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LET'S CLEAR THE ATMOSPHERE

IT is time for a decision on the matter of recruiting students for the University and the state college. Last summer a group of Eugene citizens, assisted by the affiliated living groups of the campus, conducted a campaign to induce high school graduates of the state to continue their education. The activities of that group have been subjected to criticism, largely induced by an editorial in the Morning Oregonian of October 3.

The Associated Friends made no secret of their work. They announced publicly that it was being carried on, and they were given the support and commendation of the chancellor. They tried conscientiously to give applicants for information fair and unprejudiced information. The tactics they employed were praised by Charles D. Byrne, director of information for the state board of higher education.

The Oregonian not only condemned the recruiting activities conducted by the Associated Friends of the University but also those conducted by the state college. Says the Oregonian, the "need of the Oregon university and the college is not for pulling and hauling of prospective freshmen. Under that system we are getting lower, not higher attendances."

The Emerald realizes that the state board of higher education expressly forbade recruiting activities by the separate institutions. And it realizes that recruiting is conducive to rivalry and ill-feeling between the two schools—yet the Emerald condones the recruiting activities on both campuses in the light of circumstances that are beyond the control of the university and the college.

These circumstances are well known. They center about the administrative bickering and the factional strife and confusion on the state board of higher education itself, which were reflected and magnified by the press of the state until public confidence in the system was destroyed. The result was, of course, that great numbers of students began to go outside the state for their higher education.

It was to stem this tide of students going outside of the state that the Associated Friends of the University directed their efforts.

The chancellor made no objections when Oregon State college issued a special edition of the O. S. C. Barometer to all high school students advertising the advantages of Oregon State college. He recommended that the Emerald do the same, but the Emerald, as the organ of the Associated Students, felt it unwise to publish such an issue. Last spring the Oregonian's report of a speech made at Corvallis quoted the chancellor as saying that the state college should adopt a broad program of recruiting, and that he planned to tell the university folk to do the same. At the final assembly last spring the chancellor urged every student to bring back one or two new students.

If the university is to be criticized for the summer campaign of the Associated Friends, the chancellor should be among the first to defend that campaign.

At any rate, the question of recruiting should be brought up at the next meeting of the state board of higher education, and should be settled once and for all time. It is obvious that some form of recruiting is necessary, whether conducted by the citizens of Eugene and Corvallis, the living groups on the two campuses, or by the state system of higher education. Without it the schools of Oregon will continue to suffer as the schools of neighboring states draw Oregon students.

THE Y. W. C. A. SQUABBLE

IT is extremely doubtful whether the charges brought against the campus Y. W. C. A. yesterday by certain cabinet members are as serious as at first blush they would seem to be. Counter-charges brought by Y. W. C. A. officials seem to indicate that blame for the dispute should not be concentrated wholly upon the president of the Y. W. C. A. cabinet and those of her officers who remained loyal to her in the present dispute. The Emerald will probably never be permitted to see to the heart of the trouble or discern the motives and grievances which precipitated the squabble, and the Emerald shall not presume to attempt to set itself up as an arbiter.

The fact is that the Y. W. C. A. has been the object of intermittent criticism for a number of years, and the general attitude of the campus toward the Y. W. C. A. at present is not such as to make prospects seem bright for a hasty recovery from this present crushing blow.

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The criticism at the Y. W. C. A. has been unwittingly fostered by the organization itself in its unremitting succession of drives and sales. Men and women on the campus have grumbled, but have usually come across. Here are the activities that have aroused criticism:

The sale of small green pennants decorated with a yellow "O"; price ten cents.

An apple sale; price per candied apple, if we remember correctly, ten cents.

A waffle luncheon; all men's houses were expected to close their dining rooms on the day of the sale and the men had to buy the Y's waffles, served at sorority houses. If your idea of a satisfactory luncheon did not coincide with that of the Y. W. C. A., you bought your lunch at a restaurant.

A "donut drive"; probably one of the least annoying of the sales, and one for which full value was returned in merchandise; but a nuisance when added to the other sales and drives.

A flower sale; an innovation last year, we believe, launched at junior week-end.

In addition, the Y. W. C. A. asked each member of every sorority to give 50 cents a term for the support of the year's program. There was nothing compulsory about this contribution, and several houses were willing to pledge only 50 cents for the entire year.

