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Once a Noise, Now a Reality

IN THE RUN of human affairs, it is only a small millennium, but that it is a millennium, a genuine one, that has arrived no Oregon student can deny. At last something concrete has been done in the way of cleaning up campus politics.

Noised on the campus every year is the call for a political purge—a call never more loud and less sincere than it is in the mouths of candidates in the spring elections. And probably no one will be more chagrined than the politicians from whom this annual campaign slogan has been taken. Now, candidates for the presidency are despoiled of one of their most effective weapons in building the bloc that have traditionally controlled ASUO politics—promises of political "gravy."

MORE POSITIVE good may be expected from ending "gravy" politics and placing the administration of ASUO activities on a merit basis than the breaking of the old machines, although that is an important reform. The greatest gain will come in the new energy and spirit with which student body activities will become imbued.

No longer will the campus be divided into the "ins" and the "outs," with one side passing out all the patronage to its partisans and the other side lying back waiting for opportunities to come. That is all over.

There has been a lot of talk about the need for a united spirit here at Oregon. Well, this far-sighted act on the part of the executive council is the first step in that direction.

Empty Shelves

SOME TIME DURING the next week the budget for the fund-starved University of Oregon library will be considered and the figure on which the library must operate in its new quarters next year will be considered and set.

Elsewhere in today's Emerald are figures which show that the University of Oregon ranks among the nation's leaders in books loaned per student for the school year. Yet in direct contrast to this high service figure, the library is forced to operate on a little more than \$20,000 yearly. True, the state contributes most of this, but it also contributes less money for the library than is expended on nearly any other state-owned University.

Incomplete figures prepared by Willis Warren, reserve librarian and executive assistant, show that in forty universities which he surveyed, on a student-use base, thirty-eight of them have a greater sum to spend proportionately than does Oregon, while only one falls below the University library's budgeted figure. The expenditure here for new books was around 17 cents for each book checked out. Duke university's expenditures in this field are nearly \$1 higher.

BECAUSE OF THE expense of heating and upkeep, the new library will not be put into use until summer session opens. As a structure it is a necessary and worthy addition to the University's buildings. If there is to be little behind its impressive brick facade, it will be a library virtually useless, for book shelves empty are neither inducement or aid to the scholar.

The library's budget problem is not merely one of finding funds for replacement of books. A static collection of volumes would

be far from satisfactory, even were it complete, which the University collection is far from being. As a library goes, to a certain extent, so goes the institution of which it is a part. Its limits set the limit of instruction which the institution can dispense, for the library provides the implements which can be placed in student hands. University work should build forward. It should have intimate contacts with the trend of the moment, should be an interpretative mirror for contemporary as well as historical life. Only through the library's service can volumes be supplied its students, new volumes, in order that this aim may be accomplished.

Oregon has a fine new library. Without the funds to "feed" it the volumes the University definitely needs, it is but a facade, an empty, deteriorating husk—monument to the knowledge which it represents but which it lacks the facilities to supply.

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. Courteous restraint should be observed in reference to personalities. No unsigned letters will be accepted.)

MISPLACED HUMOR

To the Editor—or somebody: In my time, which is no longer my own, I have seen and heard of some glaring examples of excruciating practical jokes—you know—the kind that reduce the victims to gibbering idiots wracked with despair.

I call your attention to one misplaced example of humor in yesterday morning's Emerald. On page four appeared a facetious ad which stated that I would do typing "Good and Cheap" for "Two cents a neat page." The person who wrote it was misguided, and the Emerald encouraged him.

In the first place, I can't type a line; nor do I intend to. Secondly, I favor condemning into obscurity an Emerald policy which permits unverified and very obviously pointless advertisements to appear in the paper. I would condemn the cute habit of turning the advertising section into a haven for practical jokes. I would condemn the inefficiency which ultimately will reduce all your advertising to absurdities and your readers to skepticism.

If a theatre advertises a prominent coming attraction or a clothing store a sensational value in shoe trees, everyone will disregard it because it was probably some great big boy's idea of a joke—and anybody knows the Emerald has a budget to balance, and advertising is advertising—or is it?

