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NO PAJAMAS AT THE JAM

The dean of women, guardian of morals, has unceremoniously and definitely lowered the boom on the ambitious plans of Sigma Delta Chi to present a Journalism Jamboree in the style of former years—that is to say, a dance in costume.

There was a reason for planning the Jam as a costume affair. The reason is that a rally parade immediately precedes the dance, a parade in costume. The costumes, we hesitatingly confess, are pajamas!

We admit that pajamas have their place—bed is one, and a rally parade is apparently another. And it was not so long ago that pajamas were accepted in the very best circles as appropriate street wear. But at a Homecoming rally dance? No, says the dean of women.

We have no intention of complaining at Mrs. Schwering's decision—after all, the Campa Shoppe is a full block from the campus, and things could get out of control—but we submit that very little of indecency will be injected into the rally parade. It is November, and it will probably be raining, and anybody who could march in the parade without a full suit of clothes under his pajamas would be more remarkable for his endurance than for his defiance of convention.

Undaunted, Sigma Delta Chi announces it will continue to plan a Journalism Jam as lively and entertaining as in past years. But a special bouncer will be on duty at all times to refuse admission to anybody whose attire would not be perfectly acceptable at an executive session of the Anti-Cigarette league.

A TYPICAL UNIVERSITY

The . . . evidence leaves little doubt that under existing conditions the educative process in the setting from which the evidence is drawn is geared to the low ability student. . . .—From "Studies to Determine the Relative Achievement of Students at Different Potentiality Levels," by Dr. R. W. Leighton, executive secretary of research, University of Oregon.

The "setting from which the evidence is drawn" is the University of Oregon. News stories substantially the same as that printed in the Emerald today regarding Dr. Leighton's research will spread far and wide the information that the University's instructional system is gauged to suit the requirements of that group of students which is lowest in mental power.

The charge is true, but it is true as well of every other state university in the country. It is the result of our theory of universal public education; Americans believe that every person should have the opportunity of gaining a college education, and consequently state institutions must crowd their classrooms with students of low potentiality. Undoubtedly these students should have the right to continue their education, but the college which caters to them almost exclusively, and makes no provision for the more mature scholar who should be destined for leadership in the highly specialized fields of knowledge, is not carrying out its full obligation as an institution for the advancement of learning.

At the present time every entering student is subjected to a psychological test to determine his mental rank in comparison with the rest of the entering class. The results of the test are carefully computed and recorded—and forgotten. No attempt is made to separate entering students into types or groups on the basis of the tests. The brilliant and the dull are taught together, and the instructor must retard his pace until it is geared to the mental speed of his slowest pupils.

There are two types of students, says Dr. Leighton, and each class requires a different method of development. The University should aim at, first, "the stabilizing development of the one group, a group which will form the backbone of society," and second, "the development of intellectual leadership for the other group, who will determine the direction of the movement and the changes in complexity of that society."

The first goal, that of training the mass of students for a stable, informed citizenship, the University is achieving reasonably well. The second goal it is neglecting. Several remedies are suggested: honors courses, segregation of students according to ability, and comprehensive examinations.

The University would do well to undertake an expansion of these techniques for the handling of students of "high intellect and special ability." Such pioneering would lift the University from its present status as a typical state institution to a place of honor among the leading universities of the country.

AN INTELLECTUAL CALENDAR

STUDENTS interested in the meager intellectual fare offered them in the way of visiting speakers, and so forth, are placed between two temptations tonight, both of them worthy cerebral entertainment. While in one building one of the nation's leading socialistic thinkers speaks, in another a five-reel cinema from Germany is being shown.

It is certain that there is no mistake about the time; both affairs are scheduled for 8 o'clock. Now to those of a rational frame of mind it should undoubtedly seem queer that two such worthwhile events should exactly coincide, allowing students to attend one and one only, and detracting materially from the success of both programs.

We may point out that it is not as if there were such interesting programs every evening; on the contrary, there is a surprising dearth of them. Then why should they overlap, precluding the possibility of attending both?

