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kill a guy for just trying to be helpful, though.

WE never realized we'd get such a rise out of people. It looks as though someone could have told us what a tender subject the band is. We just dropped a match and the first thing we knew things started popping. Being a musical moron, according to our esteemed psych department, we had the good sense to stay under the table. But now that the battle has died down a bit we feel we can safely mediate.

IT has been quite a tussle. Rarely before has any student activity been singled out for such criticism as the band has undergone the last week or two. Much of the criticism, especially since the snappy exhibition of the Washington band last weekend, has had its origin in the nettled pride of Oregon students that their band could not be as nattily dressed, as well equipped, and as well drilled as bands of certain other schools.

NO one has ever criticized the musical ability of the bandsmen. No one has said that they don't play as well as any other group on the coast. Criticism has generally been directed at their poor appearance. Of course new uniforms would help in this regard—but clothes don't make a band. If the present uniforms were cleaned and pressed and worn properly there would be a great improvement.

New instruments would help, but a little polish and elbow grease on the horns and a little paint on the drums would add much to their appearance.

Nothing, however, can take the place of drill if the band is to cut any sort of figure at all marching. Bandsmen complain that other schools give more credit for band practice and drill. Well, possibly it can be arranged so that more credit may be given for their sacrifice of time and effort. Be that as it may—it shouldn't be a drawback even if additional credit cannot be obtained. Other activities on the campus call for sacrifices from loyal student workers. Even this paper could not be published if its staff were not willing to give freely of its time for no college credit at all.

Come on, bandsmen, let's get going and show them a thing or two.

Campus Comment

(The views aired in this column are not necessarily expressive of Emerald policy. Communications should be kept within a limit of 250 words. Courtesy restraint should be observed in reference to personalities. No unsigned letters will be accepted.)

GOSH, SOMEONE SAW IT!
To the Editor: YOU SHOULD TALK!
To who ever is making such a sorry mess of that column "Freshman Faux Pas" . . . I must say, you certainly do the upperclassmen no honor by your representation. It indeed appears that you upper-classmen have more presence of "wind" than of "mind" when you try to say something. Quoting yesterday's paper:
"Inculcate" means to instill or implant upon the WIND by frequent repetitions or admonitions.
No more need be said.
Sincerely,
Wendell S. Brooks, Jr.

(Editor's note: There are two sorts of typographical errors: those like "rgh5@& etc." that don't make sense, and those that unfortunately appear to make sense. The errant appearance of "wind" when it should have been "mind" leaves us at Mr. Brooks' mercy.)

WELL, NOW
Five more words in his vocabulary than he had as a college freshman is the gain of the average college senior, according to the findings of a six-year study of students in Pennsylvania made under the direction of the Carnegie Foundation.

The survey, made as a "study of the relation of secondary and higher education," was expected to show the progress made by groups of young people.
The college senior who knew as much as he knew as a freshman was almost a rarity, according to the scores made on objective tests given these groups every other year. As freshmen they scored higher in mathematics, English literature and vocabulary, history and social studies than they did as seniors.
In intelligence, general science, general culture, foreign literature and fine arts the senior students made slight progress.
The average senior in six colleges recognized only 61 out of 100 words "in familiar usage by educated people," 56 of which he had known four years before.

"It shows the poverty of undergraduate speech and indicates a dearth of general reading among the student body," John R. Tunis said in a recent magazine article commenting upon the survey.
Students seemed to gain more knowledge in small college where athletics played a relatively small part, the survey showed. Evidence that athletics was responsible, however, was not entirely conclusive.—Fraternity.

Spalding has numerous other elusive backs, and the Ducks may have a tough time.
The rest of Oregon's starting forward wall, according to Coach Callison, will be the same as a week ago. A probable change is substitution of Yerby, the sophomore pass snatcher, for John Engstrom at left end. Yerby is the receiving half of the now-famous Gammon-to-Yerby combination.

