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The WETFOOT

All the News That's Foot To Print

And now we come around to the Emerald KORE contest. Despite all the precautions on the part of the Emerald, the story seems to have leaked out late the night before last. The Phi Sigs nabbed the prize with "A musician's dream." If it was like the majority of the musicians that we know, it was probably a day dream. If this contest gets much hotter in the future, they'll probably have to start combing the coast for a couple of piccolo players, a bassoon player, and a professional director. George Barron should have won the individual award, so consensus of opinion goes, for the exquisite and graceful manner in which he handled the baton. There was enough brass represented in this program to supply buttons for the uniforms of all the policemen in the nation. The boys are undecided what to do with the new radio but it is understood that there is some plan afoot whereby they will be able to trade the radio in on an extra ping pong table and a recording panatrop so they can hear themselves play.

EPITAPH He had it coming,— Art student Boone; Sez he with a yawn "I'm thru Monday noon."

But then, we aren't kicking. Everyone (especially the law student) pities the members of the law school because they have examinations four hours long, one hour of which is usually spent out on the curb consuming cartons of cigarettes and looking like their millionaire aunt had just died, willing her fortune to charity.

And now we read that eight students have been hauled up on the carpet for various things (which we aren't permitted to mention in this column) and that five of them have been given the none-too-rusty-hinged gate.

If this sort of thing keeps up for long we plainly see that our fees are going to be raised another couple of notches. This is the sort of thing that causes the chairman of the Greater Oregon Committee to throw his hands up in despair and wonder what the deuce is the use.

Officers To Be Elected For Westminster Guild Election of officers for the coming year will be the feature of Westminster Guild's meeting this evening at 9 o'clock at the Westminster house. Alice Spurgin, who has been president of the group for the past year, will preside over the meeting.

The nominated officers to come up for election are: president, Alice Redetzke; vice president, Gwen Metzger; secretary-treasurer, Eleanor Lonergan. Other nominations will be made from the floor. The retiring officers are: Alice Spurgin, president; Margaret Sprague, secretary-treasurer; and Eloise Beaumont, vice-president. Music and special readings will follow the election.

A Decade Ago Wednesday, March 9, 1921 Baseball practice has started with 30 men out for playing.

Mrs. Margaret Stone, of New York, grand president of Theta Sigma Phi, is visiting the local chapter.

The Lenten cantata, "The Seven Last Words of Christ," will be given at the Methodist church next Sunday night under the direction of John Stark Evans.

Colonel Falls, R. O. T. C. inspecting officer, will be here on Wednesday morning to review the local unit.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON NITE FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH Inverness Grille FRANCIS ROSE AND HIS ORCHESTRA Make arrangements for the spring vacation parties now. Dancing Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nites. We are also featuring the dances every Sunday afternoon. For reservations, call Burr Canfield, Garfield 1047—Trinity 1424.

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.

To the Editor: I wonder how many students feel, as I do, that they have a new friend on the campus? I know that I have, and in none other than Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall. Don't mistake me though. I haven't been over to his house for dinner, nor have I gone on any long walks with him on these balmy afternoons. I have merely been reading his daily contribution in the Emerald.

When the first of these appeared, some two or three weeks ago, I wondered how on earth a man who is as busy with boards of higher education, Carnegie foundations, and research councils, could afford the time to write the daily communication. But then I began thinking. After all, he's president of the University. And the students ARE the University. Therefore, why shouldn't his time be directed in channels of contact with students as well as administrative duties.

After stating, unreservedly, that I think Dr. Hall's column is a distinct success, and that I heartily favor this medium as establishing a closer understanding between students and administration, I would like to make a suggestion. But in making this suggestion, I hope only, that a means might be provided whereby the purposes of the column might become more effective.

Wouldn't it be better to tie the splendid ideals and hopes that Dr. Hall expresses, together with circumstances and happenings that we are familiar with? Let me illustrate. The three of these daily writings that I remember best were about the Portland Symphony orchestra, the basketball team, and fraternity initiations. They stuck with me, I believe, because the moral (I don't know what else to call it) was definitely associated with something that I was interested in at the time.

Although I have criticized the president of the University, it has—I hope—at least been constructive, and it in no way alters my assertion at the first, which is no more nor less than the fact, that the inclusion of the department in the Emerald can become one of the strongest and finest traditions on the campus. —ARCADIA.

HODGE RELATES STUDY OF COLUMBIA RIVER (Continued from Page One) tains. The lake rose so high that it spilled across a low pass in the Cascade mountains forming a new outlet to the sea. The steep gradient, enormous supply of water, and ample supply of cutting tools enabled the river to cut down so rapidly that it left a gorge in the Cascade mountains, the tributary valleys of which were all stranded and suspended on the high level

Congress club will meet tonight at 7:30 in College Side Inn for debate and discussion on "The Ethics of War."

Pan Xenia, national foreign trade honorary, will hold a meeting at the College Side Inn tonight at 7:30. Dr. V. P. Morris, associate professor of economics, will be the principal speaker.

The woman's all-star basketball team will play tonight at 5 o'clock at the Woman's building. Everyone is invited.

Westminster Guild meets at 9 o'clock tonight at Westminster house. Election of officers.

Crossroads will not meet this Thursday on account of conflicting Sigma Xi lecture by Dr. Haas.

Campus Camp Fire club meets tonight at 8:45 at the Y. W. C. A. bungalow. Miss Nunn will speak and refreshments will be served.

Special Prices To All Fraternities and Sororities On All Purchases of Floor Wax and Rentals on Electric Polishers Powers Furniture Co. 11th and Willamette Sts.

'EAR AND 'AIR Is the Supposition that Collegians Wild True or Untrue? "They aren't wild. They are simply bored—all except those who are in love."—Mack Miller, sophomore in law.