Had the feeling been prevalent that the Y. W. C. A. was returning to the campus benefits proportional to the sums taken from the campus, the friction would not have occurred.

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We are convinced that the Y. W. C. A. is making a sincere attempt this year to eliminate much of the political activity that has obscured its true purpose in the past, and that it has had the intention of eliminating some of the sales which provoked animosity. We believe that Miss Binford, president of the cabinet, is sincerely striving to keep the religious and educational aspects uppermost. Yet in the past we have been informed that little time was devoted to religious matters in comparison with that devoted to discussions of sales and drives and social activities. The greater number of those underclass women who attended did so under compulsion—the Y. W. C. A. was regarded as a stepping stone to campus "activities," and houses gave "activity points" for participation in Y. W. C. A. activities.

The internal strife that has split the Y. W. C. A. cabinet has had its salutary effect as well as its destructive effect. It has brought into the foreground the fact that the Y. W. C. A. is attempting this year to improve its status on the campus. The Y. W. C. A. must now redeem itself still further. It must show the students that it is returning something to them for the support they give it. It must prove that it has reduced the scale of its financial program to a degree comparable with other organizations of a similar nature. By the services and benefits it renders, it must show that it deserves the esteem that it has lost in the eyes of many by reason of its former compulsive, grasping policy of year-round mendicancy.

On Other Campuses

Save Our Students, Hugh

COLLEGE bull sessions from coast to coast will give words of praise and thanks to Dr. George F. Zook, federal commissioner of education, if General Hugh S. Johnson sees fit to accept the recommendation that Zook has just made.

The commissioner of education, realizing the plight of most college students today, has asked that college students working their way be exempted from NRA wage and hour requirements. Taking the stand that the minimum wage and hour requirements would make college "much more difficult for thousands of students who need work," the commissioner is arguing in behalf of the depression-hit student of American colleges and universities all over the United States.

If Administrator Johnson is aware of economic conditions among college students and seeks to aid them by okaying the plan submitted, he will not only make it possible for many of those in school to remain there but he will make it possible for some not in school to enroll.—South Dakota State College.

Contemporary Opinion

A Wise Policy for Colleges

THE University of Oregon announces a new plan this year to withhold certain social privileges from entering freshmen whom it finds to be of low scholastic rating. Tests are given all freshmen as they enter, and they are scored on the strength of their mental ability as well as high school record. Thus a rating is obtained which has been proven about 95 per cent accurate in determining the student's fitness for college work.

The new rules prevent a student who is in the lower 10 per cent of his class from joining a social fraternity until he has demonstrated that he means business and can apply himself to his studies. Thus he is kept away from the social distractions of the fraternity and the fraternity is saved the distractions of his presence.

What applies to a fraternity might well apply to the college as a whole. Too many students are in college who have no business whatever to be there. The basis for college entrance in state institutions is simply the ability of the student or his family to spend the necessary money. The school pays little attention to the fact that some students are lazy, shiftless, or downright dumb. True, there are provisions for a student to "flunk out," but he may escape that penalty and still not learn enough to justify the time and money spent to keep him there.

Taxpayers feel that they own an interest in the state-supported schools and that therefore the state must accommodate their children. Some day this will be changed, and only those young people who can demonstrate real ability will be given a chance to attend the colleges.—Grants Pass Bulletin.

Bring Your Dad - - - By STANLEY ROBE

The New Germany

By RICHARD NEUBERGER

Editor's Note: Few magazine articles in recent years have aroused as much interest and dissension on the campus, as this description in the current issue of The Nation of Nazi anti-semitic atrocities. The author was editor of the Emerald last year, and traveled through Europe during the summer. He is the first Oregon student to write for the liberal weekly and one of its youngest contributors. It is reprinted by permission of The Nation; because of its length, the article will be divided into four installments. It is copyrighted, 1933, by The Nation, Inc.

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I PUT that town behind me like a bad dream. But it proved to be not exceptional. From there I went to Neckargemund, a small community near the Neckar river. I arrived on a Saturday afternoon, the Jewish sabbath. At the home of the rabbi I found a portion of his small congregation. The hands of the man were swathed in bandages; the women were sobbing and crying. The rabbi told their story. During the services the Nazis had broken into the synagogue. They had thrown the torch and other implements of the altar into the street. The women they had ordered to clean the town hall, with the command, "It's about time you dirty Jews were doing some work." While the Jewish mothers and daughters scrubbed the floors on their hands and knees, the storm troopers stood over them and beat them with whips. The men underwent worse torture. At gun point they were lined up before the synagogue. Red flags, supposedly symbols of communism, were placed in their hands and set afire by the Hitler troopers. The flags burned down to their hands, but the men were not permitted to drop them until their fingers and knuckles were seared. One old man whose trembling hands dropped the burning rags was shot through the shoulder.

