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FEET OF CLAY

By BOBAR

They do a little reminiscing, moralizing, and sermonizing.

Ink-slinging dandies of the early eighteenth century had a coffee house or two to concoct their daily blatherings in. There was a time when the coffeehouse was the seat of the nation's culture. Coffeehouses and University went hand in hand, even as now, but strange to tell, the University of those benighted days was a veritable hot-bed, we're told. That is to say, people learned things.

Not that they don't now... Sure, we all learn things... didn't you hear the one about the... but you're digressing. As we were saying, they had coffeehouses and intelligence. Now we have the newest wriggle in dance steps and the College-side. There must be a reason for the discrepancy.

They didn't allow women in the coffeehouses in that enlightened era. And they fought duels over chastity. The coffeehouse was man's domain, outside of regular parlor hours. They would flick a mean handkerchief when the occasion arose, and balance a cup of tea or a jug of beer with equal proficiency. You don't even have to balance it now. They bring your coffee and set it on little tables along with three cookies. Women are everywhere, especially there, and no one fights duels over anything.

These earlier ink-slingers made themselves the butt of coffeehouse joking, even as now. But they didn't have to spend the best years of their lives over a Salisbury bun in order to "belong," in the parlance of the day. It was assumed that they had a home life. Now our home life is right there, along with all the assorted greeks in town, making dates, greeking, pretending to study, philandering, catching up on sleep, making political appointments—in simpler words, just broadening ourselves.

We like it, we suppose, but why? The bridge is punk, the conversation banal, and the women so so, and well—everything. And we wonder what happened to the old desire that men had when they were young to learn things of value. We wonder what happened to the classical college tradition. And if we are a cross-section of the Oregon people, and the legislature another, then we don't wonder why Oregon is so impoverished.

And while we're moralizing, let's

go to town on the thing. The spring political tactics, such as they are, were hung in the balance yesterday. All the political war-horses on the campus were there. Such old favorites as Potwin, Wilson, Hedges, etc., ad infinitum, made the usual speeches, all good. Have been good for the past twenty years. Much furore about Oregon infancy, political debauchery, and other things we probably knew, and didn't think to mention.

One of our more learned editorial writers informed us from the Emerald front page that this would be the Campus' greatest chance to revive a lagging school spirit. It may have started out as such, but it ended just another assault on an old Oregon tradition.

Another reform. Why not let the kids have fun? No one but a few sententious old naivettes and the politicians themselves ever took all the pleasant tumult of campus politics so seriously, anyway. Let's get around the band wagon in the spring. Let's yell for a favorite. Let's have some fun about it. We've a sneaking hunch that if there were less reform and more fun about all this we'd still have a chance to get something out of college.

We never saw anything very demoralizing about those tennis court rallies danced in the evenings or a little good old shouting over candidates. A nice little anarchistic editorial, huh? Sure.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Big Sister meeting today at 5 p. m. in 105 Journalism. Last meeting of term; important that all be there.

A meeting of the Condon club will be held tonight at 7:30 in the men's lounge room at Gerlinger hall.

There will be a Kwama meeting tonight at 7:45 in the upstairs room of College Side. Everyone is asked to attend.

Thespian meeting at 7:30 in the women's lounge at Gerlinger hall. Important! Guest speakers.

Visitors are welcome to hear G. H. Good, principal of the Edison school, address the class in moral education this afternoon at 3 o'clock in room 4, Education building.

Y. W. C. A. World Fellowship group meeting tonight at 9 at the bungalow.

Christian Science organization will meet tonight at 7:30 at the Y. W. C. A. bungalow.

There will be a Daly club meeting tonight at 7:30 in room 110 Johnson hall.

"Religion for the New Civilization." Discussion led by Dean Philip A. Parsons at the Y hut tonight from 7:30 to 8:30.

PAN XENIA MEN LEAVE FRIDAY FOR CONCLAVE

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The delegates will leave the campus tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock and expect to arrive in Seattle in time for the opening session on board the President Madison at 11 o'clock Saturday morning. The ywill return here Sunday.