Joe Huston, guard, and Tom Blackman, fullback, two Webfoots who have been out of action for several weeks with injuries, will be ready to go this afternoon, but are likely to see little service.
UCLA has, in addition to a formidable array of backs, a strong line. Sherman Chavoer, veteran center, and Captain George Dickerson, behemoth tackle, are outstanding.

Tune'er Out...

By BOB POLLOCK

Dopes who listen to symphonys instead of football games on Saturday afternoon are all excited and happy over NBC's new program from 3:35 to 4:00 p. m. on Saddy's . . . says one mother. "My young daughter after listening to only one of your programs was able to play 'March Militaire' and the 'Minuet'—please next week will you give us 'Minnie the Moocher'? My husband's just crazy to hear kick the gong around." And a 77-year-old bachelor reports, "I have thrown away my cane and am taking fiddle lessons—and I must say it takes a lot of guts to learn. Please keep up your wonderful work."

Now that Rosy is back, the boys are all gathering to figger what he's gonna do . . . one of the high-brow discussions will be Sunday at 9:30 over KGW . . . you'll get professors of philosophy to soothe the Repubs and profs of political science to boom the Demes.

Down South, nothing is too good for 'em. They have million-dollar stadiums with cold cement seats, million-dollar football teams that always get to the Rose Bowl but never any farther, and now Stanford has a radio program all of its own which is almost million-dollar. No weak, one-lunged local outlet for it, no sir. The resources of the mighty NBC-Blue network are at its command once a week. You'll find it Monday at 9 in the evening. Gay with a doctor's degree will do the spiling.

Ed Wynn, who'll you'll hear at 9 over KEX tonight, has a new technique in the presentation of guest stars . . . instead of letting 'em alone to hold the spot for a few brief moments, he insists they play his stoges . . . for example, when some famous actress plays, say, Ophelia, Eddie will play Hamlet. Which will make the high-priced guest talent look like six cents. Nice guy.

Could it be possible that the country has Literary Indigestion?

Full Peace Week Program Slated

By YW and YM

A mass meeting at the Christian church on Armistice day, open house for dads, and election and installation of officers are planned for the YWCA program for the week ending November 14.

The YWCA and YMCA Student Christian council and the Ministerial association are planning the program for Peace week.
"Bury the Dead" is to be shown Monday and Tuesday evenings as the opening feature. On Wednesday, Dr. Anderson will speak at the Christian church. Eugene gleemen will sing.

Magazine Prints Article

By Former Professor

An article entitled "Zero and the Calendar," written by Dr. R. M. Winger, former professor of mathematics at the University of Oregon and now at the University of Washington, printed in the Scientific Monthly magazine for October, 1936, has been reprinted and copies have been received by the mathematics department here.
The article concerns the faults of the western calendar and particularly the omission of the year zero between B.C. and A.D., citing interesting instances which arise because of this omission.

