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Abolishing Love

SAYS a robot scientist on the continent: "The poets with their talk of love, are hypocrites and betrayers of the human race. Half the men and women of our time are dizzy with love and stagger through the world in a dazed condition, which is produced by the sentimental bosh manufactured by drunken poets and insane lyricists.

"Back to sanity. Away with love. Let science reign supreme . . . scientific tests must supplant moonlight walks. All the affection in the world is not going to make a couple happy if they are of like human types."

He would abandon love. He would select a mate for a man by likes and dislikes, by physical characteristics. He would take the emotions, the most complex and vacillating part of human life, and throw them in the junk heap. A mechanical man—a robot—must be his model.

Of what use human life if it does not contain a few moments of bliss or romance? True love, that builds character and ambition in the young man or woman as they await the time when they will be economically able to marry, cannot be supplanted. Ambition to amass gold as a Midas and the super-sophisticated scanning of clothes-pins for a mate can never hope to take the place of love.

Life has a large enough share of adventitious griefs and woes so that the hopefulness and understanding one finds in a young couple in love is a beautiful and certainly desirable thing.

Affection also plays a part in the procreation of the race. France, with her low birth rate, is said to carry an underlying tone of sex in her literature in an effort to combat the hide-bound family customs and traditions which call for an almost mercenary idea of marriage as a means to money or title.

The scientist who would abolish love and make the human race into a regiment of robots will have to start his propagandizing under a handicap.

For thousands of years love has been the thing that has kept families together, has brought about the advancement of society and the protection of the young. Anyone who would do away with it is advocating that the human being start life at the age of 50.

He must find a substitute which will guarantee happy life after marriage; he will have to devise means of reducing the age of dependence of the human infant; and he must take from the human atom the spark that makes life worthwhile.

Political Platforms

IN YESTERDAY'S Emerald editorial column it was suggested that student political parties be built on constructive issues and platforms in place of the undesirable practice of trading committee posts for collective votes; that parties work in the open for an announced objective rather than blindly place faith in the personal caprices of the candidates to weather it through.

Suppose those who control the political destiny of the campus do admit the feasibility of parties based on issues, their natural inquiry would be: are there any issues? Lots of 'em, we reply. The University of Oregon campus is fraught with conflicting ideas on every problem of student welfare and government. The Emerald suggests a few for aspiring candidates:

1. What about traditions? Should we continue the policy of enforcing the green lid, library steps, piggling at games, smoking on the campus?

2. Should there be any class officers other than president? Or should there be any class officers at all?

3. Should the A. S. U. O. constitution remain in status quo, or is it capable of substantial reformation?

4. Should the yell king be elected or appointed?

5. Should the student body subsidize a lecture series?

6. Should we have compulsory military training; exempt conscientious objectors; or make it entirely optional?

7. Is the University athletic policy sound? Should we pay more for coaches, encourage a new stadium, encourage high school athletes? Or should we continue some of these athletic policies, and not others? Are athletics properly administered?

We repeat: there are issues galore around which ambitious politicians may build their political steam-rollers. It remains to be seen if our political interest is centered on the welfare of student government or that such-and-such candidate represents such-and-such organization and is generous with the pork-barrel rewards.

Compulsory Snow Removal

PROGRESSING up the straight and concrete paths which lead to wisdom has been a perilous undertaking the past few days. On account of the snowfall being later augmented by a frozen rain, the majority of the campus walks and sidewalks along the streets leading to the campus are coated with ice.

After having narrowly averted several undignified and sudden falls to the walk, the average student wonders why more students have not suffered broken legs or arms.

Not only is the going perilous and full of slips and slides, but walking to classes or from one building to another has been turned into a matter of slow, meticulous picking of steps over the glazed surfaces.

In some cities in Oregon the householder who fails to clean off his sidewalk will have it done by the city and the expense charged to him. Such measures should not be necessary in a town where every fraternity has a dozen freshmen full of the usual ambition to work and a "copy" of the usual method of persuasion on the mantle.

There is a city ordinance which has to do with the cleaning of snow off the sidewalks, but police have not enforced it. The time to act is now, before any serious accidents are suffered by students or faculty falling on the icy sidewalks.

Define a Senior

JUST what is a senior? Is he a man who has been attending school parts of four different school years? Is he one who has amassed enough hours in three years to be rated a senior?

There is a definite need on the campus for a black-and-white statement which will clear up the problem. A correspondent in today's Emerald raises the question of whether a man who is listed as a junior in the student directory should be ticket chairman of the Senior Ball.

Disregarding the merits of the person who was appointed to the position, the Emerald feels that the whole trouble is rooted in the lack of such a definition and the lax enforcement of class barriers. A man who went one term last fall can drop out Christmas and come back next September and call himself a sophomore. "On the campus" or "in the house" are usually qualifying phrases to his claim of being a sophomore. In hours earned he is only a freshman.

