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On Expressing Thoughts

"You cannot make me believe that students at the University of Oregon are not thinking serious thoughts. They are thinking mighty serious thoughts, but we professors do not give them the chance to express them, or, through our lecture system, have built up in them the habit of remaining silent."

It was a University professor, one of the leaders of the present discussion groups held in the various houses, who made this statement. And it was not said merely to pat some students on the back, for the group present consisted of instructors and ministers of the town.

This statement was followed by a discussion of the merits and demerits of the lecture system, and the possibilities that lie in classroom discussion where the students and the instructor meet on a common plane to give and take from their fund of experience and study, and to be of mutual help to each other. But we are not primarily concerned here with a consideration of the lecture versus the discussion type of class procedure.

We would like to consider for a moment the statement that University students are "thinking mighty serious thoughts." If that be true, why is it that they are constantly being accused of being frivolous, of frittering away their time doing inconsequential things? Have they been thinking serious thoughts, without proper opportunity to express them?

Again, students are accused of neglecting their spiritual life. How much of this is true is uncertain, for it is very difficult to measure the spiritual life of an individual. But discussion group leaders and classroom instructors tell us the average student is vitally interested in ethics, religion, philosophy, moral conduct, and other related subjects. Not interested in them so much as in courses of study, possibly, but interested in them because of their close relationship to every-day life.

The trouble, it seems to us, lies not in the assertion that students are not thinking serious thoughts or are not spiritually minded. The real cause lies in the fact that students have not taken the trouble to inform themselves on subjects of this nature. Not only do we fail to read the philosophy, the logic, the principles of ethics, and the guides to moral conduct as found in the New Testament, but so many of us fail to avail ourselves of the opportunity that is ours of consulting valuable sources on these topics that are to be obtained in the library. Consequently, we often fear to express our interest in spiritual topics for fear of appearing ignorant, or in other cases falsely fearing to be considered religious fanatics.

But this shows that our reasoning or our drifting is unsound. The one who knows the least about a given subject, whose conception of it is quite narrow, is the one who is most likely to be a fanatic on that subject.

To think serious thoughts we must read books that stimulate that type of thought. We would do well to consider the advice of Fred Lockley, and choose our mental food with at least as much concern as we select our food at the table.

BIG "C" CIRCUS STAGED BY LETTERMEN

University of California—The Big C society at the University of California, composed entirely of men who have won their letters in varsity sports, is sponsoring the "Big C Circus," which will be held soon under one of the largest circus tents in the country. Side shows have been entered by fraternities and sororities and the circus will be the climax of the labor day, which is participated in by all of the members of the university every four years.

UNIVERSITY ORCHESTRA CONCERT MARCH 5

The fifth student body concert of the year will be given by the University orchestra, Wednesday, March 5. The event is to be given in the Methodist church. Some especially fine numbers are promised and outstanding numbers will be solos by Frank Joe, tenor in the school of music, and Doris Helen Patterson, child harpist of Eugene. This program as the annual home concert of the orchestra is expected to draw a large number of University students.

Sport Chatter

by MONTE BYERS

Regardless of what the sporting world says or thinks, fate played a cruel trick on Billy Reinhart in his first start as a varsity basketball coach. In basketball one hardly ever thinks of injuries as being a serious factor in the deciding of championships. Injuries of serious nature are very rare in basketball, yet that is just what the Webfoot quintet in the conference season just closed.

Prior to the start of the conference race, Billy saw a championship in the offing, but the tide of fate ebbed and the championship floated away. Reinhart had a squad of veterans to begin with and he started a new system in Oregon basketball and we might say right here that it was a successful system. When the season opened in January, Reinhart had Gowans, Hobson, Latham, Chapman and Shafer for his first varsity five, four veterans of from one to two years standing, and one a freshman with lots of basketball experience before coming to Oregon.

Everything looked good. The quick pass system, the signals, the five man defense were all working fine. The players knew what each one was to do. Then came a scrimmage before the first conference game with Washington and fate took her first toll of the Oregon quintet. Chapman was put out for practically the entire season with a badly twisted knee, the same one he hurt in football scrimmage prior to the Washington game.

With Chapman out, the Oregon play crumpled slightly for a time. Chapman was going fine and was due for a great year, but fate said "no." Then Gillenwaters came to the fore and came up nobly. Ted, although not the polished player Chapman is, did some wonderful work during the season. One good thing about him was that he thought basketball when away from the maple floor. When he was put into the lineup, he knew the plays and formations; he did not have to be told what to do. Under the basket Gillenwaters was a demon and usually succeeded in getting the ball away. He was slightly tense in his playing, a little nervous sometimes, but he filled the bill.

Chapman out, the varsity steamed merrily along until the Vandal reef wrecked it. Oregon pulled off the reef and steamed along with a slightly damaged rudder. All was well; we were still in the running for the championship, when fate came along and bashed our hopes again. The day before the second tiff with Idaho "Jake" Shafer went under the surgeon's knife for appendicitis, and was out for the balance of the season, when he was sorely needed.

