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Professors or Politicians?

FIVE MEMBERS of the University faculty were participants in an action last week that is doubly significant. In response to an inquiry from the editors of the Emerald, they took the opportunity to advocate the institution of a collective economic boycott against Japan, provided other means for settling the dispute proved inadequate. All are authorities in the fields of economics and political science, the group consisting of President Arnold Bennett Hall, Dr. R. C. Clark, Dr. John R. Mez, Dr. Harold J. Noble and Dr. Victor P. Morris.

In a crisis like that of the Sino-Japanese entanglement, the air is filled with charges and counter-charges, propaganda and publicity, that leave the average citizen in a quandary. It is a decided relief to hear the opinions of disinterested experts; men who have visited the scene, who have studied the problem, and who have no axe to grind.

The action of the five faculty men is significant for a second reason. It exemplifies the growing importance of university professors in national and international fields. No longer are they to be regarded as absent-minded old gentlemen, dispensers of Cicero and Virgil. They are experts in their respective subjects, well qualified to advise and comment on current developments. They are displacing smooth-tongued politicians as influencers of public opinion and as shapers of national policy.

We at Oregon are especially fortunate in having a social science faculty that ranks among the foremost in the west. Dr. Hall, himself a social scientist of national prominence, has built up a staff that is a credit to the University and a distinction to the state. Every professor in the departments of economics, political science, philosophy and history holds a doctor's degree in his particular field.

The interest manifested by student and faculty members in the discussion of the economic boycott which appeared in these columns Friday is ample evidence that the Emerald did not commit a "faux pas" in its venture into the realm of international relations. More and more we are inclined to challenge the statement that the interest of the student body is "bounded on the north by the dance hall and on the south by the basketball court."

Axe Exam Week?

THE ORDEAL of "examination week" comes upon us thrice a year. Nobody likes it; faculty members as well as students watch its approach with distaste. But the sheer habit of it breeds in us a sort of bitter resignation. We have come to look upon it as an inevitable feature of our industry of education and have lost the power to question either its value or its necessity.

In the desperate attempt to apply an educational veneer to hundreds of young things, a bewildered faculty must employ some sort of a mechanical "stock-taking" to separate the white sheep from their darker brethren. But granting that necessity, why must we complicate and prolong the dreary business of examinations with a mass of ritualistic voodoo?

A whole week is set aside for the "trial by pen and ink." An elaborate schedule of times and places is drawn up. It can never be perfect; numberless conflicts must be settled by special examinations. Haggard students go about like men walking in their sleep. Some fortunate ones escape from the living hell by Tuesday noon and blithely depart for home and mother. Those who must struggle on until Friday evening curse the workings of an unkind fate. There is no justice there.

May we propose a Utopian alternative?

Let every professor give his final examination in the last of the regular class sessions. If one hour is not sufficient, take the last two meetings of the class, dividing the list of questions into halves.

Advantages—More time for ordinary study; everyone would be through at approximately the same time; no bother or confusion in following an elaborate schedule.

Objections? There are lots of them, but they can all be met with one argument. Ordinary quizzes are given during the course of the semester in this way. The sum total of them counts for as much in grading as does the final examination. If such a simple system is considered satisfactory for ordinary quizzes, why not for the final examinations?

FEET  
—of—  
CLAY  
By BOBAR

WHAT HAPPENED TO HORTENSE: A RHAPSODY  
IN RAYON

Dramatis Personae  
 Four beautiful clothes models—  
 Jacqueline Gregg, Josephine Hughes, Roberta Hart, Lillian Gee.  
 The floorwalker (curse him)—David Wilson.  
 The dainty designer—Michael Mikulak.  
 The malleable minister—Herbie Kitzoo.

The curtain rises to the tune of "The Dance of the Fairies," and discovers our four beautiful heroines in the stage center, about to sibilate across stage in their channels. A motley group is seated before them—a bunch of sugar pappas with their dolls in tow—come to buy teddies for their trickie little tootsies.

As the curtain flies upward our doughty David plucks a hair from his chest, growling as he does so, for his chorus crew has shrunk in maidenly modesty from the avaricious eyes of their sugar poppa public.