If a man pays sophomore class fees he should be rated as a sophomore. The weakness there lies in the fact that all a man has to do to pay sophomore fees is write the word "sophomore" on his registration card—no system of checking seems to be practiced in verifying his assertion.

Without doubt the chairman of the Senior Ball acted in good faith when he appointed his ticket sales chairman. The fact that he is listed as a junior may be an error in the student directory, which is compiled from information cards filed by students fall term. If the man is actually a junior—and how are we to know—an injustice has been perpetuated, as today's correspondent declares.

Athletics develop ugly muscles and scowling faces on girls, warns a New York physical education director. Let's see now, that makes Oregon an athletically inclined school? Or does it?

Oreganized Dementia

THE stage is empty except for a bunch of chairs and tables. There is a door in the middle of the back wall.

For a whole minute nothing happens. Then the door panels split wide open, splinters and hunks of varnished wood scattering the length of the stage.

The theatre catches on fire at this moment; but the scene is enough to convey some kind of an impression as to how OREGANIZED DEMENTIA busted into the Emerald.

Public Curious

It's this way: Our public wanted to know why we didn't print some of our stuff if we thought it was so good; and we told him we'd had that in mind for some time, since a column of guaranteed humor was just what the Emerald needed.

"The guarantee won't be no good if we can't get our money back," said our public. "The Administration's got that."

"That ain't the point," we answered in reply. "If you don't like our column, you don't have to read the Emerald."

Along with serials and other poignant and impetuous matter, the column is going to carry a lot of deep intellectual stuff like philosophical debates. Our poetry department will also kick through occasionally with a highbrow poem.

Cosmos Defective

We might add that our head philosopher, Dr. Confuzus, thinks the cosmos has got a hole in it, and has promised to bend himself in a literary way toward proof, location, and remedy of this defect.

Weather conditions in Europe have prompted our Paris correspondent to cable this literary gem: (It may seem a bit involved on first reading, but, really, it is very choice.)

FANTASY A LA METROLOGIQUE

Snow:
Dishes,
Delicate, delicious,
Delved, dipped down to dark,
Dirty, dingey dungeons;
Elephant graves:
Snow!

It will be noted that by adding an e to dingy, our poet has nobly expressed the ambiguity of life.

Tomorrow we'll run the first of the two-part serial telling about what a heroine did to a flock of heroes. In the meantime, we may be absorbing sense from Socrates' Socks. Let's go out and play with the tricycle now.

FORUM

NOISE AT CONCERTS

To the Editor:
I have attended every concert given at McArthur court, and each time, without fail, there has been a mad, noisy rush of students leaving after about two-thirds of the concert.

Students forget that this is excruciating to the artist. Keyed up to the highest pitch—it is distracting to say the least. It is insulting, and most embarrassing to those with better manners.

Why must it be? Why is it permitted? It is bad enough to have to perform in such a barn as McArthur court, let alone having an added insult. Last night was a splendid example.

If students must be in at a certain time, let them rather stay away from the concert. If they attend, they should remain until the end—with permission from their respective houses.

I have heard this student criticism constantly, not only from townspeople and the better-mannered University group, but from the performers themselves.

It is high time something is being done.
Reuben Charlyle Goffreire.

SENIOR BALL TICKETS

To the Editor:
In line with the appointment of students to handle the various activities of the classes I should like to raise an objection to one that was announced recently. Namely, that of Fletcher Udall who was appointed to handle the ticket sales of the Senior Ball and who is, according to the student directory, a junior majoring in economics.

In no way do I want to infer that I am of the ambitious type and am looking for that particular job, but I do believe that the functions of the senior class, or any other class for that matter, should be kept inside the class. This is particularly true in the matters pertaining to finances as does the ticket campaign in question. Also I would like to make it plain that I have no doubt as to the ability of Mr. Udall but it stands to reason that he can not reasonably be as interested in the activities of the senior class as one of its own members would be.

The success or failure of that function from a financial stand point hinges upon the number of tickets that are sold so I see no legitimate reason why such a position should be thrust into the field of politics to be used as a means of publicity of an oncoming class.

I would be very much interested in any argument that the chairman of that function can present to support such an appointment.
An Interested Senior.

AN OVERSIGHT

To the Editor:
Through oversight Dean John Straub was not invited to attend the Frosh Glee last Saturday night. Ever since the Frosh Glee started many years ago Dean Straub has always been on the invited list as a patron and it is almost a tradition with him to be asked to attend. This undoubtedly is an unfortunate error and an unintentional one.
A Senior.

Listening In On Lectures

Concentration is the secret of dynamite, yeast, and learning.

It is necessary to recognize the fact that in nature utility is not the only thing; beauty also takes a part.
Prof. A. R. Sweetser.

