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## Hot Chestnuts

OUR colleagues, the Portland Oregonian and the Portland News, are busy these days, battling back and forth acrid comments on the recent suggestion of the Oregonian that Portland's municipal power survey be entrusted to the research department of the University of Oregon.

The city of Portland has appropriated \$25,000 for the purpose of inquiry "into the expediency and feasibility of municipal development of hydro-electric power." Several commissioners propose that the entire sum be paid to the firm of Carey and Harlan, Tacoma experts on public utilities, who have been employed by the city several times in the past for similar surveys. The Oregonian, consistently antagonistic to this firm, makes the counter-proposal that the University's "research department" be given the job.

This, of course, is a matter that would affect directly only the faculty and the administration. Discussion of it in a student daily can have no authoritative interpretation as an expression of the University's attitude; that is a question for the administration. But we are at least permitted to express our opinion, and it is with the best interest of the University at heart that we rise to remark, "Hot stoves frequently burn innocent fingers."

The question of municipal development of power has become a political issue of primary importance; no institution could enter the arena as impartial arbiter without soon provoking the wrath and unceasing boos of some section of interested spectators.

Carey and Harlan was a generally respected firm in Portland. It started accepting large sums of public money for "surveys" of public utilities. Today the staunchness of their friends, editorial and political, is due largely to the bitterness of their enemies. Somewhat such fate would probably befall investigators from the Oregon faculty and would have a regrettable effect upon public opinion.

There is little similarity between such problems as Oregon's Pacific trade and fluctuations in the lumber market, which have formed the bulk of the business administration school's research, and the opinionated question of municipal development of power. Bulletins of research on these non-controversial questions are received with appreciative interest by the people of the state. Would the same be true of a bulletin on Portland's power status?

The questioned impartiality of our faculty, which the Oregonian cites as the strongest argument for turning the power survey over to the University, is too valuable to be risked on a field where none are neutral and non-combatants are unknown.

## A Place For Student Voice

WHEN the faculty of the University of Oregon voted unanimously to include three students in the student advisory committee, a group of officials charged with the administration of punishment to erring members of the associated students not subject to control by the executive council itself, it took a long and far-reaching stride toward common understanding between the factions—faculty and students.

Mutual responsibility in the development of students and the administration of discipline have been coincident aims of all those maintaining interest in operation of the inner cogs of the University machine. The student has a responsibility in the support of recognized standards of his institutions—he will assume this and his judgment will not waver nor shall it be influenced by the airy thoughts of favor or of prejudice. His decisions will not be marred by extreme rigidity over a true conception of justice.

Personnel of the student representation in this group is important. There is little reason why he should not be a fifth-year man. In fact, a student who has been "through the mill"—a student who has been in constant contact with University activities and administration procedure—or one who can well sense the generalized feeling among his fellow students would be a most beneficial and a truly representative addition.

A student with qualifications as such must not lose the responsibility delivered to him through the student government, nor should each representative be a key on the executive instrument of the student body. Just what influence the students have in the advisory committee rests in the men or women chosen.

The student advisory committee, composed wholly of faculty members, has handed some very reasonable decisions and suggestions from its chamber. Some have been less satisfactory. No material change will result from the addition of student membership, but campus steam will be shackled by a sturdier safety valve.

Discipline of students has been officially placed in the hands of the faculty by the president of the University, and it is to them we extend our thanks for allowing student voice in their discussions and decisions.

"The art of the lover consists not in loving but in showing his love to the best advantage."—Boreham. Why does one always wish to be an artist?

# The WETFOOT

"All the News That's Foot To Print"

"WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE RUSSIAN FIVE-YEAR ECONOMIC PLAN?" AND OTHER FORMS OF PROFESSORIAL SALUTATION. IN ANSWER TO THIS QUERY WE REPLY THAT WE THINK IT'S THE ROCKS. ONE WEEK OF RUSHIN' IS ENOUGH TO PROSTRATE THE AVERAGE STUDENT. FIVE YEARS OF IT AND WED BE SO GA-GA THAT WED PROBABLY CONSENT TO WRITE A HUMOR COLUMN AGAIN, OR ELSE WED BE OUT TRYING TO SHARPEN OUR TEETH ON THE SENIOR BENCH. WELL, ANYWAY, YOU GET THE IDEA.

EPITAPH  
We opened the door,  
He sat on the floor  
Midst a pile of crumbs and alone;  
His mouth fulla cake,  
He sez: "Greetings, Jake,  
Ya gotta package from home."

MILTON MIGHT HAVE DONE BETTER THAN THAT, BUT WE WILL BET THAT HE WOULD NOT HAVE FELT ANY MORE DEEPLY ABOUT IT.