Our David—"Git on, you hams—and git some action. Remember there's gold in them thar hips!" Little Josephine—"This is a Croole, croole woid, when we poor working gals has got to promenade our pretties for pay!" (She sobs.)

David (snarling)—"Come on! Hotcha them midriffis!"  
 Jacqueline—"Ain't nothin' sacred to you, you toughy? Even a lady's calf?"  
 David—"Aw nuts! Do you think they come to look at the clothes?" He taps her meaningly with his malacca.

Their importunities in vain, the group of bootifuls starts forward, when there is a shriek off stage. Mikulak rushes on stage, great handfuls of his temperamental hair in hands.  
 Mikkie—"Heavens! Mon dieux! Sapriste!"  
 Davie—"What now?"  
 Mik—"What now? Is it not I am ze great artiste? Is it not zees is horrible? See—ze hem on ze skirt!" He makes a dash at Lillian Gee. She shrinks away.  
 Lil—"Don't touch me!"  
 Roberta rallies round—"No you fiend! Touch not one hair on that calf!"  
 Mik (in despair)—"Ze hem! Ze hem!"  
 Davie—"The show must go on!" Little Josephine plourretes forward—"I'll go on. I don't mind!" (cooly).  
 Davie—"You devil!" Chucks her under chin. There is a burst of applause from the audience as she comes in view, then a commotion from the rear of the room.

A voice—"Stop!" Mikulak, Wilson, and the sunkist so and so's hurry forward. There is pandemonium. The Reverend Herbie Kitzoo is discovered with arm akimbo, a righteous glare in his eye.  
 Herbie—"This disgraceful exhibition must cease!" There are shrieks of protest from the beauties. They swirl around him. There is a confusion of "whys" and "what for's."  
 Herbie—"But wait!" His eyes are glued to Lillian's lithesome limbs—"look—the dress is slipping!" There are shouts of horror. Strong men, etc. He covers his face with his hands.

There is an immediate flurry as all the girls rush to protect Lilly from the gaze of the audience. Herbie's voice can be heard above the tumult.

"Disclose that shameless hussy! Virtue above all else!" Fearfully they drew aside, disclosing Lillian, clad in red flannel drawers. Incredulously, the reverend draws nearer.

Herbie—"But—do you all wear those?"  
 The beauties (en chorus)—"Yes sir!" The reverend sinks to his knees, with eyes lifted heavenward.  
 Herbie—"Oh, purity! Thou art saved!" There is a triumphant salvo from the orchestra as the show goes on.

Oh well, what we meant to say, was, come on down to the Gamma Alpha Chi dance next Saturday. Why not? Who knows? There is more here than meets the eye. That's all.

The Safety Valve  
An Outlet for Campus Steam

More Minor Sports!  
 While the varsity basketball team was holding its own against Oregon State Saturday, and freshman and varsity swimming teams had just proved their unquestionable superiority, a bunch of hard-working Oregon athletes were whipping a highly-jouted University of Washington wrestling team. This team, supposed to be the cream of the Northwest collegiate "bonecrushing" crop, contained several all-coast stars. And each one of the members, it was noticed, was the holder of one or more college letters.

Yet not one of the Oregon men is going to receive any recognition for his night's work, and the months of previous preparation undertaken towards its end. Why not, like Washington and Oregon State, and practically every other coast college, establish a minor sport award for such sports as wrestling, boxing, tumbling and fencing? Oregon time and time again has shown what she can do in these lines by displaying distinct superiority. And the University of Oregon's high standing in Northwest sports circles owes a great deal of its recognition to just such men as its boxers, wrestlers and fencers.

Why can't the University further stimulate interest in these activities by awarding some sort of minor sports block "O."  
 BILL GEARHART, S. A. E.

