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BALLOT REFORM

THE A. S. U. O. election yesterday showed up a number of serious weaknesses in our voting structure.

The actual machinery of running the polls seemed to be capably handled, but the hugeness of the ballot given the student voter was a sure preventative of intelligent voting.

Thirty-seven measures faced the student for decision. They filled five columns of a huge sheet larger than a newspaper, in solid type, of highly involved legal style that was difficult to read rapidly and even more difficult to digest thoroughly. A two-hour session with it would have been a comparatively hasty perusal. Fifteen minutes was about all that most students took.

Those who went to the polls yesterday went there in a spirit of helpful enterprise, with the idea of doing something for their organization. Yet every impediment to intelligent action was thrown in their way.

Besides the fact that most of the voters had very little idea of what the measures meant, there were several that were directly conflicting. The chance of making out a coherent, logical ballot was extremely small for the average student who had not spent much time in thinking out his or her preferences.

As this is being written, a measure is pending which may decidedly remedy such situations. This is the stipulation that 100 signatures must be obtained to place an amendment on the ballot. Many of the clauses on yesterday's ballot were put there by very small groups of students.

Sample ballots should be passed out before elections, as is done in regular county and state elections. While this renders many votes open to previous influence, it is better for students to go to the polls with some sort of logical purpose than to fill out a ballot that contradicts itself.

A grouping of the measures which conflict would be an enormous aid to the student's understanding of what he is doing. Two or three measures that are directly conflicting should be indicated as such so that the student could more easily weigh one against the other and not be subject to confusion. Such grouping would display more clearly the definite issues involved.

Students want to help run their government, and they want to do a good job. Simplifying their duties at the polls is the only remedy for the slipshod and haphazard voting that took place yesterday.

OMIT THE HAZZBERRY

MICKEY VAIL, gifted cheer leader, again pleads that Oregon's irrepressible boozers suffer in silence in the coming games with Oregon State college.

Such pleading in the past has been breath wasted—particularly when Referee Coleman is slowing up a game with the official whistle. Even Vail has difficulty restraining himself on those occasions, he admits. But it is unlikely that Coleman will be on the floor in this crucial series, so we'll try again.

Appealing to the better instincts of the student body has proved fruitless. We therefore pursue another tack, and point out that boozing from the home stands puts a team under a tremendous psychological handicap. Poor sportsmanship from the stands is distracting to the men on the floor, makes them apologetic for their supporters, puts them mentally on the defensive.

Emotions will be running high in these Oregon-

Oregon State games Friday and Saturday. Every ounce of vocal energy should be on tap. But soft-pedal the cheers of the Bronx variety.

BREEZE FROM BENTON COUNTY

FEW newspapers in the state are as generous with editorial page publicity for the University as Editor Ingall's Gazette-Times of Corvallis. Monday's issue of that newspaper made reference to the University in no less than three separate editorial items.

We need hardly say that the items were all of a derogatory nature. One condemned vigorously the activities of "a bunch of reds on the university campus." Another commented on the proposal of Professors Smith and Lomax to consolidate Oregon's 36 counties into seven, declaring that the "crazy scheme," as it was delicately termed, would put Corvallis in the coastal county region—a political plot.

These references to the University could be dismissed with the customary raise of the eyebrows. But the other editorial charges that Dean James H. Gilbert of the University used his position as a member of the P. W. A. committee to get the University a new infirmary, and to see that the Corvallis infirmary project would be left out. This is not merely hinted; no indeed, it is broadly stated thus:

"Well, we note that because it had Jimmie Gilbert on the P. W. A. committee, the university got in its graft about an infirmary. . . ."

And so on, winding up with the statement that an honest-minded man would find, such partially hard to reconcile, "but it won't bother Jimmie."

The basis for the Corvallis editor's charges is apparently a news article in a Eugene paper, in which Dean Gilbert said the University infirmary project is virtually assured. Because the newspaper was primarily interested in Eugene, it did not mention that the prospect for a Corvallis infirmary is equally bright. The truth is that the two infirmaries are twin projects, and as such, appear close together on the recommended list—as a matter of fact, the Corvallis building may appear ahead of the University infirmary.

And thus another blast from the Gazette-Times dies out as a puff of wind.

But please, Mr. Ingalls, will you refer to the dignified head of the college of social sciences by some other term than "Jimmie"? We're rather proud of him over here, and we hate to see our own very private nickname for the beloved dean banded about with such familiarity.

