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SENIOR SENSE

THE senior class is to be complimented upon its wisdom in the decision to establish a student loan fund as its graduating gift to the University. The annual dispensation of the accumulated funds of the class has too often been squandered on expensive and useless mementoes of the group's college residence. Benches, busts, and the like are pretty little gestures when a few hundred dollars is chicken feed, but we can't afford them in these times.

It is perfectly natural that graduating classes are loath to leave the campus without setting up some sort of object that will be a permanent reminder of its existence. A peculiar, maudlin little vanity springs up in the hearts of seniors along in the spring of the last year. The possession of a considerable sum of money that must be spent in one lump is a temptation to the satisfaction of this vanity in the form of a memorial.

The subordination of this vanity to the demands of present expediency, of sacrificing a pretty painting or statue to the cause of helping a student through school is sensible and commendable. The distinguished educators who are usually commemorated in memorials, we are sure, would prefer that the money spent in their defilement be spent to that purpose. If one worthy student is enabled by this financial aid to complete his education it will be worth all the benches, busts, and portraits money could buy.

PLAY BALL!

WHEN Oregon's baseball club opens its 1934 home season this afternoon against Oregon normal in one of a series of pre-conference contests, followers of the Webfoot version of the national pastime will see a potential contender for the coast conference northern division championship.

Coach Bill Reinhart has molded together an array of real baseball players. He has a strong pitching staff, probably the best infield in the northwest, a better-than-average outfield, the only weakness apparent at present being the lack of material behind the plate.

Despite the Thursday loss to Oregon normal at Monmouth, the Duck swatters have too much talent to become discouraged over an early season defeat. They are capable of heartening faithful Oregon fans, who have seen a decided upsurge in University varsity teams since last September.

Oregon's 1934 edition of baseball history has wonderful possibilities—possibilities which will probably be turned into the reality of a fighting contender for the conference pennant.

LABOR'S PLEA POSTPONED

IN what many observers call the greatest achievement of the administration thus far, President Roosevelt last week forestalled an impending strike in the automobile industries, involving some 250,000 workers. Under the guidance of the American Federation of Labor, the workers had demanded that their employers live up to the letter of Section 7-a of the NRA codes, which was supposed to permit labor to organize as it sees fit, independently of the hiring companies.

Labor's most effective weapon, the strike, was the alternative threatened. For the first quarter of 1934 more than 300 strikes were called in other industries, and the threat of the automobile workers therefore seemed far from being parlor talk. The President intervened personally, and persuaded labor and capital to submit their differences to a tripartite named by himself.

The company union, long a sore spot with labor, was the underlying issue, though the employers were vehement in leveling charges at the A. F. of L., leading independent organizer of labor, as out of date and too cumbersome for modern industry. The company union, organized under company aus-

pices and company finances, and seldom holding meetings of the workers themselves, has usually proved a mere pawn in the hands of company directors. Under the NRA, efforts on the part of industry to organize these puppet unions have been redoubled, for the codes give labor a voice in its own destinies, and industry must prevent that voice's being too outspoken.

Section 7-a has been too weak to protect labor's right of independent collective bargaining. The administration's answer to the pleas of labor is the pending Wagner bill, which in reality would allow little to the original provision. It would still allow a company to dismiss men for agitating for "obstructing commerce"—another of those vague, elastic clauses which destroy their apparent intentions. The railroads in 1926 were placed under much more effective labor-controlling restrictions than the NRA provision, and there was at that time no "New Deal" philosophy to give such a rule widespread popular support.

The issue of the company union is a long way from satisfactory settlement. Big business is bitterly opposed to most of the Roosevelt plans, and accuse him of pro-labor policies. Labor, on the other hand, is conscious of capital's efforts at acquiring control of the NRA machinery. Industry has recently granted some pay increases to its employees, but the fundamental question of independent collective bargaining for these same employees is not for one moment considered a solved one. The undiminished popularity of the chief executive will doubtless undergo additional strain in the field of industrial regulation as the months move past.

This editorial is submitted by one of the three candidates for next year's Emerald editorship. Petitions of candidacy will be submitted to the publications committee next Tuesday.

1904 OR 1914?

Submitted by Candidate 2.