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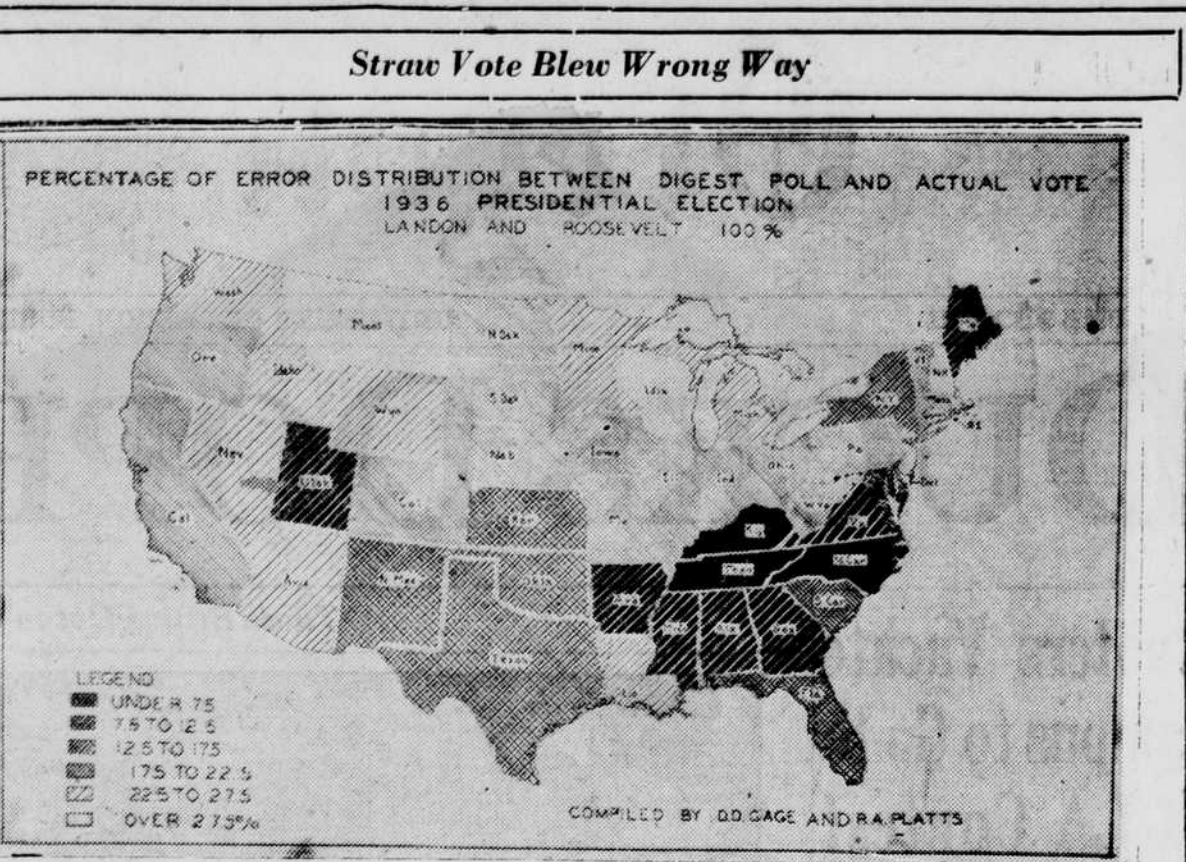
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to find your lost articles.

to get that ride to Portland for the game.

to see the rest of the students know that you can type out their term papers. . . .

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That the Literary Digest's presidential straw vote which "elected" Alf M. Landon was almost entirely inaccurate, is shown by the chart above, prepared by D. D. Gage, associate professor of business administration, R. A. Platt, graduate assistant, and Gage's statistics class. The Digest's ball had less than 5 percent error in only three states.

Literary Digest Vote Is Close In Only 3 States, Gage Says

Results of the Literary Digest's straw vote reveal the fact that only in the cases of Tennessee, Kentucky, and North Carolina did the poll show an error of less than five per cent, which is allowable, according to the chart prepared by D. D. Gage, associate professor of business administration on the campus, with the aid of Raymond A. Platts, graduate student in statistics.

The chart reveals that in most of the southern states the margin of error ran between 7.5 per cent to 12.50 per cent. At the other extreme, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Montana, Wisconsin showed errors amounting to more than 27 per cent. Massachusetts broke the record of all in showing a discrepancy between the straw vote and the actual vote of 32 per cent. The total percentage of error is 19.3.

Chart Shows Results
The chart, accompanying this story represents, state by state, of the results of the Literary Digest vote poll with the actual results of the election Tuesday.
In making this chart no attention was paid to votes cast for other candidates. Both straw and actual votes, the figures for Landon and Roosevelt were totaled and the total divided into the sub-figures to secure a percentage ratio. The ratio of the straw vote was then subtracted from the ratio of the actual vote.
A frequency distribution was then made by class intervals of five per cent. States where the error was small are indicated by heavy shading, graduating down to the light shading where the error was the greatest.

