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The Old, Old Story

COLLEGE, being a cross-section of a nation which has many laws and fully enforces few, takes on that same weakness exhibited by the mother country and shows itself a loyal, representative offspring.

In the higher institutions of learning, where students pay money and then try to get as little for it as possible, the great American weakness is rampant.

One such institution particularly stands out. For years the problem of how to make freshmen obey traditions has been the subject of much inner-circle talk. Council chambers have rung with vehement talk. Laws have been laid down—closely adhered to for a few weeks.

Then laxity and indifference crept in. Enforcers of the law lost interest as the novelty of their newfound powers wore off and their concerns returned to first-person.

Each succeeding school year saw a renewal of life for the law, saw new plans hatched to enforce it and keep it alive, since it could not live on its own merits.

Because no satisfactory method could be devised to enforce it and because its main reason for being was built around custom, the tradition at this particular institution is this winter going through its customary decay. Freshmen do not observe it. Other classes do not enforce it. And the school is in a way to lose its most colorful traditions. That school is Oregon.

Nothing is gained by asking "What is Oregon going to do about it?" That question has brought grey hairs to student body presidents for years back. The best method seems to be let the tradition alone and it will either die a natural death or survive.

If traditions are wanted by the students they will live. If the students do not want them legislation will not make them popular and respected.

Evidently the present way of enforcing frosh traditions by passing out "tickets" to library steps paddling parties has failed. It no longer is functioning.

After so many years of failure to get these arbitrary rules obeyed, the thought arises that the final decision should lie with the students—if they are not wanted why try to force student opinion and interest?

Troubles of Rushing

COLLEGE fraternity rushing is as restless and ceaselessly in motion as the ocean. The troubles of the Greeks seem to roll in like breakers whenever a term ends or the time set for pledging in that particular university comes around.

Right now college newspapers from coast to coast are full of the troubles of pledging; new systems of rushing are being tried out; changes demanded. Here is what we pick out of the day's news:

Ohio State now initiates at the end of the freshman's spring term, requiring only 30 hours instead of the previous 40 hours. This was designed to give the houses a larger active chapter for fall term rushing.

University of Michigan adopted a deferred rushing system which provides that no freshman may be pledged during his first semester on the campus. This is aimed to ease up on the tremendous pressure placed on freshmen when they start in school fall term. Fraternities have already organized to fight the recently passed rules.

Stanford, already with deferred pledging, has made horse-play of observing the rushing rules and as a result recently concocted a new set and swore to live up to them. A pledge must have attended three terms before he can be "pinned."

Indiana passed a new set of rules which were promptly scorned by the Indiana Daily Student as "feeble rush rules." Under their system a man may not be pledged until one week prior to his matriculation to Indiana. Punishment to houses for violation consisted in a \$50 fine or loss of one dance during the semester following.

Sorority women at Minnesota are vehemently declaring deferred rushing a flop. Official rush week is the first week of the winter quarter. Fraternities charged off-campus rushing during the holidays. Loud cries are issuing from sorority row

for the abolition of the deferred pledging rules, which few houses obey, they declare.

Nebraska drafted a new set of rushing rules to go into effect next fall. No rushee can have more than one date a day with a fraternity for the first two days of rush week. The third day he is free to pledge as he sees fit. Teeth to enforce the rule are provided in the clause that violation of them will result in the denial of the right to pledge for one semester.

Dissatisfaction with existent systems seems to be present in many other schools. Wherever the voice of the Greek is raised against deferred rushing it is because of the lack of honesty among the houses in observing the rules.

Few colleges directly attack the principle of deferred pledging, but only find fault at the laxity of enforcing the rules governing it.

Delaying the time when a freshman can select the house to which he wishes to belong until such time as he has had ample opportunity to observe the house from a distance is giving the befuddled young man a break. It is fairer to the fraternity and the individual. Oregon's system of rushing freshmen their first week on the campus does not make allowance for this truth.

Our Stand on Eligibility

SENSATIONAL developments in the now-famous Foster-Udall eligibility case came to light yesterday in a letter addressed to the editor of the Emerald.

Turning the spotlight from Ticket-Chairman Udall to General-Chairman Foster, the communicator declares that Foster by all official ratings is not a senior at all, but a junior, and ineligible to be chairman of the Senior Ball.

Some misunderstanding regarding the Emerald's motives in bringing out facts of this eligibility case has been rife. Reiterating our opening editorial on the situation, our reasons are merely a matter of principle. The Emerald wants a black-and-white, definite statement of what a junior or a senior is. It is citing personal cases only to show the weakness of the present constitution, which does not specify by what means a student's rating according to classes is arrived at.

Ill-informed individuals have seen in this "fracas" rumblings of a political fight. The Emerald denies this. As a student newspaper, it cannot and does not carry on petty fights in its editorial columns. As a matter of principle, and only that, it has called campus attention to the need for some definite, accepted way of determining class status. Any other motive attached to material contained in these columns is erroneous and unjustified.