IDEALISTS may well wonder if their passionate support of the League of Nations and other instruments of internationalism during the last decade has been futile. The withdrawal of Japan and Germany from the League in recent years has practically antiquated that august body, whose only material foundation was the vengeful Treaty of Versailles forced on the Central Powers by the victorious Allies in 1919. The Concert of Powers is rapidly giving way to the old Balance of Power, while "open covenants, openly arrived at" have been pigeonholed in favor of pre-war diplomacy—in other words secret covenants, secretly arrived at. Students of international relations generally concur in the belief that the stage is being set for the next war. France and her allies will oppose Germany and her allies. When? Perhaps this year if frightened French jingoists can convince their government that Hitler must be crushed in a "preventive war." Perhaps next year, when the German inhabitants of the rich Saar Basin vote on whether they will trust themselves to the tender mercies of Hitler or unite with their French neighbors—for Saar citizens it is the tiger or the lady.

The Stavisky scandals in France may eventually precipitate the next world struggle. The activities of "Handsome Alex" have led to savage attacks on the government from the extreme left to the extreme right. Internal dissension comes just at a moment when French nerves are on edge over German rearmament. For generations statesmen have used foreign war as a means of quieting internal disturbance and uniting the people against a common external foe. Since Great Britain and the United States have refused to grant an advance guarantee against German aggression, French leaders may decide to crush the Hitler juggernaut before it can gain additional momentum.

But it is more probable that war is still a decade off. Germany is insistent upon rearmament, but realizes that she must have capable allies in order to oppose successfully France, Poland, and the Little Entente (Czechoslovakia, Rumania, and Jugoslavia). Consequently, Nazism has temporarily bowed to Fascism in Austria and Hungary. By allowing Mussolini to extend his influence over these countries Hitler is paving the way for another "Mittel Europa," this time consisting of Germany, Hungary, Austria, and Italy. If Duce in turn is supporting German rearmament. Once this Mittel Europa is created Great Britain will be left holding the balance of power—an exact parallel with the situation in 1914. Will Great Britain be so anxious to join France now that the menace of a German navy no longer exists?

On Other Campuses

Take the Hand Down

"FRATERNITY men are obstinate," according to the editorial columns of the Daily Californian. Its reason for this declaration, which is not so striking as it seems at first glance, is the old depression story—finances.

"Faced with financial oblivion, Greeks sit serenely upon their own front lawns, thumbing their noses at rival tongues, and defiantly turning down all proposals of joint action for joint benefits." That's the editorial description of concerted action among fraternity men on the Berkeley campus.

At Stanford, houses have financial troubles too, and they chiefly start with laying \$114 on the line every three months. But we had a fraternity financing problem too, and when a "temporary slump" showed up, the Row had sense enough to get together and form a co-op.

They got together on a few more things and quit cutting each other's throats—they rushed the whole freshman class instead of concentrating on throat cutting over part of the class. They even went so far as to get a united political ticket. The result is that Ma Mu Mu at Stanford is not wondering how to keep the dear old traditions alive like its brother chapter across the bay.

The Daily Cal progressively suggests to obstinate Greeks that, to save themselves from unwelcome oblivion, "reforms could now be made." They suggest a number of things that the Row on the Farm has worked out and made use of in recent years.

It is one thing to be obstinate and thumb your nose at your neighbor when times are good. It's still another to do it when ratios are short and new members few. But what's even worse is to keep your hand up in front of your face, so that you can't see across the bay.—The Stanford Daily.

Play Ball

By STANLEY ROBE



The Honorary--A Racket?

By FRANCIS FULTON

COLLEGE honoraries are on the spot. Throughout the country campus editors have long been looking askance at the vast growth of honorary or professional Greek-letter societies, which compete for chapters in colleges and universities the nation over. Some few editors have even ventured to compute the great amount of money poured into vague national offices in the form of initiation fees and dues, for which the students receive a "gold-plated pin and a thin national magazine."

This week the Washington Daily made a hurried study of contributions to honoraries and found that students on the Husky campus were tossing approximately \$10,000 annually on the altar of the Great God Honorary.

Costs Are High
While many social fraternities have reduced their initiation fees, colleges and universities have slashed their tuition charges, and costs of clothes, meals and rooming accommodations have struck rock-bottom levels, the cost of national and professional honoraries have in general remained the same, except in isolated cases where group action among neighboring chapters has brought enough pressure upon the national offices to effect retrenchments.

A middle-western daily recently felt so keenly about the situation that it attempted to bring the situation to the attention of undergraduates the country over by organizing a coordinated campaign through college dailies, to wage warfare against the evils of the honorary system and effect such reforms as are possible.

Honoraries a Racket?

Even more significant is a report published by the National Association of Deans and Advisers of Men, in which it was stated that American college students are paying \$279,000 to headquarters of scholastic honoraries. There was nothing bashful about the report of the deans' association. In so many words it charged that "national honoraries as a whole are another form of 'racketeering'."