Commerce School Tries Out Pre-Registration Plan Approximately 200 students in business administration have taken advantage of pre-registration being tried out by the school, David E. Faville, dean of the school, said yesterday.

The system gives the student the advantage of a more deliberate counselling period with his adviser, and avoids the rush and inconvenience of standing in line to see an adviser on registration day, Dean Faville believes. The system is still an experiment and whether it will be continued will depend upon the students' attitude toward it.

Duke University School of Medicine Durham, N. C. On October 1, 1931, carefully selected first and third year students will be admitted. Applications may be sent at any time and will be considered in the order of receipt. Catalogues and application forms may be obtained from the Dean.

Get Off The Ground Under Expert Instruction Special rates offered to University students. Come and investigate the ground school classes now being organized. Call Springfield 193-W or Write—SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL OF FLYING, INC. SPRINGFIELD MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Spring Term...March 30 Beginning Monday morning, March 30, new classes will be organized in our regular stenographic and book-keeping departments. University students may make arrangements for special work. Ask for further information. Eugene Business College "IT'S A GOOD SCHOOL" Phone 666 Miner Bldg.

11 o'clock tonight, do this! DROP in at the campus restaurant and order a bowl of Kellogg's Corn Flakes and milk or cream. Add some fruit, if you like. It's a treat. Just the dish to satisfy that touch of bedtime hunger. And so easy to digest, you'll sleep like a log. Kellogg's Corn Flakes are delicious for breakfast, lunch, any time and anywhere. Ask for them at your fraternity eating house or the college dining-hall. Kellogg's CORN FLAKES The most popular cereals served in the dining-rooms of American colleges, eating clubs and fraternities are made by Kellogg in Battle Creek. They include ALL-BRAN, PEP Bran Flakes, Rice Krispies, Wheat Krumbles, and Kellogg's WHOLE WHEAT Biscuit. Also Kaffee Hag Coffee—the coffee that lets you sleep. You'll enjoy Kellogg's Slumber Music, broadcast over W42 and associated stations of the N. E. C. every Sunday evening at 10:30 P. M. Also KFI Los Angeles, KOMO Seattle at 10:00, and KOA Denver at 10:30.

No Tax Exemption in Sight

THE attempts of Oregon Greek-letter organizations to secure tax exemption privileges failed with the ending of the long session of the state legislature last week. The bill, which the organizations had sponsored to gain relief from the tax burden, lacked sufficient support in either house of the legislature to get serious consideration.

It will be remembered that Oregon fraternities lost their first fight on the question of the constitutionality of taxation of their properties when their test case in the Oregon supreme court was decided against them. Since that time the organizations have had to pay the large amounts of increased property taxes, though not without much complaint at what they considered an unjust burden.

But the fraternities in this state need not feel that they are suffering alone. Most of the states in the union now tax fraternity property, and recent developments show that there is a definite trend in states that had not previously imposed the tax to adopt it. At the present time the states of Oklahoma and Kansas are on the point of passing laws that would make the fraternities in those states no longer tax-exempt.

Greek-letter organizations at the University may as well accept the fact, now, that they will never gain their purpose by working along the lines they are now following. Social justification for tax exemption lies in the two following heads:

- 1. That the state shall not tax itself, its property or agencies. 2. That religious, educational, and charitable institutions are exempt on the principle that they assist the state in the fulfillment of its functions.

Since the state courts are deciding that college fraternities do not fall into either of the above categories, it would be futile to attempt further to establish a right to tax exemption. The mere fact that the organizations are non-profit-making does not exempt them from a property tax—although it does quite obviously relieve from income taxes.

Practically the only means left for the Greek orders to get under the tax exemption shelter is to come to some sort of an agreement with the University administration which would bring them into a position to claim social justification for exemption. The step would most certainly be a hard one for the fraternities to take as it would probably mean the leasing of their properties to the University, or, at least, the placing of the organizations under the closer supervision of the administration. But unless the fraternities are willing to do just this thing—no matter how distasteful it might be to them—they may as well resign themselves to the payment of the lawful taxes.

Collegians Call on Congress

STUDENTS of nine universities and colleges, including Yale, Harvard, Columbia, Johns Hopkins, Maryland, Swarthmore, and Georgetown, called on members of the United States senate shortly before adjournment ten days ago, bearing a petition signed by 10,000 college students in 55 colleges, asking congress to put an end to the appropriation of money to educational institutions in which military training is compulsory.

"Intelligent college men will refuse to fight in any war," said the spokesman of the group, "unless every member of both houses of congress who votes for war and every member of the national administration who favors war goes into active service, and until every last dollar of wealth needed is conscripted to pay for the war."

Of course this is not true. The \$27,000,000 or thereabouts which the war department spends on military training in colleges and training every year is not spent in vain. If another war breaks out, the old cries of devotion to the nation, of giving everything for the sake of national honor or imperiled foreign markets will be reinforced by stringent draft laws, and the young men of the country, whether in college or out, will be shot down by machine-gun fire, bombed and gassed into unrecognizable pulps, and the agricultural acreage devoted to crops of little white crosses will grow and grow.

And at home? Will the members of congress lock up the capitol and shoulder rifles? Of course not! Nor is it desirable that they should. They would be worse than useless at the front and furthermore are needed at home to fill dollar-a-year jobs.

No, when the next war comes, if come it must, it will be the same sorry and horrible business that it has always been. Its horrors will be magnified by the wonders of destructive science, but the principles of control will be the same. Our successors in college will pay with their blood and their lives, and the big business men who deal in war supplies will buy more and more "Liberty" bonds, or perhaps next time it will be security bonds.

P. S.—Seven senators out of 92 voted in favor of the bill to curtail R. O. T. C. appropriations. Ho hum!