Such unfortunate irregularities show the desirability of organization. At present there is no earthly way, barring mere coincidence, by which organizations who secure speakers and programs may arrange their lectures so that they fit in with other similar entertainments. This seems to be the only sphere within which this singular lack of organization is possible; it is certain that two important football games are not held in the same town at the same time, nor in more purely social activities is any room allowed for undesirable overlapping.

It is our suggestion that an intellectual calendar be arranged, organized along similar lines as the social calendar. The benefits of this minor piece of legislation are obvious and should soon prove the wisdom of the step.

A NEW TRADITION

RALLY ties—and a new tradition is added to the list of Oregon folkways. This brand new stunt; well calculated to inject color and life into Oregon's notoriously drab rooting section, will make its bow today, sponsored without profit by the Order of the O.

Acceptance of the new idea will mean a new lease on life for Oregon's rooters; rejection will mean that Oregon will be outclassed in its display of school spirit before a crowd of 35,000 persons at the great grid classic of the season in Portland on November 11.

Oregon State's rooting section, orange capped and vociferous, won the approval of football fans, sports writers and radio announcers at their game in Portland two weeks ago, and the stunts presented by the rooters went far in creating a favorable impression to the state at large. Is Oregon to be outclassed in this respect? Oregon has the snappiest set of yell leaders on the coast; it has the hardest working rally directorate in history; and greatest of all, it has a football team that is headed for a coast championship.

The success of that team depends largely upon the spirit exhibited by Oregon students. And the rally tie, proudly worn by every Webfoot, can become a stimulus to unity and a symbol of loyalty.

At 50 cents a throw, the rally tie costs half as much as the obsolete rooters' lids. It serves a utilitarian purpose, has the charm of novelty—and can't be swiped by a rooster from the opposing camp.

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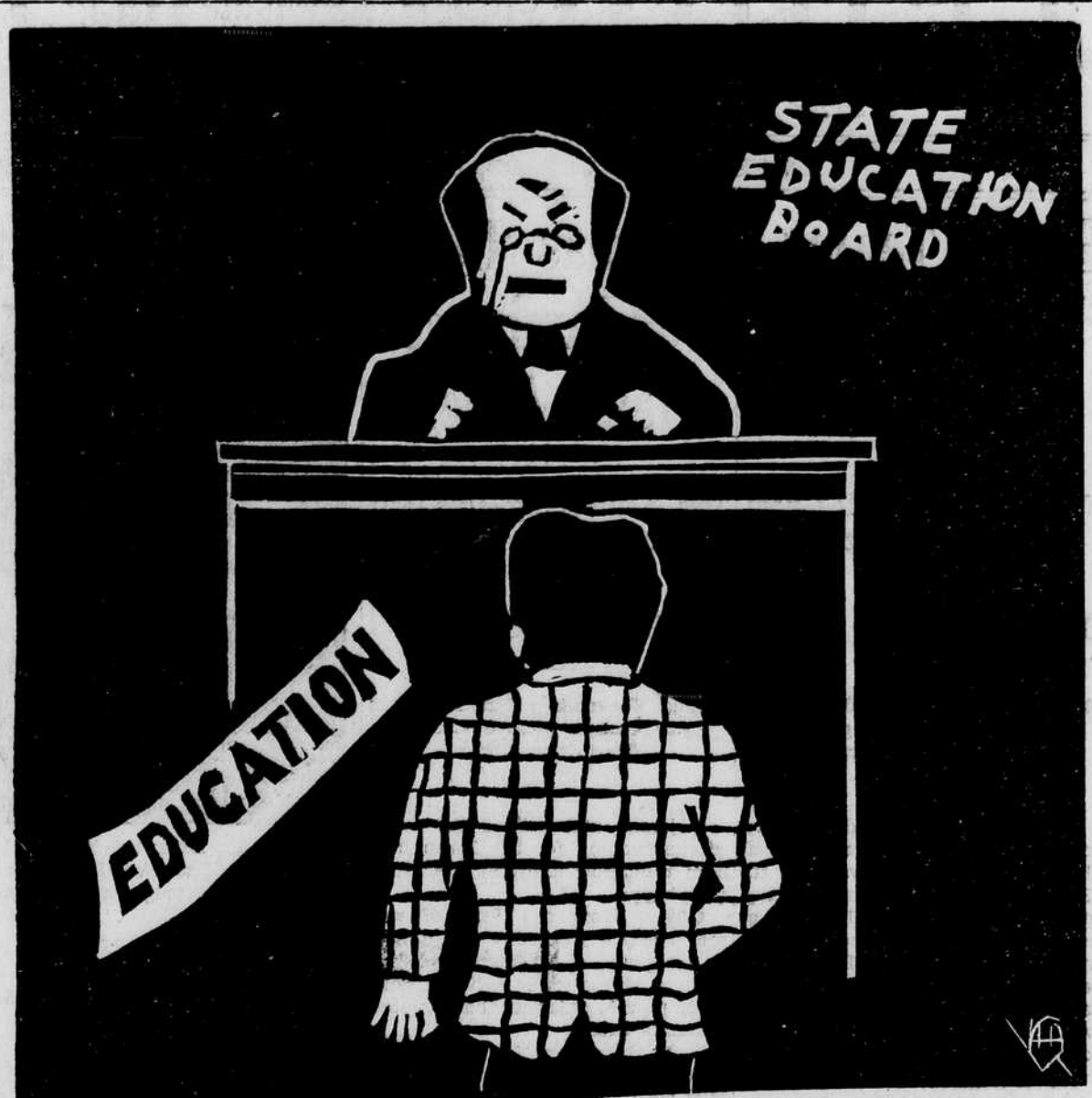
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THEORIEALLY, the unlimited cut plan is supported by a mass of educational philosophy. Its ultimate result is to put more and more responsibility upon the student for his conduct, taking away the obligations of faculty and administration along this line, except in certain extreme cases. Apparently there can be no harm in shifting this responsibility to the student while he is still an undergraduate and while he may learn by the trial and error method without serious repercussion.

