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Chance For Collegians To "Wise-up" on Voting

WHEN a newspaper with the Eugene Register-Guard's reputation for alert public leadership supports the new primary election bill with the candid argument that, by shortening the campaign, the law would make politics less bore-some, the Emerald dares in its turn to admit to an ever-criminatory public that college students are bored with politics, too.

Yes, it is a peculiar fact, but here there is an election coming up this week when four important measures will come before the people of the state, and, of these, only the compulsory fees bill has stirred the least campus interest. The fees bill has been made the object of a great deal of collegiate concern because it is intimately connected with immediate college life.

On the other hand, the remaining three measures may really be of greater ultimate consequence to present collegians than compulsory or optional student fees, and they should be given their worthy measure of thought.

The bill mentioned above, which would advance the date of the primary election, shortening the final campaign and changing the procedure of naming delegates to national party conventions, should be a matter of greater concern than student body tickets, even to students. The same thing can be said of the other two measures, one of which would change the compensation of members of the state legislature, and the other of which would establish a sales tax to provide funds for social security.

These measures are really important, and no person, let alone one supposedly educated to the duties of citizenship, should go to the polls without a decent knowledge of their underlying principles.

Student Prexy's Committee And ASUO Constitution

OWING to an oversight in the last term elections the news constitution of the ASUO was adopted without the adoption of the necessary by-laws. The executive council has moved to adopt concurrently such by-laws as are harmonious with the new constitution and has referred the action to the judiciary committee for conformation of procedure.

The fact that the constitution has been "by-lawless" since last spring is of little importance. This has been remedied by the executive council. The important disclosure of the recent inquiry is that some of the by-laws are not in harmony with the constitution. Since these by-laws have not been officially discarded, nor now ones substituted, it appears as though some of the minor functions of the ASUO will not be taken care of adequately until new by-laws are presented.

President James Blais has appointed a committee for revision of the constitution. Although the committee was appointed before the introduction of the present difficulty, it should be plain that fast action is necessary in the job of placing the constitution in order.

In previous years, some attempt has been made to re-write the constitution. It was started by one president, carried on by another, and thence to another, etc. There has never been a concerted, consistent, and complete job on that document. Blais has said that this job will be a good one. It would be much to his credit if he would drive thing thing to a successful completion, and walk out of office with a definite, complete, and appreciated job well done. He can if he wants to.

Wright Talks At Eugene High

Professor Leavitt O. Wright of the Romance languages department, spoke yesterday morning to the Eugene high school Spanish club.

A feature of the meeting was the "charro" suit worn by Billy Allen, son of Dean and Mrs. Eric W. Allen, which was acquired when Billy's parents visited Mexico last summer.

Mary Bennett Plays Role of Topsy in Play

Mary Bennett, editorial assistant in the state board of higher education office, is appearing as Topsy in "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Very Little theatre presentation playing all this week.

Miss Bennett has been very active in dramatics in Eugene, and

starred in the "East Lynne" when it was given here last year. She also had a part in "The Streets of New York," melodrama of the nineties, which the Very Little theatre gave last winter.

Alpha Xi Delta

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Delta Upsilon	2.2773
Gamma Phi Beta	2.2751
Chi Psi	2.2640
ALL MEN	2.2457
Sigma Chi	2.2261
Theta Chi	2.2092
Zeta hall	2.2028
Phi Sigma Kappa	2.1798
ALL MEN'S	
ORGANIZATIONS	2.1749
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	2.1683
Phi Delta Theta	2.1628
Phi Kappa Psi	2.1333
ALL FRATERNITIES	2.1283
Pi Kappa Alpha	2.1236
Beta Theta Pi	2.0916
Sigma Nu	2.0614
Phi Gamma Delta	2.0104

How About Some Modern Drama?

IT has been announced, unofficially, that the Next Guild hall players production will be Richard of Bordeaux by Gordon Daviot. This is a fine, upstanding play, but it's a costume play, too.

Without given time for the musty odor of "The Rivals" with its powdered wigs and eighteenth century costumes time to clear, the Guild hall class brings forth another cocked hat and old lace style show. Soon those costumes are going to get used so much they'll stand by themselves and go through a scene from Hamlet.

One of the best plays given in Guild hall in recent years, direction, acting, set and all, was last year's Guild hall production, "Dangerous Corner" by J. B. Priestly. This play whetted the campus appetite for contemporary shows. Many are looking forward to the coming presentation of Elmer Rice's "Street Scene" with an interest which has not been shown in the last few productions.

