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### MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE

THE state board of higher education terminated its meeting Monday in a flurry of good feeling and expressed satisfaction that it had at last effected a composition of the difficulties of higher education. Acting throughout in the temper of B. F. Irvine's closing plea, "God give us peace!" it took the obvious steps necessary for a quick settlement of the demands of an irate and indignant faculty, and the steps which would seem best calculated to quiet educational disturbances.

The board has pursued this policy in the belief that factional interests must be subordinated to the interests of higher education as a whole.

In several respects, the University can feel that it is approaching a fair adjustment of its problems. It has been relieved of the oppressive stigma imposed upon it by the board's resolution of November 24, when a member of the faculty, and by implication, the entire faculty which supported him, were accused of insubordination. The board has given the University a strong leader, a man who merits the confidence of both students and instructors and an administrator who has demonstrated his ability in his position as head of one of the University's largest departments.

The University at large will regret the fact that the board's announced investigation was not carried to its logical conclusion—an official, thorough scrutiny of the whole situation and all the individuals involved. By such an investigation the flare-up could have been sifted to its roots, responsibility fixed, the proper reprimands given, and a basis of precedent determined if further disputes arise.

Likewise, the University will regret that the supreme issue in the whole dispute will remain unsettled; whether faculty members, as trained educators, are entitled to criticize the educational policies of the administrative heads of the state higher educational system.

If the measures passed Monday are successful in attaining a goal of complete harmony, their success, as the Register-Guard has declared, will come from the fact that they supply a truce, in the duration of which the vital problems raised by Dean Morse and the University of Oregon faculty may be settled. In themselves, the abandonment of the Morse investigation and the appointment of acting presidents contribute little to the solution of higher education's problems. The board still has much to do.

### A CRITIC REPENTS

OUR erstwhile music critic, J. A. Newton, whose not-so-favorable criticism of the University Symphony's Sunday concert appeared in yesterday's Emerald, is also the reporter on the music "beat."

Yesterday afternoon in the pursuance of his reportorial duties, he knocked at the door of Rex Underwood's studio and put his head in to ask if there was any news for the Emerald. Mr. Underwood, busy at the moment, said he would like to speak with Newton.

Mr. Underwood, we might add, is the director of the University Symphony, a very important element in this story.

When the time came, Underwood informed the reporter that Frances Brockman, violinist, will be presented on the next University Symphony program. Thought young Newton, who is a great admirer of Miss Brockman's musicianship among other things, "Ha! I can center my next critique on Miss Brockman's performance and forget the rest of the orchestra."

This preliminary over with, Mr. Underwood discussed at some length Newton's shortcomings as a music critic. He derided his literary style first of all, which was very galling to Mr. Newton, as we understand it. Mr. Underwood asked the reporter if he'd ever heard the "Meistersinger" overture. The answer was, about 15 times.

Mr. Underwood devastated the critic with the remark that the brass section did not miss a single

cue. He pointed out to the lad that many of the musicians in the University Symphony are fully as good as or better than those of the Portland Symphony. He silenced the would-be journalist with the statement that the brass section of the orchestra contained some of the best musicians in the state, even "better than those of the Portland Symphony," as he remarked of a few trumpeters. Such microscopic criticism as Mr. Newton indulges in, said Underwood, is bad for the morale of the student musician.

The reporter came in last night looking rather meek, and related the interview. Said he, "I suppose you are convinced."

Said he with a sigh, "I am. Convinced that the University group is better than the Philadelphia orchestra. But," he added with a return of life, "I still say that the brass section is obviously lousy and that they missed their cue."

### BEER IS HERE

CAMPUS eating houses are serving beer. The fact that University officials failed to express themselves the way or another on the proposal to abolish the arbitrary "beer zone," and that the generally prevailing opinion was that since the repeal of the ill-fated Eighteenth amendment the ordinance regulating sale of 3.2 beer was dead, led establishments within the zone to dispense the beverage in the face of administrative opposition.

Coupled with this as a determining factor, was the Emerald's drive for the abolishment of the zone. We believe a step has been made toward sincere and level-headed treatment of the whole liquor situation, and that a telling blow has been struck against a hypocritical evasion of the facts—the facts being that students were drinking beer in spite of the zone, and drinking it in places far removed from adequate supervision.

The Emerald could not fail to note a parallel instance of a law that was openly evaded and which proved detrimental to campus business interests, to the advantage of establishments outside the beer zone.

