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Dads Denied Sedative By State Law

SPEAKING of the needs of the University, how about free smoking? Today's correspondent points out that the fathers who build universities are prohibited from smoking in them and he illustrates his contention with the nicotine ban which kept the air clear at the Dad's day banquet.

"Our Dads were invited down here as guests of the University and as such should have been allowed the extent of the privileges possible," he protests. "Instead, they were deprived of one of the most satisfying and craved habits of the majority of men today—that of smoking."

The smoking proscription, we may assure our dissenters, was in no way an attempt at reform, much less at persecution by University authorities. Indeed the matter was entirely outside the jurisdiction of University officials for the Oregon law definitely forbids smoking in such state buildings.

There have been special instances during conference when the restriction has been suspended for the time. And no doubt the occasion of the banquet would have warranted this consideration for the fathers assembled if the meeting had been held elsewhere.

As it was, the improvised banquet room was arranged under the same roof with the priceless collection of Oriental art objects which forms the Murray Warner Art Museum. Jeopardizing these treasures with fire is unthinkable. Hence the smoking prohibition.

Succor for Scholars; Politicians Fare Well

"**Y**OU can hear a politician all right, but you can't hear a scholar," remarked a front row habitue after the assembly address in the Woman's building Thursday morning.

The undersized audience that perched on the foremost edge of its chairs in an effort to catch a stray syllable now and then will be gratified to learn that the University is contemplating the purchase of an amphitheater similar to the one rented for the Dad's day program. And the other half who stay away because they can never hear what goes on in the Woman's building may soon augment the handful of freshmen and regulars in attendance.

It's very unfortunate that such information as Dr. Muhl brought to the students should dissipate into the rope-vested vaults of what we brazenly call our auditorium. And it is still more regrettable that speakers must be subjected to this frequent humiliation. Relief cannot be too speedily obtained.

Harmony Not Always Worth the Price

BECAUSE he dared to criticize the manner in which persons in charge of various student activities were discharging their duties, Marion A. Zioncheck, president of the student body at the University of Washington, has been the storm center of the campus at Seattle during the past week.

The verbal battle surged back and forth with each side making charges and counter-charges. In his zeal to set affairs in which he considered to be the proper form, Mr. Zioncheck widened his attack so as to include all who ventured to criticize his attacks on the graduate manager, accusing the Daily of coloring its reports of the controversy and of showing favoritism.

Thursday night was chosen as the time when a group of disguised men sought to cool the president's ardour by dunking him in the cold waters of Lake Washington, after beating him and clipping his hair.

Such actions do not settle questions of policy. While Mr. Zioncheck made free with the accusations he hurled against his enemies with little if any pretence at diplomacy, the ducking at the hands of unknown persons was a cowardly act.

As is so often the case under similar circumstances, it is likely to be found that the men who undertake to punish the outspoken student body official were not immediately concerned with the squabble but felt it incumbent upon them to assume the role of avengers.

Even if Mr. Zioncheck should decide to refrain from continuing the argument, which would seem unlikely, such a course would not be wholly satisfactory, although it is evidently the desire of the valorous men in masks. The only satisfactory settlement which can be made is to prove the president's charges to be either true or false.

Our college years are supposed to form a period in which we prepare ourselves for life. In doing so, we are allowed to conduct our affairs in what should be the best manner permitted by our abilities. Criticism of our actions is an essential part of the process.

The student officer who sees what he believes to be faults in the way in which the paid student body servants and other student officials carry out their duties and then fails to criticize them is failing in his own duty. In turn, he should be submitted to honest and sincere criticism at the hands of his constituents.

One who aspires to hold office must expect to be exposed to criticism. If he can not give fair and honest consideration to the opinions of others, he is not the man for the job. Outsiders to a dispute should take care to remain neutral, or at least observe the rules of decent conduct.

Harmony, arrived at after mutual recognition of interests, is desirable; but harmony resulting from spineless complaisance means getting into a rut and the end of progress in affairs.

—W. C.

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A COLLEGE STUDENT IN PORTLAND WAS RECENTLY MISTAKEN FOR A TRAMP AND ARRESTED.

Poor tramps! Now they'll have to start searching for a new distinctive garb.



WILDEST FOLLIES SHOW TO BE OUTDONE TONITE

If no censoring goes on tonite between halves of the O. S. C. game when the Order of the "O" neophytes are doing their stuff, it won't be the fault of the combined police forces of Eugene, Springfield, and Cottage Grove. All of the neophytes are going to attempt to pass for women, and good folks, the proximity to nudity which Bun Stadelman will approach and attempt to get by with just on the pretense of impersonating a girl will be one of the most daring ventures ever witnessed in Eugene.



Ted Pope and Tom Weems are going to produce some shocked expressions on the faces of even the most hardened college students when they stroll down the Court, with so little on that it's all a joke.



Bill Eddy might not be imagined as having a good shape, but if Flo Ziegfeld happens to be around to-night, Bill is almost certain to be missing when baseball season rolls around.

Mel Cohn and Frank Germanewill, nobody is going to have anything on either of them. Both are veteran chorus girls.

Loye McGee and Clarence Hillfolks, as long as you sit still and read this without attempting to do anything to stop it, we're not go-

ing to do anything to help defend his own end of the court.

Paul Walgren will probably play more of a defensive game for the frosh, as a safety, in case the rooks show too much offensive inclination. Gene Eberhart at center will be the usual offense threat. Eberhart usually looks better charging the enemy goal zone than he does when he is compelled to draw back with his teammates to help defend his own end of the court.

Woodward Archer and Alf Makinen are players who are as good as the starting five, and are bound to get in the fray when one of the frosh show signs of getting tired. Ed Dvorak, Edwin Stoddard, and Windsor Calkins are also pressing the first five closely and are likely to get a crack at the rooks before the curtain falls.

Tradition Objected To

You will say that to refrain from smoking for two hours is no hardship;

it is not entirely the actual abstaining to which I object, but especially the one of many administrative rules, or traditions, if you would rather, that causes the abstinence.

Two years ago, in an assembly lecture, President Wilbur, of Stanford University, stated "The no-smoking on the campus tradition is ancient and has outlived its usefulness. Smoking on the campus is no different than smoking elsewhere." This remark shows a sensible understanding of a much discussed question in American higher educational institutions. From the mental standings of smokers of today it is plain to see that the habit is not in any way related to their moral qualities. They enjoy the effect of tobacco on their nervous system even though the final results may be harmful. The quieting and soothing effects of tobacco on the nerves of persons engaged in tedious research work cannot be disputed.

Tradition in Buildings

Tradition, like anything else, can be overemphasized. When we realize the amount of smoking carried on in and about the Oregon campus, both by students and faculty, during the summer sessions with no apparent regard to any rule on the matter, we wonder, after all, whether or not there is a popular tradition that needs to be upheld. Also in spite of the rule, both students and faculty smoke in buildings during the regular campus session.

Traditions that are not adhered to unanimously are unnecessary and should be either abolished or amended to meet popular approval.

I do not wish to suggest an entire abolition of this old custom but do think it would be much more satisfactory were it left to the discretion of the various departmental heads whether or not they could allow students the privilege of smoking.

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