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Abolition of Council First Step in Reform

NOW that the date for the annual nominating assembly has been set by the executive council, definite steps should be taken to reduce the number of elected student officers.

This reform will require an amendment to the student body constitution.

As intimated in an Emerald editorial yesterday, there is a widespread feeling that the student council is an unnecessary appendage to the structure of campus government.

The fifteen members of the student council are now elected to carry out minor duties other than those of the president, vice-president, and secretary, and the executive council, which itself is made up of seven officials besides the student representatives. In addition to numerous sub-committees, there are at present a total of twenty-nine individuals to whom are delegated the reins of student body government. Twenty-two of these are regularly elected by the A. S. U. O.!

To abandon the student council of fifteen members would be a blessing, not because of any incompetency on the part of the individual students who now compose it, but because of the futile nature of their duties. The most commendable achievements of this august body during the year have been the motions to adjourn.

For a detailed list of their so-called "duties," refer to the constitution in the student handbook. "To act as intermediary between faculty and students; to assist, advise and cooperate with the yell leader . . . to direct entertainment of visiting teams," these are some of the labors assigned to the student council. Obviously, the actual work is customarily done by someone concerning whom the student councilors know little and care less.

Abolition of the student council is a major change which is justified. But another matter which the present student officials should also consider is the selection of editors for student body publications—the Oregonian and the Emerald. If the student council is abolished, provision for appointing the editors by an unprejudiced body might well be made. The advantages of this will be discussed in a later issue of the Emerald.

The one fact to be remembered now is that there are too many student officers for the amount of work that must be done. As for the action to be taken in bringing about the change, the Emerald suggests that the student administration itself should be the body to make the first steps toward a more satisfactory governmental system.

Our Issue Tennis, Not Religion

THE Emerald's motives in advocating use of tennis courts on Sunday mornings as well as on Sunday afternoons may have been misconstrued by the interested reader signing G. R. in the communication column today. The writer of the letter, evidently sensitive to certain issues, seems prone to read into the Emerald's editorial something which the editors felt they had carefully avoided.

We are definitely in favor of opening the courts on Sunday, but not for the purpose of our communicant questions. If we thought closed courts would send students to church, then closed they would remain as far as the Emerald is concerned. But closed tennis courts do not send people to church nor would open ones keep them away. Going to church is a matter of individual discretion just as playing tennis is. The Emerald is not "hostile" to the church and has not been in the past. It is not dealing with the students who want to go to church, but those who do not want to and who would like to play tennis on Sunday morning.

The comparative merits of church and tennis perhaps are unrelated. For those persons who feel the need of physical benefits rather than spiritual, the Emerald is in favor of throwing open the courts. It is hardly necessary to point out that physical activity is as important on Sunday as it is on any other day. Where this activity is taken care of for participants in other sports, it is confined to an inadequate period from 2:00 to 6:00 for the tennis player.

We want tennis for Sunday for no other reason than the constructive one of satisfying a just, popular demand. The number of tennis players exceeds by far the supply of courts. Sunday morning tennis will help to relieve the congestion. In March 1928, 1290 persons used the courts in about 200 possible playing hours. This year in approximately the same amount of time 2420 persons played tennis. The number of players nearly doubled in one year. Among this great number are those who do not want to go to church on Sunday morning, but who do want to play tennis.



Tennis or Church?

To the Editor:
I am wondering what, if anything, the Emerald is trying to get at in its recent editorial advocating

the use of the tennis courts on Sunday mornings. I remember last fall the Emerald had some sort of run-in with the Eugene churches. Is this sudden spurge on tennis just the opening gun of another battle with the churches? Because the Emerald and the churches have been somewhat hostile, it may be that the Emerald is concocting a plan to keep people from church.

I do not see anything objectionable in Sunday tennis. But it should not be played at the expense of church.

G. R.



AN EASTERN COLLEGE DAILY CARRIES A CLASSIFIED AD ANNOUNCING THE LOSS BY A STUDENT OF AN ALARM CLOCK.

Well, at Oregon it hasn't gotten to the point where students have to carry alarm clocks around to class. We can thank the loud bells for that.

But still, a person would feel lots safer with a good reliable alarm clock.

SPEAKING OF CLOCKS, WE HEAR THAT THE "SQUARE FACED" MAN'S WRIST WATCH HAS BEEN FOUND.

Announcement, Announcement! Duck Soup contributions have been dying off lately and dirt gatherers will have to get back on the job. Maybe they all flunked out but we don't think so. Anyway, starting next week we will award McDonald theater tickets for the best "crack" that is printable. We reserve the right to judge what is printable and what is not.

THE TICKETS WE ARE OFFERING WILL BE AWARDED AT THE END OF THE WEEK. START HANDING IN STUFF NOW.

Be sure to put your right name on your contributions. We are not mind readers.

THE COOK

STUDE'S PROGRESS . . .
A Satire : By Wilfred Brown

BOOK II (Continued)

When the gladiatorial combats were at an end, the knights bestowed upon Student and each of the other pilgrims a small cap of green felt to replace those which had been taken from them. These caps, sayeth one knight, shall thou wear wherever thou goest. When thou sittest in thine house and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up, Thou hast past through our ordeal. Continue ye on your pilgrimage to the Golden City of Education.

Student regardeth his cap curiously, saying to himself: Of what use can be such as this? It doth not cover the top of my crown.

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therefore can avail me nought against the sun, the wind, the rain, the snow, the hailstone, or the hurricane.

Then, looking at his garment, which was in tatters and covered with lamp black and yellow paint: O well did the Sage Ambition counsel me to take with me a change of raiment. For in such a state as this I should surely be barred from the gates of the Golden City of Education?