In several instances locally it has been hinted that honorary and professional fraternities have continued in existence long after the unifying interest has died out in the local group, and that they are merely being sustained by perfunctory business meetings, giving little attention to the professional or scholastic activities which they were supposedly fostering. In a few instances honorary groups were found to be pledging second-rate students in their respective fields, since they could not find a sufficient number of outstanding students who could afford the national initiation fees. In such cases the honorary fraternity is completely forgetting its function of rewarding meritorious scholarship. It is perpetuating an expensive exterior, but neglecting the basic purpose of stimulating lively discussion and professional work among its members. In such cases the suggestion has been made that the local group drop its national affiliation and proceed with a smaller but more lively group of students.

Organization Is Loose

The national headquarters of any society is loosely organized as

the typical honorary finds it virtually impossible to keep close check on the financial condition of its local chapters. Herein lies another evil which a few have sought to remedy. The local honorary group frequently contracts debts in the sponsoring of its varied social and professional activities, and as these debts pile up from year to year, there is little compulsion upon successive generations of students to devote earnest efforts toward their retirement. This naturally brings about a harsh reaction on the part of business men and merchants against the college or university in which the honorary exists, as well as an

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.

Note: Having been refused space in the Innocent Bystander column for his daily effusion, Barney Clark, humor columnist, fell back upon his rights as a private citizen and demanded publication of the following editorial in the "Safety Valve" column. Still meeting refusal, he flourished what appeared to be a pistol, threatened suicide, and sat down at a typewriter to write his farewell to this world. This is it:
Dear Editor:

Ever since the first day I came to work on the Emerald I have longed to see an editorial of mine in print. All my efforts seemed futile, but at last I have evolved a plan. No one can refuse a dying wish, and so, with my last breath, I implore you to publish this, my masterpiece. Thanking you in advance, I remain,
Very truly yours,
BARNEY.

P. S.: My editorial follows: "Historic Harvard," or "Woodman, Spare That Elm!"
By CANDIDATE 7 (or 11)

A little group of radicals in the law school—(Nice start, eh? Of course, it has nothing to do with Harvard, but what we need is a new hand at the elm). Anyway, this little group has been trying to keep one of the noblest and most altruistic movements in the history of Oregon from the success that it deserves. We refer (you really have to be the size of George Bennett to make the editorial "we" seem appropriate), of course, to the voluntary movement on the part of the student body (Yes, all sixty of 'em) to form a loan fund to send Richard L. Neuberger to the Harvard law school. The spokesman of the radicals attempted to hide their real purpose in this underhanded warfare by making a bombastic statement in which he declared that, "We have long known that there was rivalry between Oregon and Harvard, but we of the law school do not intend to let our desire for supremacy force us into using unfair tactics."

Obviously, this is mere trickery. The radicals are encouraged in this futile mud-slinging in an attempt to keep Neuberger in the Oregon law school and thus add lustre to its reputation. They cannot be big-souled enough to give him a wider field in which

attitude of distrust against reputable Greek letter social organizations.

Without doubt there are honoraries and professional fraternities whose functions are useful and whose central offices are earnestly endeavoring to serve as fully as possible their vast undergraduate and alumni membership. Toward these no criticism should be directed—they should, rather, be encouraged. But grave doubts are justifiable in the case of a great many organizations, and it is more than possible that the business men and merchants against the college or university in which the honorary exists, as well as an

his abilities will have full scope, even though it cost them considerable advantage. We, too, realize the sacrifice that we are making.

The radicals shall not succeed. If it takes every cent we have, Neuberger shall go to Harvard (or Amherst, or Princeton, or Yale, or any school on the East coast). Assurance of our victory is given by a secret agreement reached with Claude Ingalls, editor of the Corvallis Gazette-Times, in which he pledges his complete support in combating the radicals on the Oregon campus. This is done at great personal sacrifice, and is only made possible by extreme deviation from his usual editorial policy.

Another point. How can we of the Oregon campus pursue a selfish policy, when the Oregon State Barometer, with fine unselfish sportsmanship, rises above its slight disagreements with Mr. Neuberger and offers to contribute funds toward the great cause? They want to see him go East, too.

Students of Oregon, let us scotch this viper in our bosom, crush these small-souled men. Let us resolve that, cost what it may, Neuberger shall go to Harvard! Thank you,
BARNEY.