The Emerald believed and still believes that the nullification of the beer zone restrictions is desirable. The facts must be met. Students should have some degree of personal privilege in so far as it does not detract from their scholastic standing. Temperance should become universal, and the only way to do this is by the elimination of the evils that marked the last decade. We believe that the administration will be glad to realize the issue of freedom and sane thought that is at stake and to fall in line.

However, propriety and discretion must be used, and no abuse of the beer privilege should be countenanced. We believe it is only in a spirit of temperance and moderation that the administration and the student body will meet on common ground.

## OVERFLOW

THE discovery of a penny weighing machine on the front porch of the Kappa house the other morning alarmed us a bit. Just a bit. Not that we seriously considered that the girls were working on a private investigation of the avoidipos. Rather we thought the house manager wanted all visitors to weigh in and out to see if and where the silverware was going.

Inquired, but no one seemed to know just where it came from. Just found it there the other morning, they said.

The news that the Wesley club is to throw a dinner coyly titled the "Mad Hatter's Banquet," shocked us. Not that we're ordinarily alarmists, but we do think that one can carry the insanity motif too far. The Wesley club people don't seem to be alarmed, though.

We asked one of their members the idea of the name.

"It's taken from Alice in Wonderland, you know," she replied.

"No," we said in a voice of incredulity.

"It's a book," our informant said patiently, "written by Lewis Carroll."

We said that maybe we'd heard of it, only weren't too sure, but still couldn't see what it had to do with the Wesley club people. She explained that the boys and girls get together and have a simply giggling time.

Ah, for the simple things in life! We cast a wistful eye back at the days when WE were Mad Hatters, too.

### STUDENT BODY FINANCES

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gent constitution was altered, directing the revenue from the building fee not merely toward the payment of the McArthur court indebtedness, but into a permanent fee, not pledged to any specific building. Out of the borrowed \$125,000 the bonded indebtedness was retired, and a public ceremony was made of burning the bonds. This act was at the inspiration of officials who wished to put as good a face as possible upon the A. S. U. O.'s financial situation. The statement was made, very inaccurately, that the A. S. U. O. had "retired its indebtedness." This was excusable on the grounds that it probably served to bolster student morale and gave the impression to the public that the A. S. U. O. had arrived at the solution of its financial problems.

But at that time, according to the graduate manager's records for August 31, 1930, the A. S. U. O. was in debt to the extent of \$204,325.69. Every year since, the total indebtedness has been cut down, as the following tabulation will show:

August 31, 1930	\$204,325.69
July 1, 1931	154,698.57
July 1, 1932	107,007.44
July 1, 1933	80,166.96

The current year's building fund receipts will probably reduce the debt by about \$25,000. The profit on an exceptionally good football season has netted about \$23,000 to apply on the debt, bringing it down, by the close of this year, to an estimated \$30,000.

In other words the A. S. U. O. can now see, within a year or two, the wiping out of its indebtedness. We are in a fairly good position to consider whether the optional plan can be used. Future issues of the Emerald will take up further widespread ramifications of the problem.

## We've Moved - - - - - By STANLEY ROBE



## Two Oregon Presidents

WITH the naming of C. V. Boyer, dean of the college of arts and letters, to head the University of Oregon as "acting president," the University receives its sixth president, after being minus an active head since September, 1932.

Men who preceded Dr. Boyer as president of the University and their periods of administration are: John W. Johnson, 1876-1893; Charles Hiram Chapman, 1893-1899; Frank Strong, 1899-1902; Prince Lucien Campbell, 1902-1925.

Arnold Bennett Hall, 1926-1932. Following the death of Prince Campbell, the University went one year without an active president. During this period the University was guided by an administrative board composed of Henry D. Sheldon, then dean of the school of education; Karl W. Onthank, then executive secretary; and Lewis Johnson, comptroller.

Since the fall of 1932, the University, along with other institutions of higher learning in the state of Oregon, has been under the supervision of Chancellor W. J. Kerr.

Higher education has progressed rapidly in Oregon since the time of the University's first president, John W. Johnson. Men recognized as great leaders, such as Prince Lucien Campbell and Arnold Bennett Hall, have since headed the University.

Meager was the administrative and educational experience of the University's first president, in comparison with that of its newly appointed "acting president." Johnson, a Yale graduate, was made president of the University while still a principal of a high school. His career is interesting, particularly so because a comparison with the careers of more recent presidents shows the great strides made by the University of Oregon in the brief decades between the University's founding in 1876 and the present day.

