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Pre-election Speeches

PRE-ELECTION smokers where all political candidates make personal appearances and outline their platforms to the assembled student body are a creditable tradition in practice at McGill university at Montreal.

"In a major election there are bound to be many rumors going the rounds of the campus concerning the merits and demerits of the men involved. At the smoker the students will be given an opportunity to judge for themselves after they have seen these men and heard them speak," says the McGill Daily in an editorial commenting on the smoker.

Oregon, with no way or means of sizing up the candidates running for important A. S. U. O. offices (even the nomination speeches are made by someone else and the candidate keeps well hidden), might do well to institute such a smoker. At the time nominations are made it might be practical to have the candidates get up and outline their platforms. The worth of such a system is unquestioned.

Justifications, as quoted by the McGill Daily, include such arguments as:

"It is not sufficient for a student to go out and vote and think his duty is done. The student must first know for what and whom he is voting.

"Students will see the men for whom they are to vote and will thus be able to form their opinions more readily as the appearance and actions of the candidate may decide their vote."

Here is an institution which would undoubtedly be profitable if adopted at the University of Oregon. The students have a right to know for whom they are voting. Casting a ballot for a name never went far in perfecting an effective and democratic government.

Puisant Polls

TAKING polls of campus opinion on subjects ranging from prohibition to smoking rooms, short skirts and beauty contests is becoming a popular thing in the collegiate press.

Led by Harvard, Yale, and Princeton, a number of colleges took a poll on alcohol and found that 70 per cent of their number drank. All, from the drink-a-term man to the drink-a-week-end man, were counted in that 70 per cent as "drinkers."

Northwestern university co-eds cast ballots on the subject of smoking rooms in dormitories and sorority houses, the result being 282 for and 51 against the idea. Later they voted on their favorite professions and home-making came in last.

University of Washington came out strong in a campus poll for open library on Sundays. Thus far they have not succeeded in their fight for a better education.

Beauty was selected by popular approval at the Oklahoma A. & M. college. Carnegie Tech used the ballot to sound out a spring carnival. Montana wants to know how much a college education costs its students.

"Should beer be sold on the campus?" The Varsity, University of Toronto paper, asked its readers via the ballot.

How many students think this and how many students think that on various topics is a popular thought on many campuses. Some of the polls conducted can do good to the college. Others succeed only in convincing "blue noses" about the nation that college is a place every bit as bad as they picture it, basing these pictures on what they read in the big black headlines which often as not read, "Professor Shoots Co-ed Lover," or "College Women Smoke Heavily."

Battle of the R. O. T. C.

THE battle is on. With "patriotic" organizations arguing for military training in college and "patriotic" pacifists waging vehement war against R. O. T. C. units in college and high school there will be no peace on the soap box or printing press.

And all because congress is considering an appropriation bill which would provide \$4,000,000 for Reserve Officers' Training Corps and additional funds for 55 Class C schools for 1931. The 1930 figure was \$2,667,917.

Military training is compulsory in 159 colleges and elective in 69 institutions, with 129,958 college

men taking basic military, 73,352 in advanced courses, and 13,372 in high schools in junior R. O. T. C. work.

Because of this boost of nearly a million and a half dollars for military training in schools and colleges, peace forces over the nation are launching a counter-attack to stop the appropriation bill.

Passage of the bill would seem to indicate that the United States regarded the Kellogg peace pact lightly. Undoubtedly those men who make war their business are behind the move to expand military training. They ridicule the peace-makers and point to history as proof that war cannot be prevented by pieces of paper or unpreparedness.

Pacifists are at a disadvantage. Their goal is a difficult one because they would educate humanity against fighting and fighting in some form or other has been with us since the first family.

Young girls are being employed as "recruiters" to bring back the romance to military service which was damaged by the experience of that generation which saw the mud of the trenches in the World war. They add a little color and appeal to a grim business.

On the college and the university campus the average R. O. T. C. private or corporal is spending his time worrying about the \$20 uniforms he will get if the bill passes and the officer of the new \$40 ones. He does not think much beyond his college campus. World consequences of militarism mean little to him. He is the unwitting tool of greater forces behind military training. Little he knows where all this is leading. Does anyone?

No More Absurd

A NOTE of cynicism has crept into the cautious praise of the proposed revisions for the University grade list, that note finding utterance in a group supposed to be especially benefited by the changes.

The dormitories are looking a little askance at the whole method of determining whether a pledge's points shall count for his fraternity or for the hall in which he lives. Winter term brought the problem home when 70- and 80-point men were pledged with scant days or even hours to get their names on the fraternity grade sheets.

The dormitories are making a rapid climb on the University ladder, so they feel the hurt still more when someone takes their rounds away. When they see that fraternities and sororities can declare members active or inactive at will, can appropriate a whole term's points by a last-minute pledging, perhaps they are justified in feeling hurt and cynical.

To balance the whole thing up, dormitories might be allowed to determine whether or not they would retain the last-minute pledge's points or give them to the house. That's no more absurd.

Co-eds get good marks by personal attraction and bluffing rather than by studying, said Dr. Laird, Colgate professor, recently. And if they aren't good-looking they try to impress their intellectuality upon the professors. If they don't use S. A. they use I. Q. What chance has a poor M. A. N.?

"Editor Derides Feminine Food"—headline. Wonder what he'd say about a meal prepared by the four men on the Emerald editorial staff? They cook up all sorts of things and occasionally make hash of them.

A Holiness league has been organized at Ohio State and has declared war on smoking, evolution, and dancing. Thirty years ago such a league might have done some good.

The trouble with co-eds is that they try to play too many men at once, say Nebraska men. That's what all football coaches would like to be able to do, too.