April 6

To the Editor:
A further example of the blatant coercive use of the "power of the press" became apparent this morning with the publication of the list of the percentage rankings of various living organizations in their enrollment in the associated students. It is well enough for the Emerald, as the organ of the associated students, to support the so-called "drive" in its editorial columns, but such a patent attempt at coercion as this method of social indictment begins to pall on even the most gullible. Far from enemies of the associated students, there are some of us who feel that such subversive propaganda as appeared in your columns this morning makes the Emerald (long an avowed advocate of personal liberties) the tool of an outworn political machine which would desire nothing better than to raise an accusing finger at students who find no need of the stimulation of the activities sponsored by the ASU, and amid cries of "slacker!" cast a stigma upon individuals and organizations which respond less readily to normal and legitimate advertising pressure.
Respectfully,
G. P. H.

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Reading and Writing

PEGGY CHESSMAN, Editor

MUCH to the chagrin of the editor, it has been brought to light that this column has failed to the utmost in satisfying its readers, few though they may be, and that all phases of literature have not been given equal amounts of publication.

We reprint here a letter of complaint, handed in by none less than a member of our teaching corps: Dear Reading and Writing Editor,

I regret to note that your column has failed to take an enlightened interest in an important branch of literature. As an old subscriber, I look to you for guidance and inspiration. Can you not supply us with a good list of detective stories measuring up to the following high canons of criticism:

- 1.—The baronet should be found dead on the library floor not later than the bottom of page five.
- 2.—There must be no ghosts, no terrors, no international crime conspiracy, and no mystery except who done it.
- 3.—The chief constable should call in Scotland Yard in the third chapter, and the inspector assigned must be shrewd, pertinacious, and courteous, and speak excellent, though somewhat stilted English.
- 4.—It must be apparent after reading the book that adequate clues really were recorded in chapter seven, but not noticed at the time.
- 5.—The girl must be a dandy, but no love interest until the next to the last page.

Yours for a highbrow column,

FACULTY READER.

Following upon the theory that the customer is always right, Reading and Writing takes this opportunity to humbly apologize to its readers for this oversight, and will in the future undertake such measures as will cover the ENTIRE field of literature. However, we must bear in mind that "you can please some of the people all of the time, all of the people some of the time, but never all of the people all of the time." Life is rather futile is it not?

To its public Reading and Writing now appeals loudly and earnestly. It has spent the best part of two days and nights trying in vain to discover some detective story that will fall in the above-mentioned category. The nearest Reading and Writing came was "London Calling," by Val Gielgud and Holt Marvell, but the authors spoiled the whole thing by killing Sidney Parsons as late as page ten. Scotland Yard was busy, there were no ghosts to speak of, no international crime

mixup, and the love interest was slight.

"The Mystery of the Fiddling Cracksman," by Harry Stephen Keeler, and "The Return of Arsene Lupin," by Maurice Leblanc ran "London Calling" a close second, except that the authors could not resist the temptation to involve a woman in both cases and the love interest sprang up as early as the second chapter.

Unless some of the readers can make better suggestions, Reading and Writing will have to write THE detective story. In the meantime, does anyone know who wrote the letter?

Innocent Bystander

By BARNEY CLARK

The editor refused to print our column today, so we had to run it in Letters to the Editor, or Safety Valve, or whatever it is. Tuesday we will write our own obituary, because no one else can do it as well as we can. Goodbye now!

The Student Church

ROSEBELLE HIMELSTEIN

A FIRE, mist, and a planet,
A crystal and a cell,
A jellyfish and a saurian,
And caves where cavemen dwell—
Then a sense of law and beauty,
And a face turned from the clod,
Some call it Evolution,
And some call it God.

W. H. Garruth.

First Congregational

"Will America Submit to Registration?" Rev. Clay E. Palmer, minister of the First Congregational church, will attempt to answer this question tomorrow during the morning service at 11.

After the morning service the University students will climb Spencer's butte.

Baptist

Rev. Bryant Wilson will speak at 11 a. m. on "Freedom in Christ." At 7:30 in the evening the topic will be "Life After Death." The Linfield college quartet from McMinnville will sing at 9:45 a. m.

Westminster House

Edith Grim will lead the morning discussion group at 9:45. The usual social half hour will be held at 6 p. m. and from 6:30 to 7:30 John Caswell will conduct another discussion group under the title of "What Is the Prime Purpose of Existence?"

Central Presbyterian

"The Winged Words of Jesus" will be the subject on which Rev. Milton Weber will preach at the 11 o'clock service. At 7:30 p. m. he will also speak on "The Scriptural Exposition on Fate."

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