ONE OF the worst jolts to our college graduates is the transition from reliance on others, which might have pulled them through college, to self-responsibility, a primary requisite in the business world. . . . The student who sees in the new plan merely an opportunity to sleep later in the morning is due to come to a sad awakening. . . . The men who, in the end, stand to benefit most from the faculty ruling on unlimited cuts are those who, upon occasions, find it desirable to sacrifice an hour of one class for an hour of study in some other subject, which seems more pressing at the moment. . . . What is now needed in the underclasses is some system providing allowance for at least occasional cuts by honor men. It seems almost amusing the way different professors tolerate cutting and others strictly forbid it, according to their personal beliefs or pedagogical theories. . . . The idea is not to further systematize an already over-systematized method of procedure, but to give deserving students academic freedom from the confinement of classes.—Rutgers Targum.

## Our Fate Is in Your Hands By STANLEY ROBE



## How Homecoming Began

By ELINOR HENRY QUACKING, the wild ducks rose into the air from Kincaid field as the crowd began to gather for the "big game" on the first Homecoming day in 1915. Soon the Webfoot warriors waded onto the field and lined themselves up against the Beavers. Someone swam down the field for a touchdown, someone kicked a muddy ball for a field goal, and Oregon swamped O.A.C., 9 to 0.

## Innocent Bystander

By BARNEY CLARK He de hi, mates, and a rousing ho de ho! The old Joe College spirit is on the come-back trail, and Innocent Bystander can be seen any day rubbing his hands with snugg satisfaction. The occasion of this latest outburst is the WHISPERED report that an honest to Joe pajama parade during Homecoming!

## On Other Campuses

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## Mannequin

By PATSY LEE A MEN'S pajama parade will be the feature of the gigantic rally-parade to be staged Friday night, November 3," says Ed Schweiker, Phi Delta line of march chairman for the event. Heigh-ho—which all means that you must don your best pajamas, fellas, and freeze for dear old Oregon, our alma mater, this coming Friday eve.

## Emerald of the Air

THE "Emily Post" of the Emerald once again brings you reports of the "400." Mary Louie Edinger, society editor, relates accounts of local teas, parties, dances, et al. this afternoon at 4:30 as the regular feature of the Emerald-of-the-Air broadcast. The place of transmission is KORE. The atmosphere is clear. Be you listening?