Editorial Shavings

Two debaters scaled the walls of Troy last week. Talk is cheap, however. Our kingdom for a wooden horse full of football players.—U. C. L. A. Bruin.

We have ptarmigan around here. Also pturtles and pturkeys.—McGill Daily.

One of the girls in the journalism department says she gets all her inspirations when she is in hot water.—University Daily Kansan.

"STATE CAMPAIGN OF INDIANA G. O. P. FACES HURDLES"—headline. Soon they'll be taking a broad jump to the poll vault.—Indiana Daily Student.

"The excuse for maintaining spring terms at college is at hand," remarks an eastern columnist. "It's time for spring football practice."—Indiana Daily Student.

The Collegiate Pulse

QUEENS AND MORE QUEENS

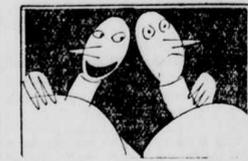
Plans for the election of a queen for the Junior Prom at the University of Kansas have been dropped by the committee following the unanimous request of women students on that campus. In voting against the proposed move to elect a queen for the annual event, the women declared that the contest would "cheapen the women of the campus and lower the tone of the campus."

Campus queens at the University of Kansas are practically unheard of. The election of a queen for the prom was to have been an innovation and was instigated to follow out plans used by other large universities in the country.

The practice followed by Ohio State is decidedly different. Sharply in contrast with Kansas, this university has too many queens. A campus event cannot be promoted here without a queen. Some are elected by campus vote and others named by chairmen and class presidents. One campus honorary names as many queens as it has members at its social functions. A co-ed here can hardly hope to realize popularity unless she has been a queen at some time in her college career.



WANTED—Several brilliant, handsome, clever, forceful, graphic, daring, interesting, smart, sophisticated young geniuses who are willing to work and slave to make this column good enough to be fed to the most illustrious of Emerald readers. Look for the announcement elsewhere in this paper as to how to become one of the Seven Seers.



The first qualification for humorists, is unlimited brains; that is, I. Q. Realizing their potency in this respect, the members of the Organized Dementia staff decided that they need no longer confine themselves to writing deep, serious, philosophical stuff, but could begin to look about for the greener and more profitable fields in which to stick their blunt pens, and accordingly hit upon the idea that a column like Seven Seers would be just their dish.

Of primary consideration in the change from Organized Dementia to Seven Seers was the fact that University officials have been complaining loudly that campus dictionaries have been badly worn by Dementia readers.



Theodor Coma is pretty sore over the change. He says he's got a notion to quit writing for the Emerald. He has been thinking for some time of writing a ten-part serial for the Oregonian.

No matter what Theodor thinks, it doesn't go anyway. He's dumb. If he wants to keep on being serious about his University education he can, but he'll have to step aside and let those who

are so inclined make believe they can say something funny if they want to.



So long, Dementia darling, it won't be long before we can see youse down at de bottom of de slough wit a sack of rocks tied aroun our own necks.

—J. C. B.

Vesper Program To Feature Men

Phi Mu Alpha Will Offer Numbers Sunday

The novelty of a vespers program given entirely by men musicians is in store for the April 6 Sunday afternoon audience when members of Phi Mu Alpha, national honorary musical fraternity, will take charge.

Roy Ford is general chairman, according to George Barron, president, who has announced the following participants in the program: Malcolm Medler, organist; Kenneth Rodmer, tenor; Robert Gould, pianist; George Kotchik and Laurence Fischer, violinists; Harold Ayres, pianist; John McMullen, vocal soloist, and George Barron, organist.

The program will be given at the music auditorium at 4 o'clock.

Spencer Talks to Five Portland High Schools

Professor Carlton E. Spencer of the law school, is returning today from Portland, where he has spent the past week in giving talks to Portland high schools. He spoke at the Catlin school, Roosevelt, Washington, and Lincoln high schools and Hill Military academy this week.

Professor Spencer will continue his talks in Portland next week. During his absence his class in law of the press has been conducted by Dean Charles E. Carpenter of the law school, and Wayne L. Morse, professor in the law school. His class in law of business organization and property in the school of business administration is being conducted by Professor Charles G. Howard.

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CAMPUS BULLETIN

Phi Theta Upsilon—meets Sunday at 7.

Prose and Poetry group—will meet at 3 o'clock today at the Zeta Tau Alpha house.

Meeting of all W. A. A. house representatives—at 5 o'clock in room 121, Gerlinger hall. Those unable to attend will please send substitutes.

Committee chairmen for April Frolic—meet with Joan Patterson today at 4:30 at 1370 Emerald street.

Ralph C. Hoebler—assistant professor of English, has been called to Portland by the death of a near relative, and will not meet any of his classes today.

Mythology group of Philomela—will meet Sunday at 5 o'clock at the Westminster house.

PLEDGING ANNOUNCEMENT
Sigma Pi Tau announces the pledging of Dean Wentworth of Eugene.

PLEDGING ANNOUNCEMENT
Sigma Alpha Epsilon announces the pledging of George Bauman of La Grande.

PLEDGING ANNOUNCEMENT
Bachelordan announces the pledging of Roy Whiteside of Portland, Oregon.

PLEDGING ANNOUNCEMENT
Gamma Phi of Alpha Tau Omega announces the pledging of Paul Maull and Charles Brasewell, both of Long Beach, California.

PLEDGING ANNOUNCEMENT
Kappa Delta announces the pledging of Helen Elliot of Astoria, Edna Prescott of Salem, Verle Ramm of La Grande, and Lucile Germond of Roseburg.

PLEDGING ANNOUNCEMENT
Bachelordan announces the pledging of Chester Anderson of Eugene.

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