The convention in the past has been held under the auspices of the Pacific Foreign Trade institute, but this year the accommodations aboard the President Madison are to be furnished through the courtesy of the American Mail line.

Lomax Running for Officer Speakers on the program include: J. F. Middleton, international president of Pan Xenia; T. F. Elwell, international vice-president; A. F. Haines, vice-president of the American Mail lines; and Harvey Kohrer, trade commissioner of Manila, Philippine islands.

Professor Lomax, prominent among national economists and business experts, is considered in the running for the post of international president of Pan Xenia.

Votes for Co-ed In Rollins Contest Due at 1 o'clock

NOON today marks the close of the Rollins' girl contest sponsored by Gamma Alpha Chi, women's advertising honorary.

Exactly at 1 o'clock the ballots containing the names of Oregon co-eds suggested as the advertising model's double will be taken out of the box in the old library and handed over to the judges for selection of the winner.

Use the coupon in this morning's Emerald and win twenty-five for the lady of your choice and for yourself!

DR. CONDON, MISSIONARY IN OREGON TERRITORY

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During a winter of dreadd severity, after 10 years of successful missionary work, Dr. Condon took his wife and four children to The Dalles, where a capacity population of lawless characters called for vigorous missionary service. Gold had just been discovered in eastern Oregon, and a steady stream of reckless, gold-maddened persons carried on a series of shooting, stabbing, and thieving affrays.

The young man loved his work, but not as he might and later did, put his heart and soul into the study of nature. He outlined his sermons while rambling about in the hills. After finishing the next Sunday's talk he would search the quarries and bluffs for rock specimens.

His interest aroused by fossils brought him from the eastern Oregon fields, Dr. Condon spent all of his spare time in the John Day country. It was here that he opened a new page in the history of ancient Oregon.

Until his death he searched continuously for fossils and his intense hunts netted him the remains of ancient horses, camels, elephants, broad-faced oxen, huge dogs, the rhinoceros, oreodon, mylodon, the mammoth, and other creatures. His greatest pride was a specimen of an entirely new and hitherto unknown genus, intermediate between the sea lion and seal. He appropriately named the genus "Desmatophoco oregonensis."

As his collection of fossils grew, Condon's name became known throughout the Northwest, and news of his discoveries drifted east to famous geologists and members of the government geological survey, then in progress.

About 1872 the state of Oregon began to show interest in its own geological wealth. The legislature effected the passage of a bill creating the office of state geologist for Dr. Condon, with a salary of \$2,000. However, the bill was amended to carry a salary of \$1,000, thus hampering the work of this office so much that it was of little value, beyond the work that the state geologist was already doing.

ASSEMBLY PLAN WILL CONTINUE SPRING TERM

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we want, not group voting; individual thinking and not mob action. Animosities aroused during election week creates barriers between houses that is hard to break." The theme of genuine individual interest in voting ran through her entire speech.

Admitting that the action taken by the women was a good ideal, Potwin argued that it was premature and could only be worked out successfully when selfish interests of houses were gone and when harmony reigned on the campus.

Potwin Sounds Warning "The new system will put politics behind locked doors of chapter rooms," Potwin said, sounding a warning that secret sub-rosa fraternities might invade the campus political field with success under the new plan. "Is it better for houses to be nominally non-partisan and secretly lined-up, or frank, open, and confessed in their policy?" he asked.

Political bosses in living organizations were seen by Potwin as the greatest evil in the present political set-up. "If they were abolished," he said, "we could have student government by intelligent individuals."

Open discussion after the two talks was rapid and illuminating. Those who spoke were: Beth Ann Johnson, David Wilson, Jack Stipe, Ferd Fletcher, Lucille Kraus, Walt Evans, Katherine Taylor, Bob Miller, and Ann Baum.

YWCA Conference At Seabeck Offers Big Opportunities

Theme This Year To Be On The Possibilities of Creative Life

Women students at the University of Oregon will again have an opportunity to attend the Northwest Student conference of the Y. W. C. A. at Seabeck, Washington, June 18 to 28, according to word received by Helen Chaney, president of the local association.