Vote Criticized
The criticism of the Digest vote in not revealing the true trend of public opinion was laid more to its failure to obtain a random sample of the voting public than to the possibility of its being too small. Dr. George Gallop's "American Institute of Public Opinion," with only 250,000 straw votes returned, as compared to 2,000,000 out of 10,000,000 returned to the Digest was much more accurate.
Inaccuracy in the Digest poll may be laid to the method of selection. (Please turn to page four).

Campus Calendar

Women's debate will be held Monday at 4 o'clock, in room 13, S. H. Friendly hall. All members are urged to come.

All young people of the different churches will meet at the First Christian church, Sunday night at 8:30 to practice music for the Armistice day memorial services to be held at the same church, Wednesday night.

Phi Lambda Theta, education honorary for women, will meet at the home of Miss Gertrude Sears, 2092 Agate street, Monday at 8:00 p.m.

A forum sponsored by Alpha Kappa Delta, the sociology honorary, will be held Monday evening at 7:30 in Friendly hall, room 13. Everyone is invited.

Winston Allard, George Cornwall, Harry Hodes, Irwin Buchwach, Patrick Cassidy, Edgar Wulzen, Emil Ocampo, Robert Piper, Catherine Cummings, Jean Rawson, Betty Brady, Helen Jones, Beverly Brown, Gayle Meyer, and LaVern Littleton are in the infirmary today. Bettylou Swart has been taken to her home in Portland for treatment.

Sigma Delta Chi pledges will meet in the journalism building, Saturday at 11:50 a.m. to be photographed.

Yeomen to Fete Champ Team at Meet Monday

The championship Yeomen touch football team will be guests at a brief meeting of the Yeomen Monday at 7 p.m. in alumni hall in Geringer, according to Howard Lee, vice-president.
Plans for initiating new members into the group will be laid, following which the Yeomen will join the Orides in their regular dance practice.

College Is Peachy, but

WHEN John W. Anderson, editor of the Eugene Morning News, called us up the other morning to ask how come all the racket Wednesday night in the vicinity of the Sacred Heart hospital, we sensed that he was establishing a prior right. Just as surely as an old-timer might have located a claim, Mr. Anderson was staking out the right of his editorial column to be first to reprimand the heedless collegians who shouted and sang at a late hour almost beneath the windows of the Eleventh street hospital.

We don't know exactly what is cricket in such circumstances, but, inasmuch as Mr. Anderson failed to deliver his rebuke in yesterday's paper, we will maintain our forbearance no longer.

SO far as we are aware, the Sisters of St. Joseph, who operate the hospital, have made no complaint. But certainly their Christian tolerance must have been strained that night when the bibulous brothers of some fraternity tramped along bearing a hapless, sheet-enswathed wretch to one of the mill-race sororities.

It was real college stuff all right, the kind you tell your kids about when you're fat and fifty, but up in the hospital were almost a hundred patients who didn't feel the least bit collegiate. Many of them were so desperately beset with the ills to which flesh is heir that they didn't give a damn if the cup were ever filled for dear old blankety-blank.

COLLEGE is peachy and undoubtedly the camaraderie of jest and song is a valuable part of higher learning, but this extra-curricular frolicking certainly has a limit, and most surely that thoughtless band of collegians Wednesday night was out of bounds.

We'll have slight regret if the sisters at Sacred Heart call the riot squadd the next time.

We Just Tried to be Helpful

A week or so ago the Emerald very timidly offered that the band might play a little swing music once and a while at the games—"syncopated hors d'oeuvre," we called it—and we couldn't have been more thoroughly sat on if we had suggested hanging a red beard on the Pioneer Mother.

Apparently neither the students of the University, the grid fans of Portland, the members of the team, nor the members of the music school faculty give a hoot for syncopation on the hallowed field. Well, so be it. You can't

Erratic Bruins

(Continued from page one)
Jean Lacau, fullback, and either Don Kennedy or Arleigh Bentley, quarterback.
Captain Del Bjork will lead the Webfoot line in its attempt to stop the smashes of the two prize Bruin backs, young Bill Spalding and Billy Bob Williams. Coach Old Bill

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