



Student Vote Imperiled?

By ARDEN X. PANGBORN

The daily press is full of the news that an organization in Eugene, operating under the ambiguous name of "Federated Church Brotherhoods" has taken a step in the direction of preventing students of the University of Oregon and the Eugene Bible university from voting in the coming election. The word "brotherhood" has generally been accepted as signifying an attitude tending toward democracy; yet this organization plans to eliminate the exercise of a right granted by the United States constitution.

It is strange, to use a mild word, that this "Brotherhood" has waited so long to decide that students cannot legally vote. There seems to be some slight connection between the sudden interest in the status of student voters and the fact that the students are almost certain to disagree with the "Brotherhood" on the question of Sunday movies. It is no interest in legal election that has inspired the "Brotherhood," but a fear that its pet project will go to the boards in November.

If the allegations of the legal adviser of the "Brotherhood" should happen to be right and some of the students have voted illegally, can city officials feel safe in their positions? Oh, what disgrace the fair city of Eugene must feel realizing that for years past it has been guided in part by illegal votes! Shades of Chicago!

The purpose of the Emerald today is neither to condemn nor praise the move afoot in the city to open moving picture theatres on Sunday. To the normal man or woman it would be self-evident that the question of Sunday movies is one of only comparatively minor importance in the election. It is dwarfed by the presidential situation, no matter how clouded the latter may become by meaningless political harangues in the next couple of weeks.

One cannot help wondering when regarding one move such as that attempted by the "Brotherhood" just what motives prompted the act. Sunday movies, of course, are the physical reason. But, suppose the measure is voted down, do the churches expect thereby to swell their attendance? If they do they have a lot to learn about the psychology of the average young man and woman of 21 years of age. The churches, if they are sincere in their desire to fulfill their real mission, will recognize the mind of the student body and will gracefully back out, for there is nothing inherently wicked in moving pictures and if the students want them the churches will gain absolutely nothing by antagonism. Certainly Eugene will not go so far as to revert four hundred years to forced church attendance.

Here is the position of the student voter in a nutshell: For years his predecessors have been permitted to vote. Anticipating that he shall be allowed to do likewise, and exhorted by county and state officials to register, he has placed his name on the registration lists of Eugene, acting all the time in good faith. Now at the last moment, when it is too late for him to vote in any other way, the "Brotherhood" has attempted to take his right of franchise.

The question is far from settled yet, despite the legal opinion arrived at by the "Brotherhood's" attorney. Provided the churches want to prosecute the matter to the limit, just what can they do?

It should be remembered that the majority of voters on the campus are among upper division students. Many of these men and women are wholly self-supporting and many of them are qualified under the strictest interpretation of the law to vote. There can be no blanket ban of student voters and the only thing left for the churches to do is to station watchers at every polling place. These watchers can challenge, one by one, the voters who come in. If this procedure is followed the coming election probably will assume a most unusual complexion; for the students, if they wish, may also station watchers at the polls who can question the right of the voters of the churches.

Under the circumstances the voting could well degenerate into a mockery of democracy.

What is proof that a student does not intend to make Eugene his permanent home? Strange things. If a voter is challenged the next step of procedure is for the judge at the polling place to administer an oath and conduct an inquisition to decide whether or not the ballot should be cast aside. As proof of residence the questions probably will run along this line: "When you have a vacation, where do you go?" "Do you receive any money from your parents?" "If you were suddenly to go blind, what would you do?"

Now, if the student in answer to the first question declares that he remains in Eugene, and in answer to the second says that he does not, and in answer to the third that he would go to an institution for the blind, there is little that could be done to prevent him from voting, no matter how illegal his particular vote might be. Provided the election were close, it might be contested and the challenged voters checked upon, but this is improbable.

The best bet of the "Brotherhood" is to pray that it may be able to scare a few students away from the polls by its wide advertisement of its own rather narrow-minded viewpoint. There is little else that it can do.

And before attempting to do this, it might be wise for the "Brotherhood" to scan a few figures, to wit:

- (1) The assessed valuation of fraternity and sorority property in the city of Eugene amounts to approximately one million two hundred thousand dollars. Students pay taxes on this property.
- (2) The estimated amount of money spent in Eugene every year by the students is more than two million dollars.
- (3) The question has been brought up at Princeton, and the following news story carried over the wires of the Associated Press, explains the reaction there:
PRINCETON, N. J., Oct. 18.—(AP)—A boycott of Princeton merchants was threatened today by 2000 under-

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Soph's Annual Splurge To Be Biggest Ever

November 3 To Be Big Day for Entire Campus; Early Dates Advised

Committee Promises Big Supply of Punch

McArthur Court or Armory To Be Scene of Dance

The annual splurge of the Sophomore class, better designated as the Sophomore Informal will be a bigger and more elaborate splurge than ever according to Stan Brooks, general chairman, and "Red" Hill, president of the class of '31.