Gamma Alpha Chi Leap Year Dance To Show Styles

Eight Student Models, Four Women, Four Men Will Display Apparel  
 The campus will be taken around the fashion clock with the Oregon Ed and Betty Co-ed at the Gamma Alpha Chi leap year dance Saturday night, when the newest in spring apparel will be displayed. Every imaginable style from snappy sport wear to formal evening dress will be shown by the eight student models.  
 Women's costumes are to be modeled by Elizabeth Wright for the French shop, by Dorothy Cunningham and Margaret Ann Howard for Gordon's Dress shop, by Janet Thacher for McMorran and Washburne.  
 DeNeffe's will be represented by Joe Hughes and Bob Hart, while McMorran and Washburne will have their men's apparel shown by Jack Gregg and Leighton Gee.  
 The coiffure for the women is being done by Kramer's, and corsages for the costumes will be furnished by the Campus Flower shop.  
 Tickets for the fashion dance go on sale this morning in the women's living organizations. Since only 200 will be available, Velma Hamilton, general chairman, advises early reservations, which may be made with house representatives.  
 All tickets must be turned in by Friday noon to Caroline Hahn at the Gamma Phi Beta house.

Ping Pong Artists Issue Challenge For Five Games

A challenge:  
 We hereby challenge any sundry team of ping pong artists for the best three out of five games, singles and doubles. This is especially issued to some members of the S. A. E. tribe who think they are proficient in the game. We also will be glad to accommodate any other team on the campus.  
 Ingram Kjosness, Ethan Newman.

Women Debaters Slated To Contest Washington State

Conoly, Hickson Compose Oregon Affirmative Team Tonight  
 Bernice Conoly and Geraldine Hickson will be the Oregon affirmative team that will meet the Washington State college co-eds on the question: "Resolved, That the divorce laws of the state of Nevada should be condemned." The decision debate is scheduled to be held in 110 Johnson hall tonight at 8 o'clock.  
 The Washington representatives will be De Lora Weber and Constance Kerwin. Miss Weber has figured in previous contests with Oregon's teams.  
 Both the Oregon team members are experienced in inter-collegiate competition.  
 The judge will be Earl Wells, assistant professor of speech at Oregon State college. Dr. John H. Mueller, professor of sociology, will act as chairman.

SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST WELL RECEIVED

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 my soul" called for intelligent and deep understanding, as it was a very quiet and calm part, depicting the return of faith to Christ just before he dies.  
 Suffice it is to say that Sunday's performance was one of individual triumphs; a triumph for John Stark Evans, for as the conductor directs, so the choir sings, and a triumph for the three soloists.

Whitesmith To Address Student League Tonight

Newly Formed Organization To Hold First Meeting  
 Reverend Ernest M. Whitesmith, pastor of the Unitarian church, will speak on "The Duty of an Educated Man in an Industrial Society" at a meeting of the student League for Industrial Democracy tonight at 9 o'clock at the "Y" hut.  
 This is the first program sponsored by the league, which has just recently been organized as a result of the visit of Harry W. Laidler, national secretary for the organization. Campus president of the organization is Wallace Campbell.  
 It is the aim of the league to include in its discussions and programs all men and women of the campus who are interested in present-day problems of labor and economics. All are invited to come to the meeting tonight.

Let's Go! To Spring Clearance

Aladdin Gift Shop  
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FROSH ELECTION REVISIONS IN AMENDMENT

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 Article 7, Section 11, of the A. S. U. O. constitution of 1931-32.  
 Five on Committee  
 2. As soon as possible after registration week of the fall term, the president of the A. S. U. O. shall appoint a nominating committee composed of one sophomore and four freshmen, on which the committee the sophomore member shall serve as chairman.  
 3. This committee shall nominate two candidates for the office