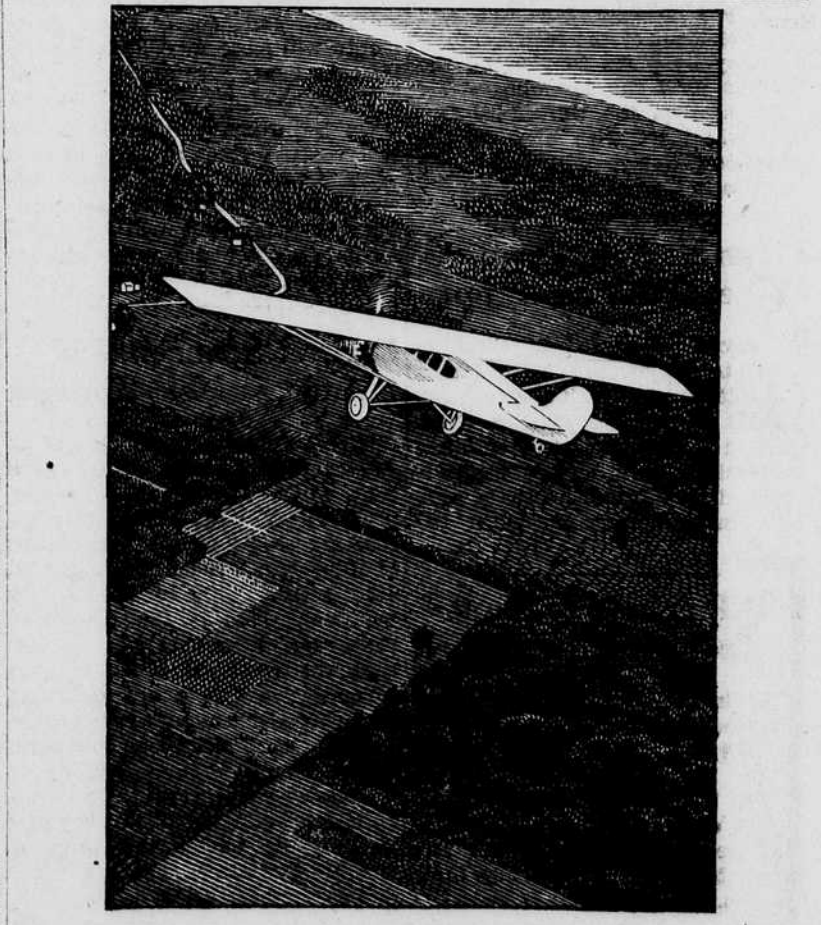
## Reading and Writing

PEGGY CHESSMAN, Editor BOOKS with a theme song are outstanding today. Remember the old adage, "The course of true love never runs smooth?" Not to be outdone by modern song writers, Martha Ostense presents this theme to us in "There's Always Another Year." True to its title, the book is a cheerful novel that proves to be delightful reading.

MISS OSTENSE, a true lover of the Dakota prairies, gives some extraordinary descriptions of the waste land and their charm in her book, providing some incomparable metaphors. How many times have we been encouraged by the maxim "Beauty is only skin deep"? To add to the support of that statement England sends us one of its latest and best contributions to novel fame, J. B. Morton's "Hag's Harvest." In this gay, entertaining novel, the plot is woven around a young man's search, not for the loveliest woman on earth, but for the ugliest female living. Why he does it is up to you to discover; certainly his reasons were justifiable.

## The Emerald Greetings

JULIAN P. (JUPE) PRES-COTT—Ex-journalist, dug up all the political dirt around the campus last year, and is now residing at the city hall. Oh no, not there! In the fire department. CATHERINE TIGGERMAN REGINA SAXON BROOKS ANNE LATOURETTE VIVIAN WILLIAMS THOMAS H. EMMENS



## A bird's-eye view showed the way

Telephone engineers recently found the best route for a new telephone line by taking a bird's-eye view of their difficulties. The territory was heavily wooded, spotted with swamps and peat beds, with roads far apart. So a map was made by aerial photography. With this map, the best route was readily plotted, field work was facilitated. Bell System ingenuity continues to extend the telephone's reach—to speed up service—to make it more convenient, more valuable to you.

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## ERIC MERRELL

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