Although "Street Scene" is a different type of show than "Dangerous Corner," nevertheless it has one thing in common with the latter play; it was written in a time and about a time that most of us are familiar with and don't have to run back to grandpa's knee to find out what the whole thing's about.

Following the realistic down-to-earth "Street Scene," it would be great to see the Guild hall group bring out another "Dangerous Corner," something new, modern, and refreshing.

Local Church Drive Asks Student Support

THE Eugene Ministerial association recently appointed a special committee on united spiritual activity to devise a program and make suggestions for stimulating a more active interest in the religious and social service agencies of Eugene.

The report of the committee suggested a program for the six-weeks pro-Lenten period, from January 26 to March 1. This period will be set aside by all the Eugene churches for a special united spiritual emphasis campaign.

The committee found evidences of public apathy toward religion and social service—illustrated by failure of the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, the Salvation Army, and the Young Men's Christian association to reach their modest budget goals. Also cited were the recent revelations of juvenile delinquency in Eugene, at which time quite a bunch of youngsters was hailed into the local court on charges of theft.

During the campaign, starting tomorrow, Eugene churches will offer special sermons on allied topics, and ask the support of University students in making this a success.

Although it is rather easy for college students to forget temporarily high school and grammar school associations in such organizations as those mentioned above, there is a lasting impression in most every student's mind of the values of training in morals, character, and physical improvement, as provided for by Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and YMCA affiliations. And there is little doubt that most students recognize the value of such training today.

It would be a real contribution if students could aid this drive of the Eugene churches in stimulating increased social consciousness by paying closer attention to the program and functions of the church and its purposes.

The cooperation should be extended this week in expressing confidence in and confirmation of their efforts on behalf of society.

The Safety Valve

Letters published in this column should not be construed as expressing the editorial opinion of the Emerald. Anonymous contributions will be discarded. The names of contributors will, however, be regarded as confidential upon request. Contributors are asked to be brief, the editors reserve the right to condense all letters of over 300 words and to accept or reject letters upon the criteria of general editorial importance and interest to the campus.

Editor, The Emerald:

Offered as a note on the able reply of Prof. S. Stephenson Smith to Mr. Hobbs' assault on the printing labs with special reference to the twaddlesome remark about "young Bolsheviks," a quotation from Harold L. Ickes:

"Communism is merely a convenient bugaboo with which to frighten those who are in their political childhood."

If Mr. Hobbs would explain concretely, specifically and exactly what he means (if anything) behind the cloudy verbiage of "young Bolsheviks" this reader would appreciate it. That hokey about communists is getting very stale and very bore-some. The mentality of the average politician must be very low to suspect his listeners of such low mentality as to be taken in by the continual repetition of meaningless phrases.

Erwin Williams.

Kappa Sigma	1.9938
Sigma Phi Epsilon	1.9502
Sigma Alpha Mu	1.8768
Delta Tau Delta	1.7846
Gamma hall	1.6978

Organization membership is taken as certified from the registrar's office at mid-term. Auditors and graduates are omitted.

Education Groups Will Meet Monday

Both the men and women's national education honoraries will hold their first meeting of the winter term Monday evening, January 27.

Pi Lambda Theta, women's honorary, will meet at the home of Mrs. D. R. French at 7:30. Phi Delta Kappa, men's honorary, will meet at Gerlinger hall at 7:30, where they will hear Earl F. Boushey, president, tell of his trip to the St. Louis national convention during Christmas vacation.

Boyer Feels

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nois. Here he advanced steadily, until the summer of 1923, when he was invited to come west to head the English department of the University of Oregon.

Under Dr. Boyer's direction the English department at the University has grown to be one of the largest divisions of the institution, with a faculty of teachers of the highest type. Although always firm in his insistence that teaching be maintained at a high level, Dr. Boyer has offered every aid and encouragement for independent research, and has himself set an example for his faculty members in this important work. His published works, all the result of extensive investigation, include "Villain as Hero in Elizabethan Literature," published by Dutton, and a large number of papers and critical reviews in such publications as "The Modern Quarterly," "The Nation," "The Freeman," "Journal of English and German Philology," and others.

To Dr. Boyer, education is not merely "going to school" or attending classes or reading books. He sees it as a continuing process, in which the reward is not merely training that results in gain of worldly goods, but attainment of philosophy and mental attitude that make for real joy in living. "The thrill that comes from the expansion of mind, from seeing things in their relation as you have not seen them before, is like the prospect you gain from a mountain top," he once told university students at an assembly. "The pursuit of knowledge is like a great adventure, and when some bit of new information, falling into place, causes the knowledge you already possess to take on a new meaning, the sensation is like that of an explorer discovering a new land which creates for him a new world."

