

### Bishop Sumner Likens Loafers To the Bradypus

#### Believes Selective Process Would Weed Out or Change So-called Loafers

"If you have in your house, or among your acquaintances, a college loafer, who shows no tendency towards work, then away with him," Bishop Walter Taylor Sumner, bishop of the Episcopal church of the state of Oregon, told the students at the assembly Thursday morning in the Woman's building, in his speech on "The Genus Bradypus."

Bishop Sumner likened this individual to the genus Bradypus, and defined it as a sloth, characteristically slow, useless and time-wasting.

The student variety of this animal is colorless, the speaker went on to explain, and is a wonderful sleeper, fond of chocolate sundaes and girls. He hangs around on the campus and makes an excuse that he has been sick, that he was out late the night before or that he is a senior and should be dealt with leniently. There is that fellow, he continued, who thinks only of his own senses and of the social side of college life, and then there is that one who is irregular, who has no program and who rarely studies. He uses his brain to think of ways to evade studying; instead of getting his own assignments he is constantly quizzing his room-mate and borrowing his notes.

#### Puts Duties Off Habitually

Another college bradypus was characterized by Bishop Sumner as a person habitually putting duties off until tomorrow, excusing himself by saying that he is not a student. "Of course," said Bishop Sumner, "there are few in the university who are scholars, but if an individual is not a student then why is he here?"

"Inheritance," the speaker asserted, "may indicate the trend of a person's character but it does not limit his capacity, and inherited traits may be overcome. Environment also plays a big part in the college career of a student. What the individual is at home he will be in college. If he could only see, as I have seen in many homes on my travels," said the bishop, "the anxiety in the hearts of his parents, a great many of his failures would be avoided." The bishop also stated that it is erroneous to believe that all loafers come from homes of luxury. Many of them are working their way through college. It is not a question of finances, he believes, but of attitude and temperament.

#### Advocates Selective Process

Bishop Sumner stated that the way to do away with these loafers

in a university is to have some sort of selective process. He cited an example of an eastern school in which 60 per cent of the students dropped by the wayside before graduating. When a process of choice was used only 15 per cent failed.

"Do what you can for the bradypus in your class or home," the bishop urged, "and try to change him from the genus bradypus to the genus homus."

Dean John Straub presided over the meeting, and told the students that Bishop Sumner was one of his most loved friends and that he hoped they would take his message to heart. The speaker was introduced by Dean H. D. Sheldon, head of the education department.

The invocation was given by Rev. Frederick G. Jennings, of the Episcopal church of Eugene. Kathryn Miller, senior in the school of music, sang two songs, "Sweet Miss Mary" and "Little Pickaninny Kid."

### Dr. W. J. Kerr Scores State Tax Re-fixing

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very bottom of the list in funds spent for higher education."

Dr. Dillehunt told of the \$400,000 gift which the medical school recently received from the Rockefeller foundation, of the work being done in Portland by the Doernbecher Memorial hospital which belongs to the school.

Paul Shaw, of the Oregon Dads, ridiculed the talk of high taxes. "I have paid taxes in Washington for twenty years," he said, "and I have lived in Oregon for six years. I could pay double the tax I am now paying, and still not pay as much as I did in Washington. I promise you that the 3000 Oregon dads and mothers will be right behind the legislature if it levies a little special tax to give Dr. Hall what he wants. I am tired of hearing about old man deficit."

Mrs. Crane, representing the Oregon mothers, appealed for a new infirmary at the university. If the legislature will appropriate \$50,000, she said, the Oregon Mothers pledge themselves to raise a like sum to build and equip a first class student hospital for the university.

### Scientists Fail to Explain Coldness, None Willing to Take Responsibility

#### Sun Giving Off Less Heat Or Eve of Glacial Age?

Everybody agrees that this winter's weather is unusually cold, but nobody seems to be willing to accept the responsibility for it. Members of the university faculty are habitually blamed for anything from flunks to fevers, but even they refuse to take the blame for the refrigerated zeplrys which permeate sleeping porches these nights and make all good men and true tremble in their beds.

Professor Howard of the law department brought up the subject quite accidentally. The pesky reporter had just asked him for an expression of opinion on measures regarding the university which are at present before the state legislature.

"Decidedly cold weather we're having, isn't it?" said Mr. Howard. "Just this morning I got a letter from my folks in Illinois saying that the temperature there dropped to 15 degrees below zero every night during January. Last week I received a letter from a brother who is living in Japan and he says that the ponds around his home are frozen, something which the oldest inhabitants cannot remember happening before. Yes, I've heard that the canals are frozen over in Venice, too."

Warren D. Smith, head of the department of geology, was scientifically cautious. "You reporters are always trying to get somebody to say something definite and dogmatic," he said. "The truth is that nobody knows the real reason for these spells of unusual cold. Some scientists believe that the sun is giving off less heat. Dr. C. C. Abbott, secretary of the Smithsonian institution, has measured the heat of the sun with a delicate instrument, and says that it is at present giving off two or three per cent less heat than the normal amount."

"Other authorities claim that the

world is now entering upon another glacial period, but that theory is not generally believed. Nobody knows all about it yet; we haven't the facts.

"Yes, I know that some scientists claim that the sun spots affect the weather and cause such unusual extremes throughout the world. But Mr. McAlister, the professor of astronomy, is the man to see if you want to know something about sun spots."

Mr. McAlister was just as reticent as Mr. Smith to make any dogmatic statements. "Scientists are still divided on the theory of control of the weather by sun spots," he said. "However, there has been no unusual activity on the sun's surface the past year, so it can hardly be blamed for our cold weather."

"One interesting theory is that the cold weather is caused by unusual volcanic activity. In the past it has been observed that a series of eruptions in various volcanoes throughout the world is followed by a severe winter. The theory is that the great cloud of volcanic dust belched forth forms a heavy blanket between the earth and the sun which does not allow the usual

amount of heat to reach the earth's surface.

"Recently, as everyone knows, Mt. Etna in Sicily erupted. There have been eruptions of volcanoes in Japan, and the Hawaiian mountains are showing signs of activity. That might account for the severity of the weather."

But the reporter concluded that whether anyone can assign a cause to it or not, the weather is still unmistakably and uncomfortably cold.

#### Frosh to Entrain for North Today; Oppose Babes

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opposition, so Spike has shifted him to forward and is considering using him in place of Billy Keenan. Keenan played a great many games with the Portland Checks before joining the frosh squad, and has shown signs of going stale. It is used it will probably not be for the entire game. Mahan is a better defensive player than Keenan.

Don Ragen got the call over

Phipps for the frosh-rook game but Phipps may start at Seattle because of his superior height. Coach Spike Leslie expects to use all of his players against the Washington frosh.

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