

THE PAPER is more than four sheets of "news stock" covered with type, it is a message, a medium and an institution—the go between of the merchant and the consumer.

THE READER is the keystone to the whole situation. Without him the others cannot survive; with him co-operation is established. So to the readers of the Emerald, the advertisers and the paper appeal—not for blind support—but for a well judged confidence and co-operation. We other two believe in you, can you return the complement? If not,

## Will You Tell Us Why?