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Death of a Nation

ALARMIST Paul Reveres with tales of race extinction and too low birth rates have been riding their way through the nation's press and magazines scattering column inches of warnings and factual evidence of deterioration.

And their heaviest guns are trained on education as they point out that the best educated people have the smallest families while the poorer, more undesirable, classes are flooding the nation, and the world, with their progeny.

Whereas the families of a generation ago averaged 5.44 children each, the present average is but 3.35 per family, studies made by Baber and Ross of Wisconsin show. The absolute rate of decrease is such, according to these authors, that the second generation after the present one will produce families with an average of 1.05 children, or one-third of the minimum necessary for continuance of the race.

Because they do not stress enough of the creative work, which is said to have a psychological effect leading to a desire for family life, women's colleges have been attacked for "prejudicing their graduates against wifehood and motherhood."

There are those Reveres who see in the present decline in the birth rate the age-old tendency of the controlling social group to disappear because of this decline, pointing to the deterioration of Rome as an example.

Human evolution cannot be primarily intellectual for the reason that the intellectual elements of any population always show a retarded rate of propagation. With evidence presented in cold figures, the trend seems to point toward a crossroads somewhere in the future. America is educating the "great milieu" of her population. With this education comes an accepted decline in procreation.

Will the upper and middle classes, then, die out and the future America be populated from below? Are these writers, these Paul Reveres of the printed page, visionaries or do they see a sequel to Gibbons' "Rise and Fall of Rome" in the making?

Library Tennis Courts

SPRING term is tennis weather. Campus courts sprouting on Emerald street are usually crowded on sunny days and students have to reserve courts to insure themselves a chance to play.

On account of the regular courts being so far from the campus students show an inclination to play on the library courts. Consequently they are almost always full and it is entirely a hit and miss affair if the players are lucky enough to get a court.

Making Up Lost Sleep

STUDENTS who spent a good part of the spring vacation catching up with the sleep they lost studying for exams and typing term papers will be surprised to learn that it is impossible to make up lost sleep.

No less an authority than Dr. Donald A. Laird, chief of the psychological laboratory at Colgate, makes that claim based on research performed on a group of students who were kept awake all night.

Dr. Laird will be remembered as the professor who "would not teach co-eds for love or money" because they "catered" to the professors to get their grades.

Experiments conducted on the sleep-losing research began Saturday night, when the students were kept awake all night. They were given 13 hours' sleep Sunday night. Their reactions on Sunday and Monday mornings were studied and it was found that they were 50 per cent more tired Monday noon than they would have been if they had slept eight hours for two nights.

The 13 hours' sleep almost entirely restored to normal the faculty of memory and the ability to concentrate, but their emotional reactions were be-

low par—the students showing a tendency to excessive laughing, impatience, loss of temper and desire to be alone. There was a marked carelessness in their personal appearance also, the research showed.

Evenness of habits and regular hours are essential to the best results in mental and physical activity. Such a lesson is sometimes never learned by some college students, but the one who is awake to himself and his work soon realizes the necessity for both.

Want a Silver Cup?

EVER shoot a round of golf in less than 50? Probably most of the readers of this editorial have not. But this fact does not keep one from having a chance to win a silver cup in the Emerald spring handicap tournament which will be run off starting next week.

Operating under the handicap system, everyone shoots 18 holes to establish a handicap and after that every man has an even chance, a duffer may beat a Moe because of the advantage the handicap gives him.

Plenty of Oregon men play golf. A visit to the courses around Eugene show this to be a fact. These same men have been bashful about entering the spring handicap because they have inferiority complexes, not realizing that a regular 50-shooter can win from 40-stroke men in handicap play.

Fill out the coupon in today's Emerald, both men and women. Three silver loving cups and a golf bag have been lined up as prizes for the winners. Here is a chance for those men who play for the enjoyment to capitalize on their ability as well.

It's an ill wind that blows no one good. A gentleman down near the University of North Carolina complained that fraternities did not buy so many paddles as they used to for use on their frosh. There was at least one advantage in hell week.

Co-eds at the University of Georgia have risen up in arms to demand "more and longer dates," says the Notre Dame Scholastic. Whose arms?

Students at Ohio Wesleyan are dodging the ban on automobiles by taking their girl friends for airplane rides instead. Wait till the dean of women there finds out how hard it is to walk home from one of those!

California's track coach is going to use moonshine on his cinder aces and have them work out at night occasionally. A lot of athletes we know already do.

Oklahoma wants credit hours given for hiking. That would give the co-eds an unfair advantage.

Freshman men are better spellers than seniors. Not as far as women are concerned, Oscar.

We flunked our geology exam flat. Probably because we took too much for granite.

"Fullerton Debaters Win, Lose" — headline. What else is there to do?

Editorial Shavings

A college president says the young man's most difficult problem is picking the right girl to marry. Which proves that the prexy has funny ideas as to who does the choosing.—Washington State Evergreen.