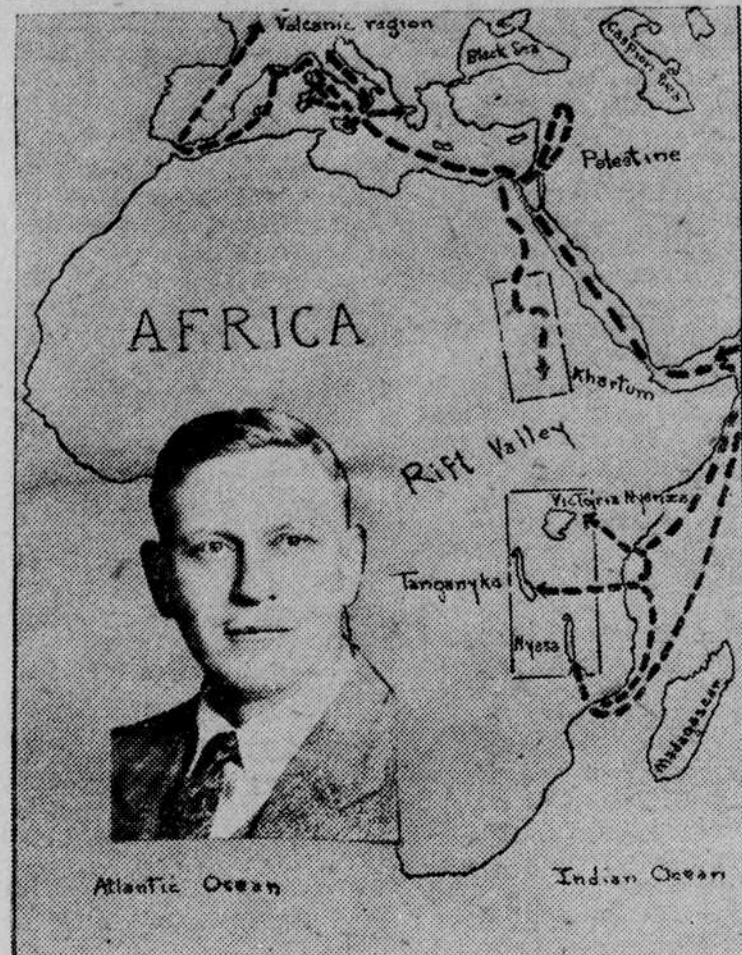
Fortunately the language is not an exact science.

There was a time when it was perfectly honorable to be a villain. A villain was an inhabitant of a villa. But the word degenerated to its present meaning probably because inhabitants of villas stole and committed other acts disapproved of, and a villain came to be thought of as one who did such acts.
—Prof. George S. Turnbull.

I suppose it is desirable that the masses are slow in changing their ideas. If they were not, society would be in a constant turmoil.

When you take some habit or belief which is firmly established in a group and pass a law which is contrary to that belief you will always have a conflict, and the

Geologist To Return Soon



This map shows routes of access taken by Edwin T. Hodge, instructor in the geology department, in his study of certain geologic formations in Africa and Europe while on a year's leave of absence from the University. Inset shows Dr. Hodge, who is expected to return to the campus about the end of this month.

law will generally be the one which is disregarded.

After public opinion has developed along a certain line it may not be necessary to pass a law.
Prof. Waldo Schumacher.

Thirty-five nationalities are represented among parents of freshmen at the University of Michigan. However, the parents of 2,676 of the yearlings are listed as American.

The Ambler

YESTERDAY WE SAW "PAT" trailing GEORGE NIEMI to the Zeta Tau Alpha house . . . RALPH PROSE frowning over a camera, on McClure balcony . . . ROY CRAFT and his spats . . . a Chicago . . . JULIA CREECH not going to a class . . . PAUL LAFFERTY well guarded against the glare . . . DEAN BIGGS at Lee Duke's after ten-thirty . . . CHUCK REED and his flopping galoshes . . . PROFESSOR THACHER ejecting an Alredale from his class.

Two students at the University of Nebraska were put on probation recently for vivisectioning a frog in the psychology laboratory.

Women's intramural bowling is in full swing at Nebraska, with co-eds turning in pretty fair scores.

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Collegiate Pulse

DR. SPEARS LEAVES

The impending departure of Dr. Clarence W. Spears, head football coach at Minnesota, ends a brilliant period of five years' service. His record is one marked by great accomplishment. He has placed Minnesota in a position of national fame as well as sectional supremacy in the athletic field. Naturally, the loss of a man who has moulded teams that have thus fought and won is a matter of deep regret to the university, as well as to the great body of sports enthusiasts in the northwest.

Dr. Spears goes to Oregon because he has received a most attractive offer from that institution. The western university is to be congratulated on having secured the services of one of the nation's most able coaches.

The work of Coach Spears at Minnesota will obviously be long remembered. It will be recalled by most, perhaps, as a period during which winning teams were produced. But more than that, it is a distinguished record because the principles of "gameiness," of vigorous fight and of sportsmanlike conduct have guided the teams and characterized the gridiron performances. The doctor "goes West" with the warmest wishes for his continued success.

—Minnesota Daily.

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