The decoration idea is being kept a deep secret, but without doubt it will more than surpass the fondest expectations of the newest frosh. Helen Gray Gatens, chairman of this committee, has worked up a novel idea which will cause a good many gasps on November 3.

Dorothy Eberhard, refreshments chairman promises a goodly supply of punch. She went to the trouble of finding out the exact amount consumed at last year's Informal and then added enough to please the driest of the dry.

Programs to Be Surprise

The programs, too, will be a great surprise in keeping with the general idea. Kenneth Curry, chairman, has contributed all his originality to make them as new and different as possible.

The music will be the snappiest available and the floor as slick as a group of husky sophomore men can polish it. Jim Dezendorf and Ford Smith will see to that.

Although there is yet nearly two weeks to go the co-eds are already wondering about men and men about dates. It would be well to get dated up before the usual eleventh hour rush.

The biggest debate of all as to the location is yet to be decided. It will be either one of two places, McArthur Court or the Armory. The final decision will be published as soon as possible.

Admission Is Free

With the best music, the slickest floors, the most palatable punch and the newest programs, the Sophomore Informal has another attraction. Admission will be strictly free.

With such features and a good live student crowd taking in the whole campus the sophomore class may truly look forward to the most successful and snappiest dance in campus history.

Appointments of Evelyn Shaver and Neil Taylor to the publicity committee for the Sophomore Informal were announced yesterday by Harry Tonkon, chairman of the advertising division of the annual affair.

Frosh Eleven Start Practice For Rook Game

First Game To Be Saturday In Portland; Second To Be Here in Few Weeks

The freshman football squad opened up with a stiffer workout, last night, beginning the grind to get in shape for the Aggie Rooks next Saturday.

The coaches, Billy Reinhart, Spike Leslie, Beryl Hodgen, and Bill Spears, sent their charges through a practice session that included assignment drill, dummy scrimmage and scrimmago. The first squad, under the tutelage of Reinhart and Leslie, wound up their afternoon with a stiff session against the super-freshmen under Hodgen and Spears.

The O. S. C. yearlings are credited with wins over St. Martin's Catholic college in Washington, and over Southern Oregon Normal school at Ashland. They beat Ashland Normal one touchdown to nothing, and St. Martin's 13 to 6. The University of Washington frosh won from the Saints by the same score, one week previous to the Aggie game.

The Oregon and Oregon Aggie first year men are meeting twice this year, once in Portland this coming Saturday, and again a few weeks later in Eugene. Last year the game was played in Corvallis on Bell field. The frosh won the game with a last minute touchdown.

Student Receives Atlantic Air Mail Graf Zeppelin Carries 2 Postcards for Campus

When the German Graf Zeppelin last week made the first commercial dirigible flight across the Atlantic from Friedrichshafen in Germany to Lakehurst, N. J., it carried in its mail pouches a consignment of two post cards addressed to the University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon; U. S. America.

Both post cards were addressed to Miss Louise Huls, of Susan Campbell hall, a young lady from Berlin who is this year's international exchange student on the campus.

This was the first time that regular mail had been carried across the Atlantic via the air route, and the German government printed a special stamp for the occasion. It is of a light blue color, and depicts a zeppelin flying above a globe map of the world.

The post cards were sent to Miss Huls by relatives in Germany, and although they were written and posted several days before the zeppelin began its flight, they arrived in Eugene in several days less time than they would if they had made the best of connections with boats.

The cards bear large blue and white stickers with the words "Mit Luftpost," meaning "By air mail." They also bear the cancellation stamp of the post office on board the zeppelin, which reads: "Mit Luftschiff LZ 127, Befordet," which means "By airship LZ 127, on board."

Delegate Brings Back Report of P. I. P. A. Meet

Stanford Named as Place For 1929 Convention; Informal Sessions Held

Larry Thielen, business manager of the Emerald, has returned from Berkeley where he represented the University of Oregon at the 1928 Pacific Intercollegiate Press association. During the three day convention, in session October 18, 19, and 20, a number of problems were discussed and probable changes considered.

Under the leadership of James Wickheis, president of the association for this year, editors and managers from most of the Pacific colleges met in small discussion-groups. The possibility of introducing a rotogravure section in P. I. P. A. papers was brought before the representatives, but no definite action was taken.

Business managers were concerned over the possible increase of national advertising, and a new plan whereby the central office of the P. I. P. A. will act as a publisher's representative to sell the association group to national advertisers.

A better system of exchange of news items between the papers was also considered.

Following the informal sessions at a general meeting of about thirty delegates Stanford was selected as the 1929 conference place, and the president and vice-president of the group were named. It is customary for the two main officers to be elected from the same school since this system affords a better opportunity for working out convention plans.