Just what is to be done about the appointments is up to the student body president. The Emerald's stand in revealing the several sides of the question is and always will be impersonal. Policy rather than personality will be the guiding light in publishing the salient facts. Out of fairness to members of the senior class and its readers, the Emerald is justified in calling attention to Foster's scholastic standing with the University.

When the new A. S. U. O. constitution is drafted, there should be a clause inserted regarding apple cores at football games.

Unless a chinook visits the campus before this afternoon, the hockey game between the Oregon girls and the All-American team will have to be ice hockey.

Oreganized Dementia

This poem is recognized in literary circles of the elevated standard, as being unquestionably a coup du bon bellos. It is drastic, fatalistic, with a delightful touch of cynicism.

Our highbrow poet, Adolphe Burdneste, says, "Dirt" is the find of the season. Its deep implications, its sardonic treatment of life's little intricacies—all are stunning, amazing, overwhelming." (He wrote it.)

DIRT
It gets on men's hands, dirt;
It is dirty, wet;
Dust, dry;
Dirt is dirt,
Wallow your bread in it;
That is dirt, too—
We are dirt.
(Translated from original footprints.)

NOTICE the perfect punctuation and spelling in the following extract selected from a thousand competitive contributions:

THEY DO IT ONCE A MONTH

The man walked rapidly, nervously, with shoulders set against the dreary November wind which moaned a ceaseless dirge through the stark branches of leafless trees. A dull gray sky, forboding snow, frowned down upon the frost-punished earth.



Suddenly the man stopped, and his beady, darting eyes examined the ground beneath a stripped maple tree. Seemingly satisfied, he stepped forward hastily, knelt, and commenced clawing among the dead, fallen leaves.

His operations soon uncovered two half-decayed boards, held together by crosspieces, also wood. With a sigh of relief, he lifted the sodden boards upward, exposing a square hole in the frozen ground.

A few leaves fell into it, rustling faintly. The man glanced into the hole, and frowned thoughtfully. Then he read the gas meter that was in it. (Dementia writers are licensed. If they want gas meters in the ground, they can have them there.)

Listening In
On Lectures

International trade can be compared to a horse trade, but international trade is easier to analyze. One cannot look into the minds of the sellers and the buyer of the horse to see what exact forces are acting in their minds to determine the final price, but in international trade one can predict very closely the demands of millions of people, and the supply of goods for their consumption, on a statistical basis.

—Dr. Victor P. Morris.

Fads, new styles, and changes in the manners and customs of society all arise from the lower classes. The rich are much more conservative than the poor.

—Prof. Vernon G. Sorrell.

A thousand years intervened between the first use of Arabic figures and the invention of the decimal point and decimal fractions.

—Prof. E. E. DeCou.

Formerly we punished dissenters by burning them at the stake; now we paddle them on the library steps.

—Prof. Waldo Schumacher.

"You can't tell why my students don't do their reading. But maybe it's because man is essentially evil."—Dr. Rudolph Ernst.

FORUM

Letters appearing in this column are written by students at large and do not represent the opinion nor have the sanction of the Emerald for ideas and assertions made therein. The editor reserves the right to withhold all letters of a defamatory nature or ones which he regards it to the best interests of the student body not to print.

To the Editor:
Tonight, one of the greatest organists in the world will play at the music building.

There will probably be three students listening to half-baked "talkies" for every one who hears Lynnwood Farnam.

It will cost one dollar to hear the organist. It will cost 50 cents to hear the "talkie." No one moans when he parts with a half-dollar to see Greta or Bancroft. And yet when it is a question of paying twice that sum to hear one of the world's artists—there is a cry "too much money."

Last week, when the Portland Symphonic orchestra appeared in concert here, one student (a senior) was heard to say this:

"How long will they play? Will they sing very long? Oh, I donno, think I'll go to the show anyway."

When English instructors give poetry readings Sunday evenings at Gerlinger building, only a smattering of students attend.

Out in the world, student centers are supposed to be the heart of keen, intellectual life and of art appreciation.

But are they? Some of these sluggish-minded students don't indicate it.

Is this a generation whose intellectual vigor is disgracefully dull? It ought not to be when, more than ever before, there are chances to enjoy fine things in art, literature and music.

It's smart, according to the social Hoyles on the campus to be bored by anything that reeks of culture.

But it's much smarter to wake up and realize that here is a dangerous spirit of mental laziness that ought not to exist.

—A STUDENT.

SAYS FOSTER NO SENIOR

To the Editor:
If class distinction must be repeatedly discussed in this column, why not discuss a problem of truly prime importance to the senior class than merely a minor one such as the appointment of a junior as Senior Ball ticket manager?

