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Rampant Paternalism

"There was a Boy once," begins Kipling in a story, "who was reared under the sheltered theory of life . . . It killed him."

This quotation was ransacked from a tottering memory and is not verbatim; however, the substance is correct. We print it here more or less as a protest against the recent action of the administration in publishing the names of those students who happened to overdraw their accounts at the local banks.

Let it be understood that we are not trying to defend these people, nor any other people who so offend against the established business methods of the community. To be young is to be careless, and in nine tenths of the cases of n. s. f. there can be no other excuse than a plain carelessness, a plain shiftlessness in checking up on one's own financial status from month to month, a plain indisposition to face the balancing of a disappearing budget. The remaining tenth have the more legitimate excuse of a genuine error in figures. Perhaps there is a very rare instance of intent to fraud. It takes all sorts of people to make this wicked world.

But the point we wish to make is: the adjustment between the offending individual and the offended bank belongs exclusively to these two parties. The bank has the entire police power of the city behind it to enforce its legitimate demands if a warning letter will not do the work. The University has no proper place in this transaction.

When we go abroad to the commercial world and set up for our selves we will soon find that there is but scant courtesy granted to the fellow who gets slack in his financial obligations to others. When a note comes due it is paid or foreclosed upon; when a bill runs over too long John Jones gets his household goods auctioned off to pay it. There is a very sharp distinction between creditor and debtor, and there are certain face-to-face bargains and agreements we'll have to arrange—at first hand, and not by proxy.

We might as well get used to these hand to hand adjustments right now. Also—and this is a major point—our relations with the banks and merchants ought to be private and personal, up to the point where the law steps in. It is no function of the University's to act as a clearing house for our debts and financial misfortunes; it is no place of the University's to act as a paternal father. The sheltered theory again.

The writer once went into a shop to square up a n. s. f. check. The treatment and scant courtesy he got effectually finished that business. No more n. s. f.'s.

No doubt the administration justifies its action upon the well greased argument that it's "for the good of the University." Well, that argument is something akin to the general welfare clause in the Constitution. The more it's used, the easier it's used, until the point comes when it is simply an automatic stopper to argument and conduct, with neither rhyme nor reason. The final welfare of this University depends entirely upon the self-respecting, and entirely individual-acting members who learn to conduct their affairs first hand.

Spring—Oh Gosh!

By golly, something ought to be done about the month of June. When summer comes we want a full three months' vacation—and more. When Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter comes, we want the full, allotted periods of vacation—and more. But when June comes we want nothing so much as to go away from here. And that last week is the most potent of the three. Suggestion: less school in June. And if it must be taken from the smaller vacations, well, then, it must. Better to shorten the holiday vacations than to endure the awful drudge of June study! Then there's summer jobs to be considered. Our friendly rival down the valley gets the best of them as it is.

Hello

There is n't anything vitally wrong with our Hello tradition. It's in about as healthy a state as ever. Boys still maintain that the girls don't speak first as they should. Girls still say the men wouldn't answer civilly if they did speak first; some men don't want to speak—can't be bothered. Some women don't want to speak—can't be bothered. Rest of us just struggle along with our usual grunt, squeak, mumble, tremolo, bark, bay, whisper, or nod. Same old thing. Nothing wrong with the tradition at all. Not at all.

This is the month of April showers and all that old stuff. But where, oh where in the comma, dash, blank, was the sun during vacation?

TO KERENSKY:

What are their names,
And where are they,
Those heroes who flash before us?

In the early hours
The morning star
Flashes brilliantly on the horizon.

At noon it is gone.

—A. J.

SONG OF THE SEED CATALOGUE

Aster Lil Ferdel,

Spirea, Holly hock,
Peony Couronne d'Or,
Iris,
Anemone?

I am a song that must be heard
In town and country
House and flat.
With Spring and scraping of coal
bins
I come.

Aster Lil Ferdel
Spirea, Holly hock

—Patricia Novlan

Sprigs o' Catnip

By J. M. T.



There are some profs who do a thing
That we would call a shame.
They take all the books out of the
Library that are references on
some particular subject, to use
themselves,
And then they go and blame
Their students for not having been
able to do any research on the sub-
ject.
These profs we'd like to name. . . .

This is the season of the term
When good resolves are springing.
"I'll keep my daily work well up,"
Each student's blithely singing.
Alas! Ere many moons have passed,
These good resolves go winging. . . .

It hums with noise and strife.
The copydesk, the copydesk,
I'm trying to work beside it, but
I can't. How sad is life. . . .

This "co-ed" stuff died years ago.
The name has long gone out.
Why they should use it, I don't know.
It's something the girls here just can't
go.
The sense of those who call them so,
We very gravely doubt. . . .

If ever you see, on the old mill race,
A man canoeing, and
If he's all alone, and just learning to
paddle,
And hasn't it well in hand,
You'll know he has a purpose in view:
His pigging program's planned. . . .

In a case like this I've just told to you
The lady may want to go along, too.
But she's wise if she follows in another
canoe. . . .

Zoology Instructor Kills Two Birds with One Egg

Book on Cooking Possible Outcome of Experiments of Walter Nichols

By J. M. T.

This is a hard-boiled story.
Any new and delicious recipes will
be gratefully received. Thanking you
in advance. Attention Miss Tingle.

The zoology department raised live-
stock of various sorts, including hens,
and is at present conducting experi-
ments relating to the effect of inject-
ing albumin upon the albumin, or white
of eggs. Every day Walter Nichol, in-
structor in the zoology department,
takes home eight or ten eggs from this
zoological poultry farm. Mr. and Mrs.
Nichol boil the eggs—hard boil them,
in fact—cut them in two, and weigh
the yolks and whites separately, record-
ing the statistics. After that—well,
arises the necessity for new and

delicious recipes for the use of hard-boiled eggs.

"We eat them deviled, and in salad, and creamed," Mr. Nichol began glibly, when he was asked about it, "and all sorts of ways."

A new recipe book devoted to hard-boiled eggs might thus be a result of scientific experiments conducted by the department of zoology of the University of Oregon.

Coming Events

April 17—Flonzaley Quartet Concert at the Methodist Church.

April 20—Sophomore class barn dance.

April 21—Phi Kappa Psi Informal.

April 21—Tau Nu Formal.

April 21—Alpha Beta Chi Formal.

April 21—Sigma Pi Tau Informal.

April 27—University Symphony Orchestra Home Concert.

April 28—Student Body Dance given by the Oregon Knights.

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