"Some of the possibilities of a full and creative life in a complex civilization" will be the theme of this meeting, which will have as its membership students from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana. Miss Leona Saunders, student at the State College of Washington, Pullman, will be in charge of the conference.

Leadership at the conclave will include Mrs. Annie M. Fertig, dean of women at the State College of Washington, who will lead a discussion group; Dr. Marjorie Heitman, Spokane, conference physician; Miss Mary Pittman, girl reserve executive in Bellingham, Washington, who will lead a discussion group; Miss Grace Steinbeck, general secretary, Portland city Y. W. C. A., who will lead the morning worship services; Miss Ellen Rowland, Washington, '31, music director. Other speakers and leaders are still being selected.

Platform addresses, discussion groups, and personal interviews will be the methods employed by the conference in its development of the theme. Poetry groups, tennis, swimming, hiking, rowing, evenings around a camp-fire, and informal competitive sports are provided in the recreation schedule for the ten days.

Plans are already under way for the local group to send its delegates to the conference. Selection is based on genuine interest in world problems, ability to participate in discussions, and desire for orientation in the world.

Women who have attended the Seabeck conference from this University are: Hope Shelley, chairman of the local Seabeck committee; Ann Baum, Helen Chaney, Elizabeth Scruggs, Mary Kleim, Daphne Hughes, Mildred Wharton, Dorothy Morgan, Frances Keene, Claire Maertens, Margaret Edmunson, Adelaide Benjamin, and Kathleen McNutt.

PARSONS, MORSE URGE DEATH FOR KIDNAPERS

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Parsons. The complicated machinery of extradition would be eliminated.

"Under Jewish and civil law, kidnaping was punishable by death and under common law it was a misdemeanor and was punishable by imprisonment, fine or the pillory," Dean Morse explained. "In Oregon, under section 14-234 of the Oregon code, kidnaping is punishable by imprisonment in the state penitentiary for not less than one year nor more than 10 years.

"Advocates of capital punishment today have failed to present convincing evidence that such punishment acts as a deterrent. To a large extent the demands for capital punishment represent emotional reactions to the commission of heinous crimes."

Dean Morse felt that there would be too many provisions of the law to be considered before he could state whether it would facilitate apprehension and conviction.

G. H. Good, principal of Edison school, will address the course in moral education this afternoon at 3 o'clock in room 4 of the Education building. Visitors will be welcome.

BOOKS OF THE DAY

EDITED BY ROY SHEEDY

VERY RECENT HISTORY Only Yesterday. By Frederick Lewis Allen. Harper and Brothers.

By R. S. Most history is interesting but some is fascinating, and this "informal history of the 1920's," which period the author claims is a distinct era, comes in the latter class. It is the story of everything of importance to our lives that happened from the signing of the armistice to the end of 1930. "Everything" includes politics, economics, morals, literature, art, fads, heroes, sports, inventions, and murder trials. It is a review of the newspaper headlines as they appeared in those taut 11 years of post-war prosperity, bull markets, trans-Atlantic flights, Red scares, short skirts, flappers, radio, Mah Jong, bathing beauty contests, literary revolts, oil scandals, and Listerine. We can all remember the events described here, though some of them will be a little vague in the minds of college students. The value of the book lies in its complete summing up, its condensed form, its birds eye view of the whole picture.

Not only is the subject fascinat-

ing but Mr. Allen, who is associate editor for Harper's magazine, proves to be a very clever writer with a keen wit and sharp insight. The work is highly educational and yet in a very sugar-coated form. Once beginning the book, you will have a hard time dropping it. We would like to see "Only Yesterday" made a reading requirement for every graduate of every college in the country. It's that good.

Pre-Medic Students Invited To Attend Show at Deady

All pre-medics students and others interested are invited to attend the motion picture showing of "Spinal Anesthesia," which will be given this evening at 105 Deady hall at 8 o'clock, according to an announcement made by Harry Smith yesterday.

Dr. Sante Caniparoli will explain the pictures. The film is being shown by the Asklepiads, a local men's pre-medical honorary fraternity. The film was secured from the H. A. Metz laboratories in New York.