Dr. Boyer is first of all a firm believer in higher education, and the high regard in which he is held as a leader in this field has been earned by the high standards he has set for himself, and has insisted upon from others with whom he has associated. "High standards of scholarship mean not only the cultivation of the individual to his own advantage, but the development of a citizenry able to function intelligently in a world where order is of primary importance," he once told a group of university alumni. "The life of a democracy depends upon the soundness of the higher education it offers to youth."

Education, and the ideal that inspires it, should be shared, Dr. Boyer believes, by the student, parent, and the university itself. Further, he believes that much misunderstanding and often tragedy could be averted if parents would at least make an attempt to keep up with their children in learning. He is a firm advocate of adult education, whether gained through evening classes, correspondence courses, or by reading and observing.

Although Dr. Boyer believes that the way to achievement in education is through application—in other words, hard work—he is far from an advocate of any "all work and no play" theory. People should develop lively interests in art and learn to appreciate the better things of life, but recreation and sport are just as essential as any other phase of living, he declares. His own hobbies and recreations reflect this belief.

In college Dr. Boyer was a member of the track team, and nothing gives him more pleasure today than to officiate at a track meet, so that he can once more share the interests of the athletes. He is an ardent football and basketball fan, and he has encouraged clean, wholesome athletics in every way since he became a university executive.

For hobbies Dr. Boyer has his books, which line the walls of his study from floor to ceiling, and his two beautiful Scotch collies, "Smoke" and "Lance." He admires dogs, he declares, for their grace and ability, for their faithfulness, and for their ready enthusiasm for games and play.

In appearance Dr. Boyer is slender, but has an air of dignity that instantly commands respect. He is nervous and energetic in his movements, but speaks slowly and carefully, weighing his words and sentences before he utters them. Although he speaks directly and seriously, his remarks are lightened by a ready and charming wit. As head of the English department and dean of the college of liberal arts, Dr. Boyer won the respect and cooperation and genuine friendship of the faculty members who worked directly with him.

Through his untiring loyalty and readiness to aid them in every way, since he has been head of the

Air Y' ♣ ♣ ♣ Listenin'?

By Jimmy Morrison

Emerald of the Air

What's happened to Betty Coed? Why, she's become Elizabeth, if you please, and has discovered a campus library can really be used for something besides a dating bureau.

At least, "The New Seriousness of College Women" is the announced subject of a talk over NBC from Radio City by Helen Snyder Andres, who certainly knows her college girl, being national president of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. Mrs. Andres will be guest speaker on the "Let's Talk It Over" broadcast Monday at 1:30 p. m.

The kind of jazz music permissible in Germany will be explained in a special program to be short-waved from Berlin, reaching Pacific coast listeners at 9 a. m. Sunday. F. Dietze will be the speaker. His remarks will be illustrated by a studio orchestra.

Jack Benny will turn the spotlight on his versatile orchestra leader, Johnny Green, during the Jell-O program Sunday at 8:30 p. m., to permit him to introduce his latest composition, "The Night Is Beginning," as a principal feature. Johnny has produced such hit selections as "Body and Soul," "Coquette," and "I Cover the Waterfront." After Johnny and Kenny Baker, the timorous tenor, do their stuff, Jack and the Benny dramatic company will present one of their comedy sketches.

Two colorful medleys, one from "Top Hat" and the other from "Hooray for Love," will be featured by Al Roth and his "Synco-pators" at 11 a. m. today over KOIN. Other numbers to be played and sung include "You Hit the Spot," "Honey, I Love You, I Do," "I Wished on the Moon," "Hypnotized," "The Day I Let You Get Away," "I Love to Ride the Horses," and "China Boy."

Right now Don Wilson is an University, staff and faculty members throughout the institution have felt these same human considerations, and the esprit de corps of the whole organization has improved remarkably under his administration and leadership.

Although Dr. Boyer's philosophy of education is broad and extensive, and although he has proved his ability as an executive, his first and last love is teaching. To guide youth into paths of learning, to watch it develop in knowledge, to see its characters form and strengthen through contacts with minds of the great men of the world—this to Dr. Boyer is life's greatest joy. And he accepted the presidency of a great university only because it gives him an opportunity to be of greater service, to go forward, as his father before him, to newer fields as a pioneer.

