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The Morals of The College People

THE "Literary Digest," national journal of opinion, wants to know the opinions of college editors on the effect of the Volstead act on the morals of college students and youth in general. In a letter to the Emerald the "Digest" requests "two or three hundred words expressing your views as to the effect of prohibition on the student body of the institution of which you are a member."

"From time to time, as you have observed," continues the Digest, "it has been charged in the public press that drinking by the younger generation has tremendously increased, that 'cocktail parties' are more or less frequently indulged in, that it is considered smart among the young folks to carry a hip flask. Charges that youth is being debauched under prohibition were laid before the Senate subcommittee, hearing appeals for and against modification of the Volstead act."

"James R. Angell, President of Yale University, reports that 'the amount of drinking at present is very much less than in earlier years' while Dr. Joseph S. Ames, Dean of John Hopkins university, says that in his judgment 'the effect of prohibition on the student body has been decidedly deleterious,' and that 'drinking on the whole has increased to a marked degree.'"

The Literary Digest has a good many questions to ask on the subject:

"What is the general opinion among your own student body on this question? Is drinking prevalent either on or off the campus, in rooms, or at dances and other social events? What percentage of the students do you think could be put in the class of drinkers? Has drinking increased or decreased since you entered college, and what would you say is the trend at the present time. Do you think the ultimate effect of the Volstead law upon the young men and women of today will be helpful or harmful?"

Before answering these questions we must confess astonishment at the glibness with which most people accept the major premise in all this discussion on young peoples' morals, namely, that prohibition is the cause of all the iniquities of the day. The whole moral tone of the nation, apparently, in the opinion of these peoples, is inextricably tied up with the Volstead Act. They assume without question that the recently acquired flabbiness of moral fibre of the American people can be traced entirely to a single law which says men may not drink intoxicating liquors. The argument is absurd.

If we face the situation dispassionately, we must grant that the whole American people, following the tension of the World War, have lapsed into a state of indifference to those more "sterling" virtues which the earlier American generations held most dear. Throughout the nation today "wine and wom-

en" are genially embraced with careless abandon of the future. To be unchecked by convention is the thing to do, the smart thing, the thing that will be approved by other folks.

Prohibition, of course, enters very vividly into the situation. Nowadays it's nice to be naughty—fashionable to be naughty—and it's naughty to drink liquor—so we drink liquor with great gusto. And with every drop of liquor there inevitably comes, free of charge and with no reservations, a barrel full of talk. The college man's reasoning, or lack of reasoning, is easy enough to follow: He wants to be fashionable—the hip flask is one of a number of fashionable unconventionalities—so he tips the hip flask.

One of these fine days the pendulum will swing the other way, it will be fashionable to be otherwise than naughty, and the college folks will sell their flasks for more playthings.

Send an Invitation To Your Parents

IF YOU have not already done so, send a wire, post-haste letter or telephone call to your parents inviting them to be your guests next week-end.

Last year it was decided by the student council to combine mothers' and dads' day into parents' day, and to invite both mothers and fathers to visit the University at the same time, the council believing that the parents and their children would enjoy the occasion more under the new arrangement.

Your parents will enjoy meeting the professors that flunk you out of the University—will be glad to see the football field where you broke your shoulder—will be delighted to meet the boy or the girl that is bringing scholastic ruination to yourself—will be overjoyed to see all the things which he and she having been hearing so much about. You and your parents will enjoy the week-end. Make haste with the invitation.

The Politicians' Feast and Banquet

YOUR editor has just returned from a sumptuous banquet at Hendricks hall tendered by Miss DeLoris Pearson, retiring student body secretary, to the outgoing and incoming student body officers. The new and the old officers are agreed, one and all, that Miss Pearson is a gracious and charming hostess, and that if the new student officials enjoy all their meetings to the extent of this one, the first, that the next year's work will be very delightful, indeed.

Education Club Will Meet Thursday Night

The Education club will meet Thursday night at 7:30 in the education building. Dr. H. P. Rainey will talk on the distribution of school funds, and Dean H. D. Sheldon will give a report on the attitude of H. L. Mencken toward American education.



A WISE CRACKER CAN TELL ONIONS IN ANY SOUP.