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Feet of Clay

IT IS with mingled feelings of surprise and satisfaction that we view the changing editorial policy of our worthy contemporary, the Morning Oregonian. From a stand-pat platform of rigid protectionism they are gradually turning toward approval of a more modern and liberal program of international trade, and at least assuming what we consider rational economic perspective.

We specifically refer to the editorial condemnation of France's new policy regarding imports. Under the headline, "France Imitates Others' Folly," the editors of the Oregonian berate the policy of that country of fixing import quotas for 15 groups of commodities. They also point to the increased duties and the newly imposed surtaxes on imports.

The Portland paper is vigorous in its criticism and forceful in its terms. "Restrictions on commerce are strangling other countries. . . Each state's exports are thus limited by other state's barriers. The flow of raw materials is clogged and the industries that use them suffer. France sees the ill effects of this policy, yet joins in the work of economic strangulation."

All over the world the fallacy of the virtue of high tariff is becoming more and more apparent. Only a short time ago over a thousand prominent economists voiced their pronounced disapproval of the Hawley-Smoot tariff act. To every university student of economics the unsound position of protectionism is self-evident. The law of comparative advantage is hounding the dogma of high tariff to an early grave.

So we hail with approval the changing stand of the Oregonian. It requires courage and determination of a high order for an 80-year-old newspaper to reverse its position on a principle which it has so long upheld. But age is no guarantee of good, nor reverence of righteousness. Old ideas must give way to the new. And ancient idols must often be shattered.

Our faith in the Morning Oregonian is being reestablished. How about an open and complete denunciation of the principle of high tariff, Mr. Kelly? Please surprise us again.

Lindbergh Legislation

IT TOOK a 19-months-old baby to push the cables from Shanghai to one side in American newspapers. Thousands may continue to die in the Whangpoo marshes, but their fate is of secondary interest when Charles Augustus Lindbergh, Jr., gets himself kidnaped. It's the kind of human interest story that managing editors dream about on dull days.

Charles Augustus, Senior, professes to abhor publicity, which has made \$10,000,000 for him since the day he set the "Spirit of St. Louis" down on the Le Bourget airfield. Now he's in for another dose of public attention, but this time it will consist of sympathy, not adulation.

The nation sympathizes while national guardsmen mobilize to look for the missing hei: to the Lindbergh-Morrow millions. And congressmen who have been backing a bill making death the penalty for kidnaping have added a powerful weapon to their political arsenal.

It is to be hoped that under the excitement of the moment Congress will not pass another federal law to take its place beside the Mann act as a legislative monstrosity. Is America, instead of continuing towards the abolition of capital punishment, to start back to the days when the hangman's noose awaited anyone who stole a silver spoon or a loaf of bread?

Has capital punishment succeeded in checking the fine art of murder in these United States? Not if statistics are to be trusted. The present penalties for kidnaping are severe enough to deter anyone who believed that the law was sufficiently alert to apprehend him.

What's the use of capital punishment if our law officers can't catch the kidnapers to bring up for trial?

Why? We Don't Know

"WHY, WHEN students have shown in this class a marked preference for flesh-and-blood music instead of 'canned' phonograph and radio music, do we have such a small attendance at flesh-and-blood concerts?" asked Dean Landsbury of his Lure of Music class the other day.

Well, why is it? When instrumental compositions are played, on the piano, organ, or violin, in the music auditorium for the Lure of Music class, they are received very enthusiastically by the students. When, however, phonograph records are played, the class's interest falls considerably.

In the light of this, from a group of 250 students, why is the attendance at concerts small?

We don't know. But we can guess. We guess, for one thing, that students are lazy. They don't want to take the trouble to go to a concert. And they still are a wee bit afraid of being considered "highbrow" if they let concerts interfere with shows and similar important activities.

Classes such as Lure of Music and Appreciation of Music Through Understanding are very instrumental, we believe, in overcoming this laziness by making students realize their real liking for music, and by showing them that "highbrowness" has very little to do with appreciating and enjoying good music.

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