Here is where the iron nerve of Hal Chapman comes in. Ever watch Hal at the games when he sat on the bench with his crutches. He was tense, was in every play. He couldn't keep away, and was back out in a suit and took Shafer's place against the Vandals. Chapman played a great game and on his nerves. With his knee strapped in tape, he kept the Moscow five worried and busy. Here is why Oregon lost that game (not considering that fourth time out.) Chapman was considered out for the season. When he came back, he had lost a lot of the team play. His eye had been off the basket for some time and his shots were short. He was nervous. Who wouldn't be with a knee in the condition his was and is at the present time?

A knee never gets well after it is hurt as his was. That knee was shattered and torn, and Chapman was taking a big chance in playing at all. That's iron nerve. A chance of crippling himself, perhaps for life, for a basketball game.

Well, had Shafer been there and going as he did throughout the season, Oregon would have had that last Idaho game. Shafer was good for two or three baskets a game and he would have scored them against Idaho. Shafer was out, Chapman and his nerve were there, but fate said "no" and Oregon bowed to defeat.

The Washington Huskies put Oregon out entirely in the last game between the two schools. Billy didn't win the championship, but he won the esteem of many followers of basketball. He has brought something to us, a system of which he is a master and a system which we hope to see more of.

Our heart goes out to Billy Reinhart. It was a hard blow on the threshold of his conference career, but he has won his master's papers and we hope to see him steering the old varsity ship again.

Joe and the boys start digging up the dirt tomorrow afternoon, and we have a hunch it's going to be some digging when Joe gets going. Joe is a dynamic soul, always going. He no doubt got that from doing time with "Hurry-Up" Yost and "point a minute" Wolverines, at Michigan.

Joe was anxious to get back and start the spring work and he isn't going to be happy until he starts showing the boys how. Bert Spell-

A Nation's Leader, an Editor

A Student---Duck Soo Chang

We read of mystery, intrigue and patriotism in stories, newspapers and histories concerning men who help mould the course of empires and regard them as vague, fiction-like characters, who could not possibly be connected with our own everyday humdrum life. How few of us realize that men, every bit as instrumental and influential in their own country as any of our world-known characters, can be found here among our own acquaintances, even on our own campus. Duck Soo Chang is one of these. In the short span of his 29 years, Mr. Chang has organized and been editor of a newspaper which has become the largest of any in all Korea. He is a leader in political movements in his native country and the trace of his influence can be found in all recent developments in that country.

Now Mr. Chang has come to the United States and to the University of Oregon in order to study American journalism methods. He plans to attend Columbia university in New York after remaining here one year.

In 1919, Mr. Chang was imprisoned by Japanese officials for aiding a movement against the administration of the Japanese governor of Korea. His work was so successful that Japan removed the governor and sent a new one, who was not so autocratic and who promptly released Mr. Chang and gave him

permission to publish a newspaper. Starting only four years ago, the newspaper has now a circulation of 60,000 and is the largest and best liked by the Koreans of any in that country.

The most interesting feature of a newspaper in Korea is the editorials and, since this paper, the Dong Allbo, or Oriental Daily News, as it is translated into English, has from the beginning been for the personal freedom of the masses against the oppression of the Japanese, its popularity has been assured. Mr. Chang said that editions of his paper were suppressed by the Japanese on an average of four times a month and that at one time, it was suppressed for a period of four months. Enough, he said, to keep life forever interesting. The paper has its central office and is published in Seoul, Korea, but much of its news is furnished by correspondents from the provinces and much of its circulation is in the provinces, for there are no papers outside of Seoul.

When asked about the makeup of his newspaper, Mr. Chang said that about half of the four pages is written in Korean and the other half in Chinese. The part of particular interest to women and to the uneducated classes in general is written in the native language and the foreign news in the Chinese language, for the more educated classes.

man is going to be down from Seattle in a few days and then the sawdust is going to fly higher.

The new mentor is going to see that all his boys have their equipment, that's why he got here early. So tomorrow they start getting ready for the conference season, next fall.

Action Is Taken To Curb Illness

University of California—(By P. I. N. S.)—Action is to be taken by the university infirmary and administrative offices to apprehend and protect students from ill health resulting from overwork of any kind. This action is said to have been brought about by the recent disappearance of two university students, which was caused by these students laboring under excess academic burdens.

It is now the aim of the infirmary, assisted by the office of the recorder and the dean of men, to give careful attention to all students carrying work of any kind that would tend to undermine their health.

The new measure is not being taken to scare anyone out of carrying the work he wishes, but rather to encourage and protect the student who undertakes extra work in the pursuit of knowledge.

Aggies Take Game From Varsity, 28-22

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out of the tussle in the second half due to a little combat.

Lineup Is Given
Rooks 19 Frosh 31
Graap 5 F..... 2 Chiles
Banks 8 F..... 5 Okeberg
Baleom 2 C..... 5 Flynn
Ward 2 G..... 4 Hughes
Planning 3 Reinhart
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PLEDGING ANNOUNCEMENT
Alpha Phi announces the pledging of Marjory Christenson of Newburg, Oregon.

U. OF MONTANA TRIES NEW EXPERIMENT

University of Montana—(P. I. N. S.)—The English department will offer as an experiment during the spring quarter a new course entitled General Reading, which will be open only to junior and senior men of any department without pre-requi-

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