This is a brief sketch of the man who on February 6, at a ceremony that will be impressive largely for its simplicity and earnestness of purpose, will be formally inaugurated as the sixth president of the University. As this honor is officially conferred upon him, to his host of friends and fellow workers in education it will mean a recognition of his already proven ability to carry on the program that was started by President Johnson, when the University was started August 9, 1876, and which has been added to by such men as Prince Lucien Campbell, Arnold Bennett Hall, and other leaders. Each president has made his contribution in his own way. Dr. Boyer has already demonstrated his ability to take his place at the head of the institution, and to make his own contributions to progress of education in Oregon.

Historic Deady Hall To Be Remodeled

Refinishing work on the top floor of Deady is progressing rapidly. The botany store room, photographic room, and F. D. Sipe's office have been rewired. The walls have all been painted instead of calomined, and the old open wiring enclosed in conduits.

Work will be started on the zoology laboratory and store room next Monday. Later in the week, the second floor labs and store-rooms will receive the same sort of refinishing. Then it is planned to paint and varnish all the stairways.

nouncing the programs of Jack Benny, Grace Moore, Bing Crosby, and Jimmy Fidler, making him about the most important microphone-talker-inner in the West.

The glorification of American music, featuring typical Meredith Willson arrangements, will be the aim of a special 45-minute "Concert in Rhythm" this evening at 6:45. Willson's orchestra, with Tommy Harris and Nola Day as soloists, will be heard.

NBC-CBS Programs Today
8:00 a. m. — German Jazz. NBC.
11:00 a. m. — Al Roth and his "Synco-pators." KOIN.
1:30 p. m. — "The New Seriousness of College Women"; talk by Mrs. Andres. KGO and network.
6:00 — Rubinoff and His Violin. KPO, KGW.

Nino Martini, tenor; Andre Kostelanetz' orchestra. KOIN, KSL.
6:30 — Shell Chateau. KPO, KGW.
8:00 — Palmolive Beauty Box; Jessica Dragonette, soprano; James Melton. KOIN, KSL.

Innocent ♣ ♣ Bystander

By BARNEY CLARK

Tonight is another one of those nights, and I thought I'd better warn you before you got into this too far.

Not that I have anything against you, understand, and not that I don't like your company, but I have a feeling that we wouldn't get along so well tonight.

Not that there's anything special about tonight, either. Tonight is just like any other night, only a little colder than most.

But there is a feeling in the air. This is one of the nights that I hear footsteps following me. This irritates me. I have never found out WHO is following me (though I suspect that it is a troupe of little men with

beards), and naturally it makes me jumpy.

Another thing that bothers me is the feeling that I have, somewhere, a library book that is about a year overdue. There is no basis for this belief. The library has never sent me a card about such a book. I have no recollection of taking out ANY book last year, for that matter. Nevertheless, in quiet moments I am suddenly appalled by a vision of a large green book, mouldering somewhere under a sofa. And the worst thing about it is that I lack the courage to go frankly up to the library and get the spectre off my chest. This can go on for years!

However, don't let it bother YOU. You go on with your revelry and mirth, careless of the morrow, unheeding footsteps close behind. Let me brood by myself, I'm happier alone.

Before we go away, though, we'll give you the two items we promised you yesterday. No extra charge.

(Editor's note: That's what you think!)

Small Change

Edited by Mildred Blackburne

Idaho Editors Not Surprised At Walkout

Opinion of Mencken For Naval Confab Failure Said Correct

The Idaho Argonaut editors write: "The announcement last week of the break-up of the London naval conference when Japan walked out was no surprise to anybody."

"The failure of the conference calls to mind the oft-repeated view of H. L. Mencken that the aim of every country in disarmament or naval parity is to make sure in peace time of some advantage that will be useful when, as, and if war breaks out."

"In whatever light one holds the opinions of Mr. Mencken, one must admit that he has hit the nail on the head in this disarmament conference foolishness."

Indiana Group Hits Useless Honoraries

The Indiana Daily Student editors say:

"The Interfraternity council is making what apparently is an honest attempt to snap out of its deliriums by initiating a move to rid the University of useless honoraries, groups which have been and still are, parasites in the honorary field here. The record of the council, itself, during the past few years, hardly merits its own survival on the campus, but if it carries this new program through, the council will have gained again a ranking high among student governmental agencies."

"The Daily Student long has opposed useless honoraries and stands firmly behind the council in its plan. The administration, too, has voiced its approval of the project, and the student body, as a whole, should fall in line in this attempt to make Indiana university a more worthwhile institution."

Unbearded Sophs Due to Get Soaking

At the University of Washington sophomores without beards will be duly soaked in a very wet, very cold pond, according to authorities. These underclassmen are competing for honors in the current beard contest which awards prizes for the reddest, blackest, biggest, silkiest, freakiest crop of the year.