Whereupon in my dream I saw Student carefully fold his new cap, place it in his pocket, and continue on his way again. He had progressed but a short distance when there came running after him two knights, who did seize him roughly by either arm.

KNIGHT: Wretch! Darest thou violate the most sacred tradition of the Happy Land of Collegia, which was writ by the first pilgrim who ever did enter into the land through the pass, and hath been since enforced, from generation to generation?

STUDENT: But good sirs, thou saiest that my ordeal was at an end. What now have I done? I sit not myself upon the stone bench, wear not mine hat, nor tread on you green herbage.

KNIGHT: Wretch! Thy cap. Where is it?

STUDENT: Meanest thou this small green felt? I keep it carefully in mine pocket, for it will avail me nought against the sun, the wind, the rain, the snow, the hailstone, or the hurricane.

KNIGHT: Wretch! Heardest thou not the warning to wear thy cap wherever thou goest? Come! And so saying they led Student to a public platform designed for the punishment of the violators of the traditions of the land, banded him over, and one muscular knight did smite him repeatedly and with full force.

At length they released Student, and once more he betook himself along the road in the direction of the City of Education. When he was out of their sight, he sat himself down, though it pained him greatly to do so, and meditated.

Alas, he sayeth to himself. I fear me I have strayed on my way, which was pointed out to me by the Sage Ambition. Surely this cannot be the Happy Land of Collegia, nor this pathway lead unto the City of Education. Surely somewhere I have taken the wrong path, which hath led me to the dank Valley of Mediocrity, close by the City of Illiteracy, where dwell these Morons, and this Submerged Tenth.

(Here endeth Book II)

(To be continued)

German Club Head Named

Wendell Smith was elected president of the German club Tuesday night at the first meeting of spring term. Smith will replace Louise Miller, who was unable to return to school this term.

The next meeting of the club will be April 16.



Crossroads meets tonight at the usual time and place.

Freshman meeting tonight at 7 in Villard hall.

Phi Theta Upsilon luncheon will be held at the Anchorage today.

Business Administration Student Body association meeting today at 5 o'clock in 107 Commerce. It is important that all members attend.

Nursing club will meet in the Woman's building at 7:15 tonight. Election of new officers will take place.

Spanish conversation group will meet at 4 o'clock today at the home of Miss Anna Thompson, 541 East Twelfth.

Intramural baseball practice is to be held from 5 to 6 o'clock every afternoon. Seniors on Tuesday, freshmen on Wednesday and sophomores on Thursday.

Incomplete grades must be turned in by 5 o'clock Wednesday, April 10. No grades received later than this will be counted toward house averages.

Pi Lambda Theta regular luncheon meeting at the Anchorage noon today.

Freshman tryouts for April Frolic will be held from 2 until 5 at Hendricks hall this afternoon. All freshman women who can sing at all or who can do ball room dancing will have a chance.

Oregana house representatives are asked to bring, or send in, typewritten lists to assistant circulation chairman by tonight.

Campus movie leads and all staff chairmen will please meet at 105 Journalism building tonight at 7:30.

Women's league mass meeting today at 5 o'clock in Alumni hall.

The Congress meets tonight at the College Side. Topic: Free Will. Interesting discussion expected.

Junior women will practice for intramural hockey this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Education School Begins Course in 'Club Leadership'

Meetings Start Today at 4
With Division Later to
Study City Clubs

The first class in a new course, "Club Leadership," being offered by the school of education, will meet with Professor Harold S. Tuttle in room 4 of the Education building at 4 o'clock today.

Permission to teach this course was received from the state board

of higher curricula, which met in Salem yesterday.

The class will meet two hours a week, Tuesday and Thursday at 4. Professor Tuttle will deliver several lectures of a general nature himself, but has arranged with other professors to take up special phases of the subject. Today Professor E. S. Conklin will lecture on adolescent psychology.

During the last three weeks of the term the class will be divided into smaller groups, which will meet with various executives of club work in Eugene. Frank Bouck, of the Eugene Y. M. C. A., will discuss his work with the Hi-Y's, the Pioneers, and the Friendly Indians. Other speakers will be C. R. Clark, county director of Boy Scout work; Miss Janet McKellar, Camp Fire Girls' leader; and Mrs. Arnold Schrup of the Girl Scouts.



McDONALD—"The Little Wildcat," featuring George Fawcett, Audrey Ferris and James Murray. Also "Papa's Vacation" and Oswald, in "Alpine Antics."

COLONIAL—Madge Bellamy in "Mother Knows Best." Also "The Campus Vamp," comedy, and Pathe news.

HEILIG—The Taylor Players present "The Girl From Chills."

REX—Ralph Forbes and Marcelline Day in "Restless Youth." A story of college life. Also comedy and newsreel.

ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

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Society

By LAVINA HICKS
Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Viets, who have motored from Long Beach, California, are at present visiting their son Henry, a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. After a few days' visit in Eugene, Portland and later Seattle, they will return home by boat.

Mrs. James Forrest Strachan, president of province number six of Alpha Xi Delta, is a guest at the University of Oregon chapter for the remainder of the week. The Eugene alumnae are honoring Mrs. Strachan at a luncheon, this afternoon, at the Eugene hotel.

Dr. Joseph C. Nate, traveling secretary of Sigma Chi fraternity, has been a visitor at the Oregon chapter during the past week. Dr. Nate's home is in Denver, Colorado, though most of his time is spent in traveling throughout the United States visiting the Sigma Chi fraternities. He obtained his degree of doctor of divinity at Miami university, Oxford, Ohio.

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