OUR DAILY ETIQUETTE CATECHISM

Question: You may know how to properly enter the bathroom, but do you know how and when to correctly leave the bathtub?

Answer: The really proper method of leaving is to break out the side of the tub, although some authorities advise following the water out through the drain pipe. Under no circumstances must you leave before the hot water is all used up.



Question: Conversant though you may be with the proper fork to use with every course, what should you do when that utensil has conveyed a large morsel of food to your mouth and the person next to you asks you a question point blank?

Answer: You can become one of three things (1) A sudden swallower, (2) A rapid chewer, or (3) Hard of hearing.

Question: Do you know whether an ambassador's wife precedes a senator's sister going into dinner at a summer hotel?

Answer: It depends entirely upon who is there first when the doors open.



Question: Are you informed as to the etiquette in force when presented at court?

Answer: It is not necessary to say anything except "Good morning, Judge."

Some girls are like a man on third base. Always looking for a chance to run home.



ZAT SO!

Oftimes we hear wondrous stories about dogs mothering abandoned kittens, but the other day a mule in Junction City, raised a grown man 10 feet without any apparent effort.



If 2 and 1 is shoe polish and 3 and 1 is oil, what is 4 and 1? An immigrant, of course.

CORRECT THIS SENTENCE

"We girls talked for just hours and never once spoke of fraternities or men."

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SEVEN SEERS

High School Debate Finals Set for May 22

Finals for the Oregon High School Debate League will be held in Eugene, May 22, between Warrenton, winner of the western Oregon championship and Hood river, champions for eastern Oregon. The winner of the finals will receive the DeCou cup which is awarded each year to the winner of the state championship. The DeCou cup was first awarded by E. E. DeCou, head of the department of mathematics and first secretary of the debate league.

The debate finals in eastern Oregon were held between Hood river and Union, on Friday and between Grants Pass and Warrenton, the same day. Hood River and Warrenton won the decisions.

Junior Class Picnic At Coburg Bridge Planned for May 22

The final big event of the year as far as the junior class is concerned will take place Saturday, May 22, at Coburg bridge, when they stage their annual spring term no-date picnic.

Arrangements have been made with Dean McCluskey's Oregon Aggravators to furnish music for dancing between the hours of 5:30 and 8:30. This schedule will enable persons to get back on the campus in time for the various social affairs that night. A special train will convey participants to the scene of frolic. It will probably leave Villard hall at 2:00 and return at 9:00.

Novelty races with attractive prizes attached, will be features of the afternoon's entertainment. Prizes for dancing will also be awarded. Two well-known campus celebrities, whose identity will not be disclosed until later, are training their baseball teams for a clash on Coburg's famous diamond.

Both in quality and quantity food for the picnic will be remarkable according to plans of the committee in charge.

Harry Leavitt, general chairman of the affair, urges all juniors to support the picnic, and to watch the Emerald for further announcements concerning details.

Staley to be Director Of Kiwanis Fete Float

Ralph Staley, chairman of Junior week-end, has been appointed to take charge of the University of Oregon float in the canoe fete which will be the principal entertainment feature of the Kiwanis convention, to be held in Eugene August 24.

Ten floats will be entered in the fete. The Oregon entry will consist of the floats winning Junior Week-end first and second prizes in the canoe fete. They will be entered under the names of A. S. U. O., and also with the names of the winning houses that entered them.

The special committee for the canoe fete consists of Ralph Staley, chairman, and David Graham, Hal White, Marion McClain and Jack Benefiel, Eugene business men.



Mathematics Club—Picnic Wednesday, May 12, at Riverside. Meet in front of Administration building at 4:30. Bring cup and spoon. Oregon Knights—Very important meeting tonight at 7:15 in the Administration building.

To-Ko-Lo—All active members and pledges of To-Ko-Lo will meet in the College Side Inn tonight at 7:15. Important business, and all should be there.

Pot and Quill will meet tonight at Philippa Sherman's, 1164 Patterson, at 7:30.