"I stayed three days with those forlorn people. At night they sat in total darkness, trembling lest the Nazis come in and inflict further punishment. By day they stayed in their homes, afraid to venture on the streets. Slowly they watched their savings dwindle, knowing the day would come when they would not longer have money to buy food.

"Next I went to Heidelberg. Surely, I thought, that citadel of German culture, the site of the famous university, could not be the scene of such brutalities as we had witnessed in the Neckar country. The train was crowded with Brown Shirt troopers. The streets were dense with men in uniform. Every building flew the swastika flag. Even on the streetcars Nazi banners fluttered. The occasion was the appearance that night of Dr. Alfred Rosenberg. Britain had given him an icy reception, but he was a hero in Heidelberg. A vast throng jammed the amphitheater of the historic castle to hear him. Its howls of approval as he denounced democracy and urged purification of the Aryan race echoed along the cliffs below the ancient walls.

"The next day I visited the university. The first thing apparent was that Heidelberg had gone "football" in a big way. All incentives to culture, intelligence, and independent thought had been removed. The laboratories, where experiments had enabled Otto Warburg, expelled for being a Jew, to discover the difference between cancer cells and normal epithelial cells, were deserted. But the duelling ring was not. Before Hitler ascended to the chancellorship duelling had been forbidden for several years at Heidelberg. Now it is the rage. Youths with fresh scars on their faces, courtplaster on their cheeks, and swastikas on their arms have replaced the thinkers and scientists to whom Heidelberg owes its reputation.

"I also noted the paradox of the one new building at Heidelberg—the Robert Schurman lecture hall. It was built largely through the generosity of American Jews, but Jewish professors may not mount its rostrum. On the bronze plate which lists the donors are the names of such prominent American Jews as William Fox, Julius Rosenwald, Mortimer Schiff, Adolph Zukor, and Samuel Sachs. Also included is the name of William H. Woodin, secretary of the treasury. I wanted a photograph of the plate and opened my kodak. Uniformed attendants wear swastikas came running. "Kein Bild, kein Bild!" They cried. I was hustled from the building. A young Nazi with a bayonet at his side and a revolver in his belt forbade my reentrance.

"In Heidelberg I talked with many brilliant scholars, most of them non-Jews. They deplored the havoc Hitler has wrought in the university and confided the fear that the once great school was ruined forever as a center of culture. One old man, a socialist and liberal, raised his voice louder than the rest. For 44 years an instructor, he had been dismissed summarily for his political views. 'America must help us,' he said. 'This is not alone a fight of the Jews. It is the battle of everyone who believes in democracy and freedom. You will do a great service if you carry this message to the liberal and fearless men in your congress.' The old man continued to talk freely on the cause of democracy all the time I was in Heidelberg. When I left there I promised to help him obtain a visa for America. But it was not necessary. Three days later the Nazis invaded the old professor's home at night. In the morning his wife found him at the foot of the stairs, his skull crushed in.

"From Heidelberg I turned again to smaller communications. Everywhere I saw evidence of cruelty, violence and death. At Landau a Catholic merchant and his Jewish secretary, whom he refused to discharge after five years' faithful service, were paraded through the streets. About the girl's neck was hung a sign, "I have been this man's Jewish prostitute for five years." In the same town three Jews and two non-Jewish socialists were dragged from a cafe in the middle of the afternoon and beaten in an adjacent lot with whips of hose and steel cord. I saw their lacerated and torn backs. At Durkheim an old Jewish butcher from which my friends occasionally purchased cold meat or sausage paid with his life for his refusal to obey a Nazi command to close his shop. One morning we found the store closed. The old man was in a hospital, bleeding from a score of wounds inflicted by clubs. His case was diagnosed on the chart as the result of a "fall downstairs." Three days later he died.

The Emerald Greets —

The Emerald extends greetings to:

FLOY YOUNG.