On Other Campuses

Compulsory Military Training Held Un-American

THE words of the secretary of war in his Washington's birthday address must have come as a surprise to those patriots who consider pacifists and all their works as un-American. Secretary Dern in his recent speech stated, "Conscription or compulsory military service, despite the physical and moral value of the training and discipline to the soldier, is repugnant to American ideals." With these words Secretary Dern comes close to agreeing with the university students who believe in the principle of freedom, even when applied to educational institutions and who are variously condemned as radicals, bolsheviks and alien propagandists by America's self-appointed patriots.

In compelling students at state universities to take military training, the university officials are surely upholding an institution which is opposed in spirit if not in letter to the American ideal of liberty. To be sure, a high school graduate who is conscientiously opposed to being trained in the methods of warfare does not need to attend his state university. If he has the money, he can attend a private university, but all too often it becomes a question of the state university or none at all. Educators all over the country have been opposed to forcing students to attend courses which would propagandize them in matters of religion or other highly controversial matters of conscience, but somehow they fail to appreciate the pacifists' point of view.

Advocates of military training in the colleges and universities of America support it because of its moral and character building aspects. If they think logically they must necessarily believe in universal military service to give everyone the benefits of the training. Yet the secretary of war condemns compulsory military service as "repugnant to American ideals." If the universities and colleges of the United States do not intend to shelve the ideal of liberty altogether they will have to rid themselves of that un-American institution, compulsory military training.—The Minnesota Daily.

Pest Eradication

WE find him in almost every class—this pest who insists upon continuing the already over-worked argument or asking some trivial question after the whistle blows. If a student reaches class a few minutes late the professor always receives the blame, but often it is only because he has been politely replying to an insane query of a front-row protege who has hopes of a higher grade than his classmates.

The after-whistle student is not confined to the University. A Harvard class, afflicted with just such a member, decided that each student was losing four dollars worth of education every hour the obnoxious classmate argued. The class organized a revolt and every time that member opened his mouth, a great shuffling of feet created such a disturbance that he was forced to discontinue his foolish questions.

Of course, the idea isn't entirely practical, but perhaps it contains a clue to the problem to be met. Arriving ten minutes late at one's next class is annoying, particularly when one cannot honestly blame the professor for the delay.—University Daily Kansan.

cluded in its quaint, enchanting sameness." The not-so-innocent bystander, Barney Clark, selected Detroit as his dream city, saying, "I want to see how automobiles are made."

Mickey Vail, the dashing rove, gave three good reasons for choosing to visit Paris. "Wine, women and song," chuckled Vail.

Mike Mikulak, the harder than whom there is not as hits on the

football gridiron, hesitated not a moment when broached concerning his dream city. "Paris" was the prompt and enthusiastic response.

Thus there remains small doubt as to the pilgrimage Oregon students will make when the family coffers are sufficiently filled. Paris, with its bright lights, Latin quarter, Apaches, wines, Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel tower, receives the call over the rest of the world

Near The Goal - - - By STANLEY ROBE



Villard Hall Opening Recalled

By FREDERIC S. DUNN (Professor of Latin)

THERE must have been unusual excitement on the campus that summer when three whole professors and the library to boot were to be detached from old Deady and transplanted in the proudly new Villard hall, ready for fall opening. The era of partitioning which, every decade or so, set off a new office or two, was yet far away in the future, so the first floor of Villard was a set of four great rooms, equally divided by a Greek cross of hallways.

In the southwest room, we established Dr. Thomas Condon and his wonderful geologic collection. Sometimes we would open the door and not discover the doctor. He would be hidden behind a new carton of fossils from the John Day basin or a pile of cigar boxes filled with butterfly specimens. Upon his emergence, you should have seen the laughter in his eyes and heard that sub-tonic whistle in his beard. Diminutive man with the great, great heart!

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.

To the Editor: Campus observers have been carefully watching the "Student League Against War and Fascism" since its inception here, some apprehensively, some impartially, and some sympathetically.

With a sudden little gust, that might have taken away the breaths of those not already "in the swim," the group adopted the name "Oregon Radical Club" at their meeting Tuesday night.

Probably not many of those who read of the action in the Emerald next morning rushed to the dictionary or to other authorities in order to determine the meaning of "radical." But connotations of such a word spring into the mind all too easily, allowing hasty decisions. Such decisions are often regretted.

The sameful abuses the word "radical" has suffered, does not however, detract from its real utility. The campus group can be proud that it was scientific in the matter. The name was selected, not in frivolity, nor to arouse the campus. Its real meaning seemed to show that it was the one word which would adequately express the aims and program of the group. Hence its adoption.

Turning to Webster for a definition, we read: "Having to do with or proceeding from the root, source, origin, or foundation; forming part of the essential nature; not accidental; fundamental."

"A radical difference is one that springs from the root; a radical change is one that does not stop at the surface, but reaches down to the very root. Since the majority find superficial treatment of any matter the easiest and most comfortable, radical measures may be looked upon as 'extreme.'"