Even radio announcers sometimes get balled up. One announced the latest hit: "If I had a talking picture of you singing in the bathtub with your sunny side up."—Purdue Exponent.

Tiny Tim writes in to say he saw a student cut a worm in two the other day because it looked lonesome.—Michigan Daily.

The flame of a candle can be felt two miles away, a popular cartoonist claims. Fraternity firemen have been working on just that supposition all winter.—Idaho Argonaut.

The Collegiate Pulse

LITTLE BIG SHOTS (Minnesota Daily)

The little big shot makes a loud noise on this campus. And an empty one. For he usually carries no more than a wooden gun. A little big shot is a person of small or indifferent merits on whom chance or circumstance has heaped title, office and power incommensurate with the little big shot's ability to administrate this responsibility with tact, wisdom and graciousness.

The classic American example of the little big shot, is the pompous corporal whom Washington reprimanded at Valley Forge for refusing to help his men lift a log into place because it might injure his dignity. Dignity is a beautiful cloak for a kind and gracious man, but it looks like a rag when it covers an ungenerous nature. The men who are least sure of their positions are the ones who are most scrupulous of their dignity. Really good men can afford to make some mistakes. They never need to condescend, for they never unduly exalt themselves.

Power is a thrilling experience. So is champagne. Post-Volsteadian university students, who are just getting their first taste of both, are in danger of letting it go to their heads. This is a warning. Whenever a man has a new honor or office granted him, he must tear one leaf from the calendar of his dignity. Otherwise he stands in imminent danger of becoming a little big shot.



If there were no such thing as a sense of humor, it is said, there would be no colleges—or college students. That's the assumption, at any rate, that led to putting the Seven Seers contribution box in the lobby of the old library. Maybe the entrance to the libe isn't just exactly what could be called a lobby, but nevertheless it does have a sort of a piggyish influence over those laboring inside.

Before the box could be slicked up and decorated with a new sign, it had to be cleaned out. Among the gum wrappers, cigarette butts, and soiled life-savers that had to be removed from the long-dormant receptacle, the only pieces of writing that might be classified as humor were a part of an English assignment, a couple of unmentionable poems, and a real, certified, gilt-edged, dyed-in-wool love letter.

Being true gentlemen, of course, we wouldn't think of printing anything like that, or even going into the details of the touching little lovey dove note. The hand writing was so scratchy that we nobly refrained from reading most of it. Anyway, we don't even know who this guy, Baby, is.

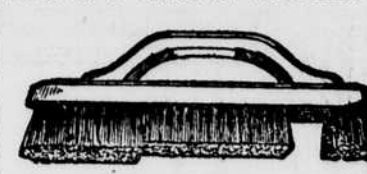


Better look into your asbestos files, Baby, and if you miss the letter, come around and we'll talk business with you.

Since the beautiful new poster has been glued on the box, however, contributions have been flocking in. We have two, so far, both on the same piece of paper.

"The drab green lockers," says this campus cynic, in a bold, daring piece of penitence, "in the basement of the men's gym make it appear almost as poorly lighted as Condon hall."

That ought to hold the regents for a while, and here's another sock in a different direction:



"Since 'Lifebuoy' has been advertised extensively, it is an intellectual insult to tell a man he doesn't know his own strength."

If the generous author will kindly step to the front, we'll present him with our last term's grade card.

One professor showed enough interest yesterday to ask if we'd seen her, or did we see her, see, or something like that. Anyway, he contributed a pun.

It is rumored, too, that some of the members of the class couldn't understand why Prof. Caswell should ask them to nudge Al Browne when he himself had put him to sleep.

There is always a big demand for poetry—you know what that is, soul food. The box just inside the door of the old library will hold exactly 1 3-8 cubic feet of poetry, or the same amount of cigarette butts. Rummage your quips and poems. We can use them.

FORUM

UPHOLDS PRESENT HONOR ROLL

To the Editor: I was interested in your editorial against the honor roll and the clever comparison of the baseball throw and the shot put. I think, however, it overlooks an essential truth—namely, the great importance of quality as opposed to quantity.

The point-system honor roll which you recommend, would put a premium upon the students who carry a large load even with a

somewhat mediocre quality of work.

I know, it is a pioneer tradition to be versatile and adaptable, jack of all trades and master of none, but we are out of the pioneer stage now and we must escape from the jack-of-all-trades complex if we are going to make a real improvement in our civilization. The men who have concentrated on a few things which they have done to the utmost of their ability (not the men who have done a little bit of everything cleverly) are the ones who have made the greatest contributions to their generations and made the deepest marks upon history.

Those who win contests in the Olympic games or play on the world's concert stage or gain recognition among the greatest scholars or make the significant contributions to science, are the kind of men more likely to be honored by the present system than by a point system. Indeed, the change might even be made the other way—to put a higher premium upon excellence of work in two or three allied subjects, lest we keep on indulging ourselves in versatility, variety, and fickleness while we miss the deeper satisfaction of genuine achievement.