MISS GEORGIA FLOY YOUNG holds the place of honor today with double strength, because she is the only candidate for congratulations. Tired of culturing young voices in the public school at Talent, Miss Young decided to let someone else teach for her for a time, while she works for her degree in public school music, (with emphasis on the violin.) She hails from Ashland, and altogether is a very nice person.

Emerald of the Air

Malcolm Bauer, sports editor, has a specially prepared program of all that's interesting to sports enthusiasts. News of athletics from other campuses as well as our own will be on tap when Bauer steps up to the mike. This 15-minute program comes to you through the medium of KORE at the regular hour of 4:30. Are you listening?

The Safety Valve

An Outlet for Campus Steam

All communications are to be addressed to The Editor, Oregon Daily Emerald, and should not exceed 200 words in length. Letters must be signed, but should the writer prefer, only initials will be used. The editor maintains the right to withhold publication should he see fit.

OF "NEW GERMANY"

To the Editor:

In the Emerald last week appeared remarks by Mr. Goodnough on the article "The New Germany" by the moving European student, Mr. Neuberger. I wish to state I heartily agree in the main with Mr. Goodnough.

Back in the first quarter of the nineteenth century Lord Byron, in preface to his satire "English Bards and Scotch Reviewers," said something we like: "An author's works are public property: he who purchases may judge, and publish his opinions if he pleases." In our opinion, Mr. Neuberger's sensational treatment of Nazi hounding of Jews in Germany recalled another farcical production of a fluent pen. Here was "Uncle Tom's Cabin" in high color and higher bias.

Our Emerald's ex-editor, fresh from foreign by-ways, has early shown the same penchant that first-time voyageurs usually are wont to inveigh. He wants to tell the world what the world has missed seeing. With the zeal of a Stowe and the irony of a Thaddeus Stevens, he flays the flayer. To him there is only one purpose with which the picture of persecution goes forth in words not dulled by toleration or judicious weight. He achieves the sensational by two routes—playing up of one-sided sordidness, and the lambasting of truly great men like Isadore Strauss. It had to be Mr. Neuberger who forsook the main arteries of travel in order to invade the land of goblins.

But perhaps we are too rough on our chauvinistic knight of the pen. Let us explain. When Southey, virile Tory critic, attacked Hallam, Whig historian of England, for biased views, he could not forgive perversion of justice in prejudicial treatment of past transactions. But he could countenance an unescapable portion of prejudice from writers of contemporary history. The latter believe they present a fair case, because they represent what seems to them the only fair party. So may our contributor to The Nation be judged.

To deal alone with atrocities may in itself be called propaganda. How fresh our memory of the days when we sailed to France, also under the auspices of an uncle (Sam). The Boche should be punished for heinous crimes to civilization. After the ordeals of warfare were over, we came back home to a waiting audience. But most of us could not and would not pour into their ears a story of "how wantonly cruel the Germans were." We had faced "Jerry" across the trenches, and there our enmity of him stopped. The "horror" propagandists have long since been silent. There arose cool and sane thinkers like Faye.

Let us not forget the chaos that led to the rise of Hitler in Germany. Teutonic nationalism had to be revived. No one of us wishes to sanction racial persecution, and we do not. But persecutions, religious and political, are a part of every nation's history. And not always are we quite certain (until perhaps a century rolls by) whether severest measures taken to save a state may be called persecution.

While picturing Herr Hitler as Simon Legree to Jewry, and while telling us of "even" seeing German children imitating warfare, let Mr. Neuberger not forget Christmas will soon be here. As usual, lots of little American boys will be rewarded by Santa Claus with shiny tin soldiers and guns that really shoot.

GEORGE F. BRIMLOW

CHIEF OFFICIAL SAYS GROUP "NOT GUILTY"

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C. A. is definitely beneficial to the campus.

Benefits Listed

The following are some of the benefits in which 600 women participate annually at the Y. W. C. A. of the University of Oregon:

(a) Benefits which active participation in campus program bring are briefly summarized as follows: development of leadership, friendship, talents, associations, ideas, and ideals.

(b) The Y. W. C. A. offers to the campus the most central and widely used meeting place on the campus.

(c) The Y. W. C. A. program is recognized by the national Y. W. C. A. as a super-program, thus bringing national recognition to the University of Oregon and the local association.

(d) Everyone benefits directly or indirectly from the moral and social influence extended by the Y. W. C. A.

(e) The existence of the Y. W. C. A. is not of temporary value, but a force in building for permanent social and economic reconstruction, not only in college, but also in years to come.