Among the synonyms for "radical" that Webster lists are: complete, constitutional, essential, natural, perfect, positive, thorough. Its antonyms are: conservative, in-

complete, partial, inadequate and superficial. The following words of Glenn Frank, president of the University of Wisconsin, are pertinent. They were reprinted in the Emerald recently from the Wisconsin Daily Cardinal, and show the attitude of a scientific thinker towards the radical.

"The true radical is simply a realist. He refuses to be cowed by a catchword. He resists the tyranny of tradition. He refuses to allow the crust of custom to form over his mind. He declines to be the slave of slogans. He is not awed by the mere age of a policy. He is more interested in truth than in tradition. He puts facts above fashions."

True radicalism, believes Frank, is a process—a way of thinking. It was with these interpretations of the word in mind that the new name, "Oregon Radical Club" was selected.

CHARLES PADDOCK, Chairman, Oregon Radical Club.

Reading - - - and - - - Writing

PEGGY CHESSMAN, Editor

ONE more book about Elizabeth can do no harm, and there's always the possibility of finding out more about the woman. On this basis, we suggest the reading of J. E. Neale's "Queen Elizabeth."

Neale has presented Elizabeth in a different light, one which seems to depict more realistically the true woman and queen. He rebuilds the series of problems with which the queen had to deal, especially her handicap of sex. The first necessity of a monarch is immediate and undisputed succession. For very sound reasons this was impossible for Elizabeth, a woman of a great deal of strength, a fit ruler. No possible husband would be likely to rest satisfied with a purely domestic role as the wife of a king traditionally did. If Elizabeth married a foreign prince, the marriage would be considered in the terms of a treaty,

and her husband would naturally expect to have a great deal of power in dealing with other nations. If she married a subject, he must at least be a nobleman, and she ran quite a desperate risk of factions within the kingdom.

Giving these arguments and facts in the opening chapters, Neale takes a stand for the

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IF THE person who accidentally took the man's dark blue slicker from Villard hall Tuesday will mail the glasses that were in the pocket to the lost and found department, I will gladly donate slicker and appreciate his kindness.

WILL person picking up two volumes of Voltaire's works on edge of campus Wed. afternoon please return them to library or room 202, Villard?

that the assignment was too abstruse, we would ask Professor Bailey a wholly extraneous question at the beginning of the hour. And, with a broad grin and that peculiar chuckle of his, he would be off and take up the entire period with a monologic discussion. We always felt, however, that there was a reservation in the back of that wise old head.

Dr. Luella Clay Carson, professor of English and rhetoric, dean of women, uncrowned Imperatrix, had her audience chamber in the northeast corner of Villard hall.

To her we recited tons of rhetoric and logic, perspiring the while but afterwards to "rise up and call her blessed." She was supposed to "dean" the women, but let no one imagine that we boys escaped! I once bought a new hat at her behest. I know I grew several inches taller because she called attention to my drooping shoulders and slouchy gait. And wasn't I proud when it was my privilege two or three times to escort her to formal parties! Ave Domina Luella! (To be continued)

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Innocent Bystander

By BARNEY CLARK

AN event of outstanding importance has occurred on the campus. The Kappas have formed a chapter of the C.M.T.C. In case you don't recall, this stands for Calories Make Tummites Conspicuous. This movement, initiated by Phi Delta Theta, seems destined to sweep the campus like a tidal wave. Already we hear that Lewis Fox is agitating the formation of a chapter in the Beta barn, with Bruno as Supreme Plenipotentiary of the group.

The Kappas, with characteristic vigor, have gone the Phi Deltis one better and formed their own chapter of the N. R. A. This organization has no connection with General Johnson's much publicized activities, as it stands for No Real Allure. We understand that the N.R.A.'s constitution requires them to eat the meals which the C.M.T.C.'s constitution orders THEM to do without. Very efficient!

George Callas, the Emerald's own Dark and Handsome, is still somewhat perplexed by a phone call he received the other day. It seems that he was summoned to the phone and encountered a feminine voice.

"Hello," says he.

"Hello," says the Voice, "this is Doris."

Out of the dim and misty past Callas recalls that he knows a Doris who lives in Portland, so he asks the voice what she is doing in Eugene.

"Just passing through," she says, "and I would like to see you. Can you meet me in Seymour's?"

"I'll be there in twenty minutes," says Callas and rushes from the house, abandoning his lunch. He arrives in Seymours in ten minutes, out of breath but triumphant. He sees no Doris. He sits down. He waits twenty minutes. Still no Doris. He waits twenty-five more minutes. Not even a hint of Doris. Puzzled, he proceeds home, sans lunch, but with a first class worry on his mind. He is still worrying.

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