Delegates were guests of the University of California at the game Saturday afternoon.

Two-thirds Let Fees Go Until Last Few Days

In the few days left until October 27, two-thirds of the students in the university will have to pay their fees to avoid a fine of \$3, E. P. Lyon, cashier, said. "It's going to take every minute of the time," he declared.

The excitement of the game and of the rally Monday caused everybody to take a holiday from classes, from paying fees, and from everything else, he thinks. Consequently, only about a third of the students had paid up to yesterday noon.

Foreign Student Club Invites New Members

All students interested in joining the Cosmopolitan club, organization for students of all nationalities, are requested to attend the initiation meeting tonight at 7:30 at the Y. W. bungalow. Sam Whong, president of the group, is anxious to have a large turnout present.

U-Boat Chief To Talk Here November 15

Lecture Series To Feature Count Von Luckner's Talk On His Own Life

Richard Halliburton; Gay MacLaren Listed

'Doc' Robnett Announces This Year's Program

The principals of this year's lecture series, sponsored by the associated students, was announced yesterday by "Doc" Robnett, assistant graduate manager.

On Thursday, November 15, Count Felix von Luckner, a German naval officer, and an outstanding figure in the war, will tell the story of his own life. Wednesday, January 16th, Richard Halliburton, romantic literary vagabond and author of "The Glorious Adventure—In the Tracks of Ulysses" and "The Royal Road to Romance," will tell of the laughable incidents and incredible dangers which have made his life one of superb adventure. Saturday, March 9, Miss Gay MacLaren, dramatic artist, will give a play in which she will take all parts.

Count von Luckner, known as the "Sea Devil," has the unique record of having sunk fourteen Allied boats and capturing prisoners without ever having killed anyone. It is an interesting fact that Count Luckner is a direct descendant of Field Marshal Nickalus Luckner of France, who sent Lafayette to America to aid General Washington and the man to whom "The Marseillaise," national anthem of France, was dedicated.

Early Life Uneventful

Count Luckner led a comparatively uneventful life up to the age of thirteen. Realizing then that he could never learn enough in school to fulfill his father's wish that he become a lieutenant in the German army, he ran away. He shipped aboard a Russian boat, but was treated so badly that he deserted in an Australian port. His experiences became more and more varied. He was a bar-boy in San Francisco, a bell-boy in New York, a kitchen-boy in Chicago.

In Rangoon he was assistant to a Hindu fakir, in New Zealand he became a Salvation Army recruit, and in Queensland a champion prize-fighter by reason of his six foot height and better than 200 pounds in weight. After eight years separation from his family he returned to Germany and there won a commission as a naval lieutenant. At that time he had saved the life

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Dr. Hodge Asked For Oregon Data On Earthquakes

Underwriters Think Fire Hazards Are Related to Seismic Disturbances

What are the possibilities of having an earthquake in Oregon? Because great earthquakes are often followed by great fires, the Fire Underwriters association of the Pacific coast has asked that question of Dr. E. T. Hodge, professor of economic geology.

These men have realized in the last few years that they can better establish a basis for proper fire insurance rates with the aid of geologists. Thus a new field in which geologists play an essential part has developed.

Last year at the request of the Fire Underwriters association, Professor Bailey Willis of Stanford university discussed the possibilities of earthquakes in Oregon and Washington.

During the five years that Dr. Hodge spent in British Columbia and Alaska, and the eight years he has spent in Oregon, he has devoted considerable thought to the study of earthquake phenomena.

Oregon appears to be nearly free of earthquakes, while to the south in California, and north in Washington exist strong seismic zones. In the paper to be presented to the fire underwriters, Dr. Hodge will attempt to offer a rational explanation for this fact. He will also give some accurate data concerning the risk from quakes so that fire underwriters may predict reasonable fire and quake hazards and establish equitable insurance rates.

Churches Move To Curb Voting

Brotherhood Would Prohibit Students From Casting Ballots on November 6

By HARRY TONKON

Whether students of the University of Oregon who have registered as voters in Lane county are legally entitled to the right of franchise is the basis of a battle now being waged between the Eugene Federated Church Brotherhoods on the negative and the students of the University of Oregon on the affirmative.

Declaring that many students on the campus are not legally entitled to vote in regular elections in this precinct, the brotherhoods are organizing a move to place a ban on whom they claim to be illegal voters. The federation has employed a Eugene

Michigan University Lures Three Former English Professors

The University of Michigan has lured to its fold, this year, three faculty members of the University of Oregon English department, according to Dr. C. V. Boyer, head of the department.

Kenneth Rowe, instructor here, was offered a position at the University of Arizona at the first of the summer, but refused it; then came an offer from the University of Michigan to make him an assistant professor, which the University of Oregon was unable to meet, so he accepted the position.