7. It had previously been decided that there would be two less sales this year than last.

8. The Y. W. C. A. receives no University support, as do some organizations on the campus.

9. The assertion was made and discussed at the annual A. W. S. planning conference in September, organized and led by Miss Failing, that "the Y. W. C. A. is known on the campus only as a political organization, thus defeating its purpose." Our efforts have been directed toward correcting this charge.

10. Those who were on the cabinet for political reasons have been asked to resign.

11. In this organization the association purpose and campus politics are not to be mixed.

12. Our effort this year is directed toward having an active interested, and thinking membership, rather than toward opening a field for campus political activity.

13. A secretary is absolutely essential to the vitality of the educational program of the Y. W. C. A. Those acquainted with this responsibility know that it requires full time, although the secretary is paid and hired only on a part-time basis. Less than half her salary is raised by the students.

14. In this year's budget, savings can be directly attributed to the efforts of the executive secretary. The presence of an executive secretary has resulted in savings and new sources of income which more than cover the amount which the students pay in her salary.

15. Despite the fact that the active membership has greatly increased and the program has been doubled, the budget and salary has been cut to less than half what they were three years ago.

16. It is the effort of the Y. W. C. A. to make membership therein a personal decision.

17. The Y. W. C. A. has made a definite effort to cooperate in all matters with other organizations on the campus.

OFFICER'S RESIGNATION FOURTH SINCE MONDAY

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"Miss Price did not ask for the recommendations, and every effort made by the student members to bring up the recommendation was ignored."

Miss Elsemore Explains

When asked what her views were concerning the situation, Gwendolyn C. Elsemore, resigned vice-president of the cabinet, said:

"My destructive influence, which is causing the Y. W. C. A. so much consternation, was not brought to my attention until after I suggested in cabinet meeting a week ago Monday night that the tentative budget there presented, be cut $165. As for my political designs while a member of the Y. W. C. A., they seem to point to approximately two years of concentrated effort in that organization.

"I still maintain that the recommendation which was supposed to have been presented to the finance committee was side-tracked. I base my argument upon the affirmation of the chairman of the finance committee."

CHARTER IS GRANTED TO LOCAL HONORARY

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Corvallis which later became the main chapter because location there of the main scientific courses.

Local faculty members of Beta Lambda include R. R. Huestis, H. B. Yocom, Dr. Rosalind Wulzen and Elizabeth Barto.

Innocent Bystander

By BARNEY CLARK

A REVERSAL of the usual procedure was noted at the varsity ball the other night, when "Monte" Daggett, Pi Phi super special, planted her earrings on Homer Lerwell Goulet, chubby Sigma Chi, in order to assure his return. This isn't Leap Year, either.

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Lots of football players get injured on the field of battle, but it remained for Frank Michek to devise a really novel way of cracking himself up. Frank, let it be known, fell off the top story of a two-decker bed and injured his knee! Callison will have to sit up nights with his players now to keep them from dropping like-over-ripe plums, or else insist that they put their mattresses on the floor.

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More stories come drifting in about Open House. This one is about the Delt who kept annoying one of the noble members of the Exalted Order of Chi Psi. Matters got around to the pushing and shoving stage and eventually strong language was exchanged. The Delt decided he had a bone to pick with the Chi Psi, so he invited him out on the porch to discuss matters further. Once out there, the Delt took a hefty swing and landed a beauty in the other's eye. Multitudes of people dove forward to separate them, but it wasn't necessary; the Chi Psi took one look at his opponent, who was about shoulder high to him, and decided that he couldn't be bothered. Just the same, he had an elegant mouse the next day.

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Our sororities have heard with a great deal of interest the news flash that reports that three of the six maniacs that escaped from Salem several days ago are in Eugene. At last there will be enough prowlers to satisfy those houses who wish to emulate the publicity campaign recently staged by Alpha Phi!

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Due to the recent unsavory publicity concerning his 1911 Ford and its unfortunate connection with the bag o' bones, Chuck Moore has decided to auction off the ancient vehicle while it is saleable. He fears if he waits until the public forgets the ghastly incident, he won't be able to give it away.

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News item in the Emerald:

"Phi Mus will have Theta Chis for dinner."

Well, that's one way of cutting down the house board bills.

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Ogden Gnoshes

Kappa Kappa Gammas
Yell for their mammas!