I think also that this is a matter in which the influence of the Emerald is of considerable importance on the campus.

WALTER C. BARNES.

Do You Know?

(Two Hellig theatre tickets will be given as a prize for the best contribution to this column this week. Contributions may be dropped in the Seven Seers box in the library, or left on the bulletin board in the journalism building.)

That the Emerald, student newspaper was named thus because Joaquin Miller, great western poet, called Oregon the "Emerald state."

That Dr. F. G. G. Schmidt has a clock that has been with him in classrooms on the University campus for 33 years.

That "Beaver," the present name of the Oregon State college student annual, was the name of the University of Oregon yearbook just before it was changed to "Oregonian."

Instructors Attend Meeting in Spokane

Carl L. Huffaker and Fred L. Stetson, instructors in the school of education, left for Spokane yesterday to attend the Inland Empire meeting, held April 10 to 12.

Henry D. Sheldon, dean of the school of education, who is on a two weeks tour of the northwest, will also be present at the gathering of educators. He is scheduled to speak before the Research Association on "The Program of Research in the History of Education." Professor Stetson will also take part in the meeting.

On Saturday Professor Huffaker and Professor Stetson will return to Eugene, while Dean Sheldon will continue his tour through Washington and northern Idaho.

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Dr. Gustav Muller Accepts Oklahoma University Offer

Oregon Professor Will Go To Eastern School Next Fall

Completing five years of successful teaching at the University of Oregon, Dr. Gustav Muller, assistant professor of philosophy, has accepted an offer to become associate professor of philosophy at the University of Oklahoma at Norman, Oklahoma. Dr. Muller will assume his new position with the beginning of the 1930 fall term.

Dr. Muller, who was born in Switzerland, has attended school and taught in Switzerland, Germany, Italy and England. He has written a large number of important articles and books, chief of which are "The Philosophy of History," and "American Philosophy," both in German. The latter is just now in preparation. He is also author of "A Systematic Introduction to Philosophy," written in English and used as a textbook in his classes.

The Oregon philosopher is a member of the American Association of University Professors and the American Philosophical Association. He has had numerous articles published in the magazine of the organization known as Kantgesellschaft, which is considered the leading philosophical society of the world.

Esther Scriven, '26, Is Campus Visitor

Esther Davis Scriven, graduate of the school of journalism in 1926, was a visitor on the campus yesterday, renewing old acquaintances. Mrs. Scriven is now living in New York, and stopped here on her way back home after visiting relatives in California and her parents in Wolf Creek, Oregon. She is a member of Gamma Phi Beta and Theta Sigma Phi.

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GRILLE DANCE advertisement with text: Lee-Duke's Campus Band Friday and Saturday Nights LEE-DUKE'S CAFE Phone 549 for Reservations

CAMPUS Bulletin

Woman and Her Sphere—group of Philomatele will meet Sunday from 5 to 6 in the woman's room of Gerlinger hall.

Varsity Managers club—will meet in room 1 of Johnson hall at 4 today.

International Relations club—will meet tonight at 7:30 in the men's room of Gerlinger hall.

Phi Beta—Regular meeting at 4:15 at Susan Campbell hall. All members attend.

Students taking entrance exams—may take psychology Friday at 4 in 101 Condon, and English Saturday morning at 9 in 206 Villard.

Zada French—will speak to Professor Tuttle's class in "Club Leadership" at 4 o'clock, room 3, Education, today. Public invited.

Y. W. cabinet—meeting today at 4 o'clock, at bungalow. Important.

Interfraternity council—will meet today at 5 o'clock in room 110, Johnson hall.

W. A. A. mass meeting—this afternoon at 5 o'clock in room 121, Gerlinger hall. Very important.

W. A. A. archery—will meet today at 4 o'clock.

PLEDGING ANNOUNCEMENTS Theta Sigma Phi announces the pledging of Beatrice Ernstein Bennett, of Silverton.

Sigma Nu announces the pledging of Glenn Godfrey of Eugene, Oregon.

Oregon Alpha of Phi Delta Theta announces the pledging of Lynn Long, Dallas, Oregon.

Bachelordon announces the pledging of Charles Newell, of Newberg, Oregon.

Seniors

Orders for caps and gowns and the commencement announcements must be placed at Co-op by April 26.

Barnes Receives First Editions of History Book

Volume Traces Rise of Corn Laws From 1660 To Year 1846

Dr. Donald G. Barnes has just received copies of the first edition of his work, "History of the English Corn Laws" from the publishers, George Routledge and Sons, Ltd., of London. The book is the second volume of a series of three studies of social and economic history, sponsored by the London School of Economics.

The volume, which is a study of the protective tariff and a complete history of the English grain tariff question, traces the history of the so-called "Corn Laws" from their beginning in 1660 up to the year 1846.

Almost eight years of intensive research were spent by Director Barnes in compiling the data for the book. It is reported that an American edition of the book will be released some time in the near future, although the publisher has not yet been announced.

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