Robert Horn, an assistant professor last year, has a leave of absence for a year. He earned a fellowship at Michigan this year, but will return next year to the English faculty.

While in London this summer doing research work on Coleridge, Earl Griggs, was offered a place on the Michigan teaching staff as assistant professor, which he also accepted.

Hempstead To Present Illustrated Lecture

An illustrated lecture on impressions of Indian, Egyptian, and European architecture will be given by Jack Hempstead on Thursday evening at eight o'clock. The talk will be sponsored by the Allied Arts league of the school of architecture and allied arts.

"One of the clearest impressions one gets in travel," says Hempstead, who went around the world with the Oregon debate team last year, "is an appreciation of the architectural splendor and artistic beauty of old world civilizations."

He plans to discuss the mosques of the eastern world, the Kali Temple, Taj Mahal, and other gems of architecture. The talk will be made from an architect's standpoint, but any one who is interested is invited to attend. Hempstead will speak in the lecture room of the arts building.

University Professors Attend Roseburg Meet

Dr. H. D. Sheldon, dean of the school of education, and Dr. Dan E. Clark of the extension division spoke at the Douglas county teachers' institute at Roseburg Monday. Dr. Sheldon reported that about 30 enthusiastic Oregon alumni were present.

attorney, Donald Husband, a university graduate, to direct the legal aspect of the case.

The current case is the first of its kind in the state of Oregon and already is creating considerable comment throughout the state. A similar legal controversy is in progress now at Princeton university, where several riots have taken place.

To Present Opinion
The legal opinion as compiled by Mr. Husband will be presented at a meeting of the brotherhood Friday night by a special committee, consisting of C. I. Collins and F. C. Heffron.

Reports and articles were printed Tuesday stating that Dr. A. E. Caswell, professor of physics at the University, was a member of the special committee of the brotherhood, but he emphatically denied the report last night.

Dr. George A. Simon, president of the brotherhood and a candidate for a position in the city council from the first ward, the University district, refused yesterday to take a stand and had referred the whole matter to the special committee.

Laws Are Controversial
Conflicts in the interpretation of the law as regards legal voters is evidenced in the opinions handed out by various attorneys.

"Persons who take an oath that they are qualified to vote, according to the provisions in article II, section 2 of the United States Constitution and in section 4056 of the Oregon laws, are entitled to register," was the statement issued for the Emerald by W. B. Dillard, county clerk, last night. The county clerk stated that so far as he is concerned the students can vote and that he has no authority to place a ban on them.

Attorney Gives Opinion
Sam Wilderman, Eugene attorney, was not at all in accord with Mr. Husband. Mr. Wilderman, who at various times has represented the associated students, was of the opinion that students could vote in Eugene if they complied with the letter of the statute, which is six months' residence in the state and 30 days' residence in the city.

"I have looked over several authorities Mr. Husband cites," Mr. Wilderman said, "and find the laws in those states different from our own. We have had no cases on the matter in this state, but if some should come up and the letter of the law is followed, the students will be permitted to retain their vote.

Students Pay Taxes
"The fact, of course, that most of the students live in sororities and fraternities and, therefore, indirectly are taxpayers, has nothing whatever to do with the law. Before the

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Dr. Thorstenberg's Papers Reveal Lifetime Study of Lapp Literature

Dr. Edward Thorstenberg, late professor of Scandinavian languages, devoted a life time of study to Lapp literature and at the time of his death in April of last year, he left a large mass of manuscripts concerning this subject. During the 11 years that he was an instructor in Yale university before he came to the University of Oregon in 1913, he began doing research in that field. He continued the work during the 15 years that he was a professor here.

One manuscript of several hundred typewritten pages in length is a scholarly presentation of the ancient mythology of the Lapps, a people who inhabit northern Scandinavia and adjacent parts of Russia. Their sacred places, idols, gods and goddesses, sprites, ghosts, demons, curses, superstitions, and wizardry are treated in great detail. It is illustrated by many full page plates. The long bibliography speaks extensive and diligent research.

Professor Thorstenberg had also made English translations of many folk tales of Lapland. These bear interesting and queer titles such as "Goodwights," "Ruobba, the Giant and the Devil," "Pelkho and Piru," "The Bird of Fortune," "The Prince, the Peasant Boy, and the Sister of the Sun," "Yule-Stallo," "The Giant Who Had His Life Concealed in an Egg."

A Lapp-English dictionary was left unfinished by Professor Thorstenberg's sudden death. An endeavor is being made by interested professors to find persons or organizations interested in the mythological phase of Lapland literature in the hope that the manuscripts might be finished and a publisher found for them.

Dr. Thorstenberg apparently worked alone in this specialized field as there is no record left of correspondence with others engaged in such research. Suggestions as to an outlet for these manuscripts will be welcomed by Dr. E. L. Packard, professor of geology, who now has charge of Professor Thorstenberg's papers.