UCLA Approves Grant for Crew

UCLA's board of control settled the crew question for another year with the appropriation of \$1200 and promise of further help if the federal project is completed on Ballona creek. For three years the crew hasn't had a suitable place to practice. Government appropriations may end this controversy.

Shorthand System New

J. E. Coover, professor of the Stanford psychology and psychological research department, recently wrote a book called "Notescript" about a new system of shorthand. The system is said to be easy to learn and is more legible than any written. It is based on a consonant skeleton and has points and dashes for vowels.

Women Practice For Rifle Team At Moscow, Idaho

Women in the Moscow university are practicing for the rifle team under the direction of Capt. Charles H. Hart, assistant professor of military science. A charge of 25 cents to defray the cost of ammunition will be made for each woman participating. A rifle squad will be selected from the best shots. Competitive firing for the university championship will start in April.

U. of W. Also Has Rushing Problem

The Interfraternity council at Washington university has received proposed additions to fraternity rushing rules, providing for payment of a \$2 registration fee by rushees, and posting of \$100 bonds for individual houses. Discussion of the proposals was held over until the regular meeting.

The \$2 fee would be used to publish a booklet containing information on Washington fraternities and rushing rules, and mailed to every registered rushee. The surplus funds would be used for establishing and maintaining the Interfraternity council.

SC May Elect Prexy in Winter

An amendment to the Southern California constitution suggests that the election of student body president be moved to the beginning of winter term.

Students arguing for the proposition say two months more experience as an observer of his duties, while students opposing the measure feel that such a change would place the president in a controlling place over later elections. Then, too, they say, that entering freshmen do not know the candidates for the presidency well enough.

Texas Students Hear Daniels Praise Wilson

Josephus Daniels, ambassador to Mexico and former secretary of navy under Woodrow Wilson, said, "Whatever Wilson said was true. He was incapable of making any statement that wasn't the acme of truth."

This comment was made recently to University of Texas students about the investigation into World War relations led by Senator Gerald P. Nye of North Dakota.

Washington Editors Meet

Washington editors and publishers of weeklies and small dailies met recently on the Seattle campus for their 24 annual newspaper institute. Between 150 and 175 delegates were expected at the Washington university.

RUSHING SHIFTS PLANNED

Minnesota university's interfraternity council is preparing to change their rushing rules. The two sides are urging early fall and deferred rushing systems.

USC Debates Australians

Melbourne, Australia, students recently debated with students of the Trojan college. The team of two representatives are to be in the United States for three weeks touring and lecturing.

UC Students Favor Optional Military Classes

ROTC Needed; Editorial Backs 3-Year Policy

From an editorial in the Daily Californian comes the statement: "It should be understood by the campus and those concerned in this matter that a definite majority of the students' representatives are in favor of placing military on an optional basis."

"The policy of this paper has not changed in the last three years. We believe that able-bodied male undergraduates must serve in the Reserve Officers' Training corps, because we believe it is important and significant that those in closest touch with the temper of the student body have continued to ask for optional military."

Kansas Students Back Landon

Editorially speaking the University Daily Kansan is backing their Governor Landon in the presidential campaign, but with certain amount of criticism. The Kansan editors say:

"The 'Kansas Coolidge,' as our governor has been unwisely called, is coming in for his share of criticism rather early and, on the whole, the criticism appears to be somewhat justified . . .

"We call upon Governor Landon, if he is in earnest in his liberalism, to declare himself more explicitly on utilities, labor, relief, and civil liberties, and to shake off the corrupting hand of William Randolph Hearst."

'Tis the Night Before Pledging

George Veness of the Stanford Daily writes at the close of rushing at Stanford university:

"'Tis the night before pledging and all through the houses, the pledges are stirring up beffings and grouses. The buttons are laid by the chimneys with care, in hopes that the nuggets soon will be there."

Fourteen freshmen are allowed each house, and 324 men were expected to declare their preferences.

Journalist Will Study Germany During Tour

Roy L. French, director of the University of Southern California school of journalism, will tour Germany this summer. He is to make an extensive study of journalism in its relationship to the political and international affairs of the European state.

MAJORLESS AWARDS PLAN

Dean of the University of Washington faculties, Edward H. Lauer, plans to award majorless diplomas to some future graduates. Dean Lauer said that he saw no reason for refusing a diploma to students who are not especially interested in a certain line but who did want a college education.

Mixed Volleyball Played

WAA, commonly known as the women's athletic association, is engaging men in mixed volleyball tournaments at the Bruins' college.