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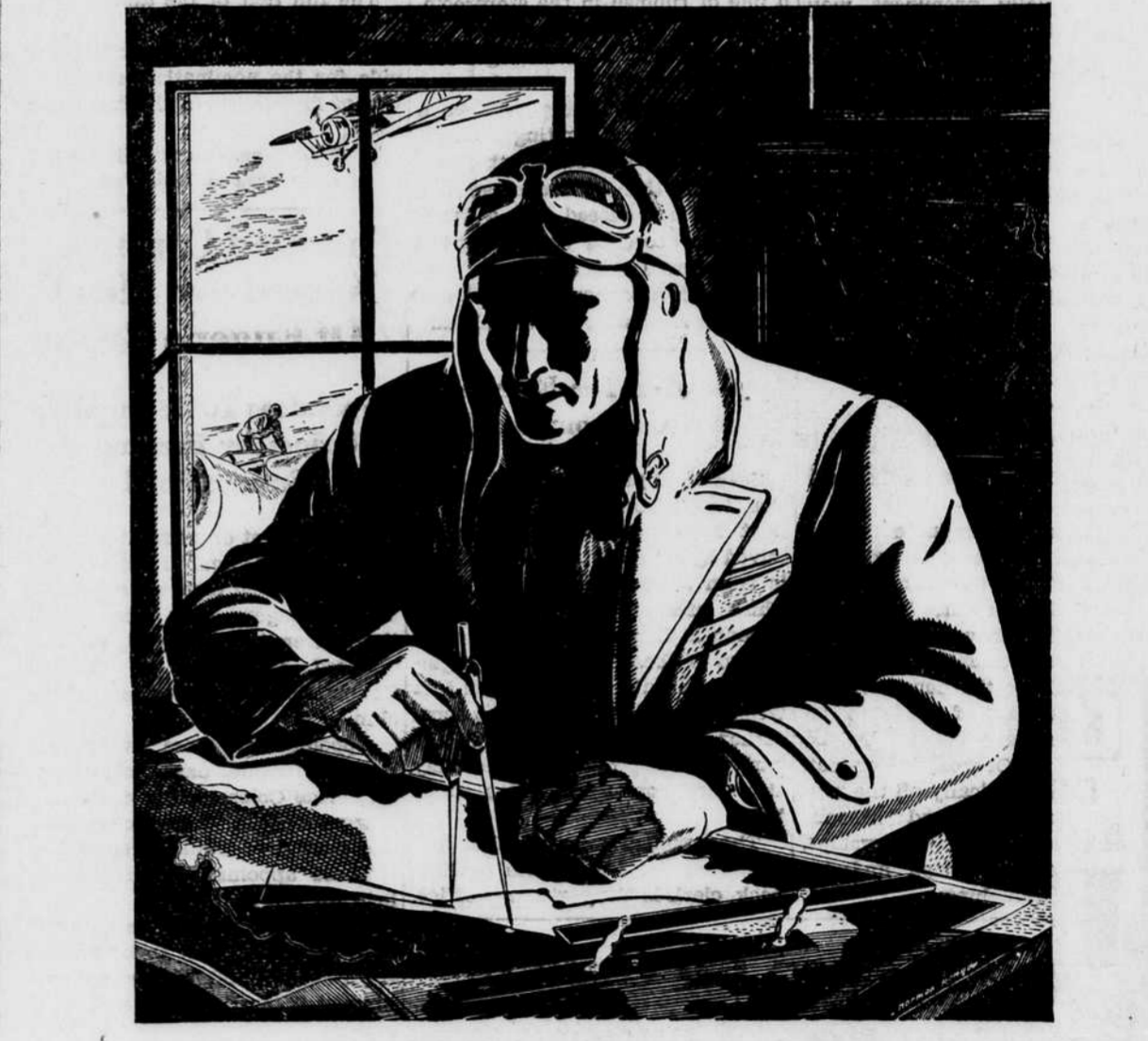
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 Y. W. C. A. Vesper service at 5 today at the bungalow.  
 Y. W. C. A. group on religion will meet tonight at 7:30 at the bungalow.  
 The League for Industrial Democracy will meet tonight at 9 o'clock at the "Y" hut. All invited.  
 The Education club meets tonight at the Education building at 7:15.  
 Drama group of Philomete will meet in the women's lounge in Gerlinger hall Thursday at 7:30. Members and all others interested are requested to be present, as important business is to be discussed.  
 Girls' speakers will hold a meeting this afternoon at 5 o'clock at the College Side. Important.  
 Phi Kappa Psi announces the pledging of Bill Flagg, of Vancouver, Wash.  
 Phi Beta will hold a meeting at 5:00 this afternoon in their studio.

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