In an address given by Judge Lawrence T. Harris, class of '93, on John W. Johnson, reference is made to the first president of the University driving an ox team across the plains to Oregon. It was noted that when the family arrived in Oregon they acquired a farm which is now a part of the campus of the Oregon State college.

When Johnson entered Yale he did not have more than half enough credits in Latin and Greek to entitle him to admission. He himself said that he often studied ten and twelve hours a day for the first year. Despite his handicaps, Johnson graduated in 1862, and was sixth in his class of one hundred, including a number of men who were later nationally prominent, among whom were: Wayne McVeigh, United States attorney general under President Garfield; Henry Holt, the publisher; Joseph Cook, the distinguished preacher and lecturer; and "Adirondack" Murray, the nationally known preacher.

After Johnson returned from Yale he became principal of the Baptist College at McMinnville. In 1865 he married one of his pupils, Helen Adams. After teaching some time he resigned his position at McMinnville to serve as superintendent of schools in Portland. After serving in this position for approximately ten years, he organized a high school in Portland, the first in the Pacific Northwest. He was principal of this high school

when he was invited to become president of the University of Oregon.

The University's newly appointed "acting president," C. Valentine Boyer, was born in Jamestown, (N. Y.), June 25, 1880. Boyer received his bachelor of science degree at Princeton university in 1902, his master of arts degree in 1909, and doctor of philosophy in 1911. From 1902 until 1904 he attended Pittsburgh law school. He studied English at Oxford and became a member of the American

Association of University Professors and National Collegiate in 1905-06. On July 2, 1912, he married Ethel Parkhurst.

Boyer was admitted to the Ohio bar in 1904, and practiced at Marietta, Ohio, until 1905, when he moved to Pittsburgh to practice until 1907. He was a Charles Scribner fellow at Princeton from 1909 until 1911. In 1921 he became assistant professor of English at the University of Oregon and remained in that position until 1926, when he was made head of the department.

suggested, the coach owes it to the A. S. U. O. by losing a string of games next year.

Yours truly,  
CARL H. COAD.

To the Editor:  
I am glad to note that some students have risen in opposition to the enforced purchase of student tickets. As long as we are forced to buy them and abide by the regulations governing their use we are being made the subjects of a perfect fraud.

If we were allowed to loan them when we cannot use them ourselves, just as we would any other of our possessions, I would favor compulsory purchase of them. Or if we were allowed optional purchase then I would favor subjecting them to the regulations now imposed, or at least to be inclined to look with less contempt upon the whole situation.

In other words, I want students to be accorded the privilege of using their own property as they see fit as long as it costs us as much as it does townspeople to enjoy the privileges of the student body. (The price of the card is as much as the total admission to the games, etc.)

If the proper authorities will immediately allow students the free use of their cards which they certainly do deserve they will go far in stopping this movement. If this were done I should oppose such a move but until it is I shall do all I can to put an end to the iniquitous practice.

Very sincerely,  
S. EUGENE ALLEN.

**Reading**  
—and—  
**Writing**  
PEGGY CHESSMAN, Editor

TO the many students of music and the increasing number of music enthusiasts on the campus we dedicate today's column, for the amount of material being published about music and its appreciation is decidedly on the influx.

Particularly outstanding in this category is "Beethoven As He Lived," by Richard Specht (old libe). The book deals with Beethoven the man as well as Beethoven the musician. It shows him as "incredibly great, suffering, erring, spiritual, yet barbarously unruly." The contents of the volume have been derived from contemporary reminiscences, Beethoven's letters, works, remarks, and diaries. Recommended by the Book of the Month club.

"From Bach to Stravinsky" (old libe) is an interesting history of music, the final chapter of which sums up modern musical trends

and does a slight bit of prophesying. With a lack of prejudice the field of music is presented in such a way as to interest even the most casual of music lovers.

Marion Bauer finally brings to us a collection of material that has been very much in need for a number of years. Her copy in "Twentieth Century Music" deals with the development of music and the fundamentals of appreciative listening.

And now for a group of miscellaneous recommendations. For a candid story of stage life read the inspirational autobiography of Eva Le Gallienne, "At 33." It explains the external forces which led the author to choose the stage as her career, the influence of Sarah Bernhardt's memoirs in the course of this actress' life.

Noel Coward's memory book of the theater, "Play Parade," is now available. Varying moods are exemplified in the seven plays, "Hay Fever," "The Vortex," "Bitter Sweet," "Private Lives," "Cavalcade," "Design for Living," and "Post Mortem." The latter is an eerie criticism of our morals, ideas, manners, and ideals.