And then Tony Peterson just walked in with the saddest story of the year. It seems that Tony had very skillfully manipulated to get the distribution of free sample Chesterfields for the entire campus, and then, after indulging in rosetate dreams of not having to buy any more cigarettes for the entire year, woke up one morning to find that someone had soullessly lifted his entire stock. Mr. Peterson darkly intimates that he hopes the culprit gets the habit.

WELL, TONY, AS THE BULL SAID, AFTER WATCHING A RIVAL WALK OFF WITH THE FAVORITE MEMBER OF HIS HAREM, "THERE IS NO HONOR AMONG BEEVES."

AND THEN WHAT'S THIS WE HEAR ABOUT A CERTAIN BUSTLING, BRAUNY, BLUE-EYED MEMBER OF THE JOURNALISM FACULTY, WHO IS ALSO INTERESTED IN THE THEATER BUSINESS, TURNING IN A WELL MEANT, BUT NEVERTHELESS FALSE FIRE ALARM, AND SENDING THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT UP TO THE THETA AND KAPPA HOUSES THE OTHER NIGHT?

Little Alec suggests that this person was evidently going on the false assumption that where there was smoke, there was also fire.

Rebecca just came busting in with the startling news that she got the pure quill that the Sigma Nus were going to win the scholarship plaque this year.

Yes, Rebecca, and some day grass is going to grow on the Sigma Chi lawn, too.

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Scandalous filth—may its tribe increase.

House unbeated, up at seven,  
To wade through rain all day;  
Il est vrai que vous etes belle—  
Oh, keeper, take us away!

Dear sir:  
In regard to your daughter, who says that there is no meter in the above doggerel, you tell her that if she will be at Condon libe at 10 o'clock tomorrow night, we'll meter half way.

YOURS,  
WETFOOT.

## OUR NEW POLICY

As we sit here watching two little beetles trying to work a cross word puzzle, a sudden inspiration seizes us. A dawning resolve, which slowly but surely culminates into a worthy determination. We are going to revolutionize our entire column. We will make a humor column that is different, one that is original, one that will stand in the annals of collegiate publication alone and unique.

In our new column we shall not resort to odorous puns to fill up space. We shall taboo all light doggerel which is without meter, purpose, or sense. We are firmly resolved, as our enthusiasm for this new iconoclasm increases, to not print any scandal or jealously guarded anecdotes which might draw upon us the wrath of all concerned.

Furthermore we shall desist writing epitaphs and shall mercilessly cast out anything pertaining to barleycorn or sex. We shall not print unconstructive criticism of any sort and shall not resort to lampooning the faculty, campus traditions or the campus cop.

From this time on we shall let our material be censored by the W. C. T. U., the faculty, all the students who are to be mentioned in its confines, and the Eugene ministerial association, not to mention the instructors in the school of English. All libelous and inane matter shall be rejected.

How would we accomplish this? you ask wonderingly. It would be very simple, dear readers. We would cease writing the column entirely.

## The Safety Valve

An Outlet for Campus Steam

All communications are to be addressed to The Editor, Oregon Daily Emerald. They shall not exceed 200 words. Each letter must be signed; however, should the author desire, only initials will be published. The editor maintains the right to withhold publication should he see fit.

## Can Something Be Wrong?

To the Editor:

One of our ancient and antiquated myths is that of our wonderful "Oregon Spirit." It lived the life of a typical campus tradition. In its youth our Oregon was loved, served and revered by alumni, faculty and students alike. But gradually babbittism seized our alumni like a siren lures a whole boatload of mariners on the rocks of misfortune. Our students have gone activity mad. Our faculty hopelessly perform the ritual, long ago stripped of its meaning by a vain student body

(a reptile-like monster which wallows around in the oozy mud of self-deceit). Today "Oregon spirit" is a matter of history like all other traditions. It died, so they say, because prosperity, progress, business efficiency, publicity and large scale production scented the trail of the myth and chased the antique to its lair and put an end to its failing health.

Today in its place is a phlegmatic founding by the same name, our wonderful "Oregon Spirits." It's everywhere, in flask-shaped bottles, over boozing student rooting sections, in pie-faced athletes' minds, in the nonchalant stude who wondered where those flashy guards of Oregon came from, and so on all over the campus, even among the cocoons and spider webs beneath the brim of our pioneer. Let's have real prohibition!

## A Response

To the Editor:  
A certain group wishes to apologize sincerely to a despondent student for certain actions which were demonstrated recently. We realize to our chagrin how odious it was, and we wish to assure you that there will be no repetition of it in the future.

—A Certain Group.

## SO THEY SAY

Catchy Quotes From The Prominent Profs.

"I imagine that nine-tenths of the college professors would starve to death if they had to make their living any other way."  
—Dean Phillip A. Parsons, social science.