Y. M. C. A. Cabinet luncheon and meeting this noon at the "Y" hut.

Zeta Kappa Psi dinner at the Anchorage Wednesday at 6 o'clock. Aspirants for the senior life saving test will be passed off Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

All members of Amphibian club and those on probation report at the tank this week and next at 7:30 Tuesday and Thursday nights for demonstration practice. All girls trying out for track must be present, either as participant or official, at both preliminary meets.

A lecture on "The Catholic church and rural welfare" will be given by Father E. V. O'Hara to Dr. Kimball Young's principles of sociology class at 11:00 o'clock today, and is open to the public.

Temenids meeting Thursday 7:15 at Craftsman club. Unusually important.



REX—first day: "Flaming Waters," a vibrant drama of oil and love, of men who strive to tap the wealth of the earth, and scheming sharpshooters who prey on the weakness of aspiring millionaires, portrayed by a brilliant cast, headed by Malcolm McGregor, Pauline Garon and Mary Carr; Witwer comedy, "Don Coo Coo," with the comedy trio deluxe; Kinogram news events; John Clifton Emmel in musical accompaniment on the organ.

COMING—The great American comedy, "The Cohens and the Kellys," with Charlie Murray, George Sidney, Vera Gordon and the funniest Jew-Italian cast ever recorded on the screen; Hoot Gibson in "The Arizona Sweepstakes."

McDONALD — first day: Zane Grey's heroic novel of glowing romance and stirring action "The Vanishing American," with Richard Dix, Lois Wilson, Noah Beery and a cast of 10,000 Indians and a hundred principals, produced on the same lavish scale as "The Covered Wagon." Alexander on the Wurliitzer with a special musical score.

Preliminary Track Meets for Women Thursday and Friday

The preliminary meets for women's track will be staged between the hours of 4:00 and 6:00, Thursday and Friday, May 13 and 14. Thursday, the junior and freshman aspirants will compete for the teams of their respective classes, with the other two class tracksters acting as officials. The seniors and sophomores will hold their preliminary meet Friday with the juniors and freshmen doing chalking, timing, and other duty.

Due to the slowing up of practice by weather conditions, a change in the basis of picking the teams has been made by Miss Ernestine Troemel, coach, and Nellie Johns, head of the sport. Class representatives will be chosen on the basis of the work done during practice hour, as shown by the scores marked on a chart for this purpose and from the results of the preliminary meets. The teams will be chosen after the meet Friday.

The final meet, when all four classes compete against each other, will occur May 18.

The events which will be run off in the meets are: 50 and 75-yard dash; 60-yard hurdles; high jumps; standing broad jump, running jump; hop, step, and jump; javelin, discus, basketball, and baseball throws; and relay.

Moot Trial Decision Is Given to Plaintiff

Robert Chrisman, defendant, was found guilty and James Robertson, plaintiff, awarded \$1.00 in the moot court trial held last night in the Lane county court house. The defendant, who is a third-year law student, was sued by Robertson on a charge of running his car into the plaintiff's car, which was parked just off the highway at the head of the mill race on the night of April 28, 1926. The jury reached their decision at 9:30.

Dean Hale, dean of the Oregon law school, was judge, Randall Jones third-year student was clerk, Rupert Bullivant was bailiff, and John Bryson was court reporter. Members of the jury were: Bert Gooding, William Brooks, Margaret Woodson, Paul Patterson, James Powers, and Theodore Tamba.

Lawyer Nine Takes Game from Writers

The lawyer nine took the victory from the scribes by a score of 8 to 3 in last night's baseball game. Batteries for the lawyers were: Brooks, pitch, and Smith and Gooding, catch. Schoeni and Schmeer pitched for the journalists, and Henningsen caught.

The stars of the game were Carl Dahl and John Husband for the law nine, and Elmer Peterson and "Limy" Flynn for the writers.



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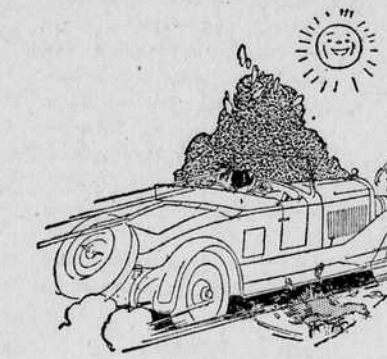


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