## Emerald of the Air

A MODEST, quiet quarter hour of news reading is offered as the feature of this department for the broadcast this afternoon. Latest flashes from the news of higher education are on tap as well as complete coverage of the various Emerald features. When: the usual hour, 4:30. Where: station KORE. Why: we won't go into that.

### STUDENT GROUP TO DIG FURTHER INTO PROBE

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we believe optional membership should be made possible for those who cannot afford this expenditure. We can think of no fundamental principle more in keeping with sound educational procedure than that of letting the students who can afford the benefits of the student organization contribute to its support, and permitting those who cannot afford it to withdraw.

"In presenting this request may we call attention to the following circumstances which indicate the need for a reduction of \$15 per annum that optional membership in the student organization would provide to those students who are financially unable to meet the present fee.

"1. Enrollment at the University of Oregon is now approximately 2030, the lowest in the past ten years.

"2. Student employment opportunity has been greatly reduced, and many worthy students are unable to earn sufficient moneys to pay the present fee of \$32 per term.

"3. The proportion of students compelled to resort to installment paying of the \$32 fee is another indication of the financial exigencies with which many are confronted.

"4. Student loan funds are greatly depleted, and the inability of students to secure funds to meet even the present low tuition fee greatly jeopardizes opportunity for education for a large number of students.

"5. A greatly increased number of students are taking post-graduate courses in Portland high schools, an indication of their inability to attend the University at the present tuition rates.

"Considering the unusually difficult economic problems confronting the people of the state, we feel that many students are willing and ready to sacrifice some of the pleasures that membership in the student organization offers in order to continue to obtain the advantages of education. We therefore respectfully request the board of higher education to consider the advisability of making Associated Student membership optional, thus providing a saving

## Innocent Bystander

By BARNEY CLARK

WE noticed an ad in the Emerald yesterday that pleased us very much. It read: "Your tuxedo sent to you in a dust-proof bag!" That's what we call service!

People who have read Doug Polivka's editorial campaign for Beer-on-the-Campus may have imagined him as a corpulent gentleman with a ruddy nose and a jovial eye. As a matter of fact, Doug is a saturnine, lean-faced chap with a perpetually solemn expression and the terse vocabulary of a Coolidge, a characteristic that has earned him the title of "Sphinx" around the office. He doesn't care particularly for beer, either.

Which all goes to prove that you can't believe everything you read—or write, for that matter!

Other people may have their doubts as to whom is going to win the Phi Theta Upsilon "Courtesy Contest," but we have the inside dope, and we know it's in the bag. Tom Mountain's exemplary conduct in the boxing tournament puts him way out ahead of the field. It seems that his glove dropped off as he was executing a hefty right swing, and his fist landed smartly on his opponent's jaw. Tom instantly dropped his arms and exclaimed, "Pardon me! I'm awfully sorry; excuse it, please!" And if that doesn't take the prize—

OGDEN GNASHES  
"Our merchants cheer, for beer is here!"  
"Suh, them's fightin' words!"

of \$15 per year, this privilege to be extended to both graduate and undergraduate students.

"By adoption of the above proposal, student fees will be reduced from \$96 per year to \$81 per year, which will in no way reduce the amount of money contributed by students to educational activity, but rather increase it because of the larger enrollment that will naturally result."

### BEER NOW SOLD IN 3 SHOPS NEAR CAMPUS

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will again take action to restrict the sale of beer in any part of the city, except in the cases where disorderliness in any establishment warrants the revocation of a license.

Most persons interviewed echoed the opinions editorially presented in the Emerald: that students who wanted beer were simply walking three or four blocks farther, to places outside the zone; that no attempt was being made in any of these places to maintain orderliness; that the watchful eye of the guardians of student morals could not be on guard in the downtown establishments; and that the beer zone was discriminating against the owners of eating places near the campus and causing them to lose a great amount of business. It was not possible to learn what steps the University administration will take in the matter, for Karl W. Onthank, dean of personnel, could not be reached yesterday.

### CAMPUS CALENDAR

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ald-of-the-Air dramatic staff in 104 Journalism at 4 this afternoon.

Co-op board will meet at the Co-op store today at 11:50 for Oregon pictures.

Murray Warner collection of Oriental art will be on display from 1 to 3 this afternoon in the Prince L. Campbell memorial museum building.

Senior Prom committee chairman meet above College Side today at 5 p. m.

Father Leipzig will speak at the Y hut tonight at 7:30.

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