"Inasmuch as the mortality rate among our leading economists has been so great lately, there is still some chance for the members of this class."  
—Donald Erb, economics.

"We cannot and will not tolerate any man chewing tobacco in this military department."  
—Lieut. McCammon, military science.

"The elders look upon youth today as they do, because the members of the younger generation are able to adapt themselves to change better than the old. The old folks are unable to understand it."

## MRS. WARNER TELLS OF TRIPS TAKEN ABROAD

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rose, thus showing her knowledge of their customs.

After her talk Mrs. Warner conducted the group through the art collection which is to be placed in the new art museum. She explained the different objects in the collection, giving the history of many pieces. Due to a misunderstanding, the announcement was made that this tour would be conducted in the new museum building, but the tour included the collection now in Gerlinger hall. This was the first time in two years that Mrs. Warner has personally conducted a group through the museum, and the other groups were taken through several years ago.

Later the club was entertained by several piano selections by Norma Lyons, while the social committee, under the direction of Elizabeth Plummer, served tea.

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

OREGANA PICTURES  
(All pictures are taken at the east entrance of Condon hall.)

Today  
12:40—Temenids.  
12:40—Pan Xenia.  
12:45—Beta Gamma Sigma.  
Thursday  
12:40—Gamma Alpha Chi.  
12:45—German club.

Congress club meeting postponed until next Wednesday because of concert.

Alpha Kappa Psi will hold regular January meeting Thursday at the College Side.

Philemele presidents will hold a luncheon meeting Thursday noon at the Green Lantern.

Studio plays will be given at Guild theatre at 4:15 tomorrow afternoon. No admission.

Rehearsal of "Twelfth Night" this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Act I, scene 4; Act II, scene 4; Act I, scene 1.

Theta Sigma Phi will hold a short but important meeting tonight at 5 o'clock in room 105 Journalism.

All members of the cadet corps and Scabbard and Blade must have pictures taken in front of R. O. T. C. barracks tomorrow at 12:30 for the Oregana.

Woman in Her Sphere group of Philemele will meet this Sunday in the men's lounge of Gerlinger hall from 5 until 6 o'clock.

Alpha Gamma Phi, women's advertising honorary, will meet at the Green Tavern for a guest luncheon today at 12 o'clock.

Westminster Guild will not meet this evening but Mrs. Adams will be at home and anyone wishing to stop in for tea may do so.

Thespians meet in men's lounge of Gerlinger hall at 7:45 Thursday

evening. Send substitute if member cannot attend. Important.

Alpha Delta Sigma special meeting 5 p. m. today in Mr. Thacher's office. Please bring Krazy Kopy Krawl tickets and money. Important.

Temenids picture for the Oregana will be taken today at 12:40 at the east entrance of Condon hall. All members must be there promptly.

Press conference. Faculty members desiring to attend the University luncheon for Press conference delegates on Saturday, January 24, at 1 o'clock, should make reservations at Local 247 before noon Friday.

## A Decade Ago

Wednesday, January 19, 1921

"'Tis better to smoke here than hereafter," is one of the captions adorning a new bench which was mysteriously put under the nicotine tree for the benefits of all undergrads. It is thought that the bench was donated by a powerful secret organization under the name of Alpha Sigma Sigma.

Dr. Victor Andres Belaunde, Peruvian professor, will deliver a lecture on the campus next week.

Coach Bohler will take six players on northern trip.

Sculpturing class is working on the design over the doorway on the new art building.

## HALL SAYS PROGRESS RESTS ON SENSE USE

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such as this should be avoided, he declared.

Dr. Hall's talk, which was received with enthusiasm, was spiced with humor and anecdotes, and at no time bordered on the pessimistic. Although deploring the fact that schools and institutions of higher education are, in his opinion, still neglecting the study of politics and principles of government, proper application of common sense can win out in affairs today, Dr. Hall said.

## 'EAR AND 'AIR

What do you think of the Russian five-year plan?

Virgil Langtry—I don't know much about it except that I guess it's all right, if it helps 'em to finally get through college.

Monte Wolf—I think that it will be a dismal failure for the following reasons: The poor people are exploited, the power is in the hands of publicity hounds and grafters, and there is an undue amount of graft and theft going on which only the heads get in on.

Loren Buell—I don't think much of it. It'll probably succeed about the same time I get through college.

Ralph David—It stands an excellent chance of succeeding. It might not succeed in this country, but I am of impression that several individual phases of it, such as its production plan and plan of distribution, would help us in our present depression.

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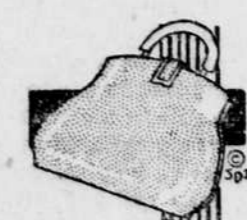
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