Surely anyone would be loath to consider a man a senior who lacks over one-third of those necessary units toward graduation; to be more specific; 35 per cent of required hours.

It might prove a discovery of interest to the members of the senior class, who have not been informed, to know that a major senior class appointment has recently been made to a junior!

To bare the facts, the individual referred to is none other than general chairman of our Senior Ball. There can be no denying that Mr. Foster will be efficient in this capacity. His managerial

ability has been proven through past performance. Nor can there be any denying of the fact that Mr. Foster was not entitled to this appointment, if we are to consider his class status, which it would seem to the writer should most certainly be a pre-requisite for this position.

It should be with regret that the members of the senior class will have to look back on their Senior Ball, as one almost entirely superintended by talent from the junior class. Surely there must be some senior in our class, who after these four years of training, has developed the executive ability to direct the proceedings of our Senior Ball.

—"Another Interested Senior."

"SOCKS" SOCKS BACK

To the Editor:
Publishers of the Socks from Socrates desire clarification of a point raised in a story in the columns of the Emerald regarding official sanction for the pamphlet. Our position is this: we sell neither advertising nor subscriptions; we are not an organized student group; distribution is gratis to those interested in reading it. Now why and how is a student committee concerned with the publication? This question is asked with no feeling of animosity toward the would-be sanctioners. We would simply like to know.

—Adrian Dukackiack.

FRESHMEN MAKE PLANS FOR DANCE

The five per cent of the Oregon freshmen which attended the special class meeting called at Villard hall by President Larry Bay yesterday afternoon, took only five minutes to decide that the freshmen will hold a class dance on Friday evening, January 31, the time and place to be announced later.

When the social calendar for the winter term was drawn up, January 31 was set aside for class dances. Seniors and freshmen have now made provision for dances, and sophomores and juniors are expected to take action in the very near future.

Johns Hopkins To Have C. B. Beall for Summer

Professor C. B. Beall, instructor of French, will teach at Johns-Hopkins university, Baltimore, Maryland, during the next summer session, it was announced yesterday by the romance language department. Professor Beall plans to teach French and Italian there.



MURRAY WARNER ART-library will be open every evening from 7 until 9 with the exception of Saturday and Sunday or other nights on which there is a campus event such as a basketball game.

IMPORTANT MEETING—For all house presidents at 4:30 today at Pi Beta Phi house. Everyone must come or send representative.

DE. REINHARDT—Will conduct his discussion "Religion and Art" Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Delta Gamma house.

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL—Girls are urged to be out at 5 o'clock Monday, for choosing of the team.

COSMOPOLITAN CLUB—Will not meet tonight. Meeting postponed to next week.

POT AND QUILL—Active and alumnae meeting with Ye Tabard Inn Tuesday evening, 7:30 at Men's lounge, Gerlinger hall.

ALL OREGON KNIGHTS—Initiated and uninitiated must meet at 110 Johnson, Tuesday at 5 o'clock.

ASKLEPIADS—Will hear Dr. Conklin talk on "Hallucinations" at 7:30 this evening in 4 Johnson.

FIVE O'CLOCK VESPERS—Will be held in the bungalow today. Everyone invited.

FIVE O'CLOCK—Choir will meet today at 4 o'clock in the bungalow, to practice for vespers. Important.

KAPPA BETA—Will have luncheon at the Anchorage at 12 o'clock today.

FRESHMAN MEN—Debaters



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are requested to sign the list which is posted on the bulletin board at the Public Speaking office.

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE PLAYERS—Important meeting 7:30 tonight at 1369 Emerald. All active members please attend.

Y. M. C. A.—Cabinet meeting at the hut today at 4 o'clock.

PHI BETA KAPPA AND SIGMA XI—Will have their Oregon pictures taken today at 12:30 in front of Friendly hall.

PHI CHI THETA—Will meet at the Anchorage at 12 o'clock noon today.

PLEDGING ANNOUNCEMENT—Alpha Chi Omega announces the pledging of Elva Baker of Vancouver, Washington.

The Ambler

YESTERDAY WE SAW

CONSTANCE BORDWELL writing a French play... THORNTON SHAW making a nuisance of himself... GLADYS MACK signing over poetry... JIMMY GILBAUGH in his shirt sleeves... DAY FOSTER and his row of pins... AMOS BURG reminiscing at the "shack"... MERLIN BLAIS with his hat askew... K. O. MULLINS with ANOTHER girl... NADINE GILKINSON scratching her chin... BEA MILLIGAN humming a tune, and the sun peeking out of a cloud and just lots and lots of little icicles giving up the ship.

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LOST—One carved green jade earring between old life and Hill-yard street. Finder please call 1085.

WILL person who took fog light off Chevrolet coupe last week please return to the Lost and Found department. No questions asked.

VALENTINES!

Don't Forget That Old Sweetheart! Cards! Candies!

Maybe the house president or manager would appreciate a nice sweet-heart card!

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