In the meantime—I'll go right ahead and submit my orders for typing, (yes, I have some) at ten cents a page, paying the eight cents difference myself to save the Emerald's face. Otherwise, some unreasonable person might get the idea that the paper is nothing but a gag sheet, when in reality you boys are just trying to balance the budget in your own quiet way.

WALTER ESCHEBECK

P. S. It cost me ten cents to have this typed after I had written it.

NOT A "MARCH ON SALEM"

To the Editor: The Salem Bureau of the Emerald in reporting the attempts being made to secure the passage of the Youth Act seriously misinterpreted them. As a member of the group which attended the preliminary hearing for the bill, I should like to set forth what the sponsors had in mind.

1. The correspondent criticized the size of the delegation, which he maintained was too large. He failed to take into account that the group was large simply because it represented youth in most of the schools of higher learning in the state, besides representatives of youth in high schools and youth outside of schools. Surely such breadth of representation should have been more convincing than one or two persons could possibly have been.

2. He refers to "the effect" as though all that was involved was some dramatic show which would wring the hearts of the committee to the extent that it would open the pocketbooks of the state to the youth of Oregon. This was untrue. The attempt was merely to show the need of the youth of Oregon for the bill. It was based on hard facts.

3. Senator Walker speaking as chairman of the Senate ways and means committee said that he was entirely in sympathy with the purposes of the bill but that lack of money was the issue. He said that the chief and only objection to the bill was the financial one.

4. He refers to a "march on Salem." Such was not the intent of the group. It was not a protest or mass demonstration or intended as such. At least one would scarcely picture the registrar of Linfield college participating in a march on Salem.

5. It is inferred that the only objective in view is immediate passage of the bill. That is not so. It was felt that anything which could be done to bring home to the legislature and the people of Oregon the great need for a supplement to N.Y.A. would be a step forward. Even if the measure is not passed or is reported unfavorably out of committee, the educational worth of the attempt will have been considered valuable.

The State Youth Act provides for an appropriation of \$250,000 to supplement N.Y.A. in the schools and to be used in assisting young people not in schools to secure vocational training. It would be administered by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Its object is to provide financial aid for larger numbers of young people and to increase the allotments per person.

BETTY BROWN.

EMERALD'S Quiz of the Week

By ELISABETH STETSON

This week the Emerald turns its quiz loose on the field of journalism. Either the quiz is easier than that of last week or journalists are "up" on local affairs to a greater degree than other groups so far tested.

Low score was seven, while two people made perfect scores. Emerald Editor Fred Colvig had a perfect score of 10, as did Art Editor Edwin Robbins. George Godfrey, University publicity director, marked himself down one-half point for negligent reading and scored eight and a half. Mildred Blackburne, assistant managing editor, scored eight; Margaret Ray, day editor, and Reinhart Knudsen, Morning News reporter on the campus, each had seven correct.

Answers appear elsewhere in today's Emerald. Don't peek.

- 1. Appearing on the University and ASUO assembly program this week, we certainly are having more of them, was Harrison Brown, who: a. Is one of the Boston Browns. b. Led the band at the OSC rally assembly Thursday. c. Spoke to the assembly Friday on "The European Question and the Next War." d. Addressed the assembly on the "Inter-Relation of Pacific and European Problems." 2. A recent survey of a life insurance company, made on the longevity of college graduates, honor college graduates, and college athletes as compared to that enigmatic figure, the average American, revealed that: a. Husky athletes live longer than honor students. b. Honor students are the most long-lived of the groups because they lose time working so hard in college and consequently live long to make up for it. c. The average American has the longest expectation, of 51.9 years. d. Honor students live two years longer than just plain graduates and college graduates live two years longer than the average American. 3. The education measure which has passed both houses of the state legislature and is now awaiting the governor's signature would: a. Increase the millage tax rate, giving the schools in the higher education system of Oregon approximately \$1,000,000 more per year. b. Make up for a budget deficit of the schools of \$28,964.17 which will enable them to finish this year. c. Retain Chancellor Emeritus William Jasper Kerr as financial director of the state system of higher education. d. In the two bills, appropriate \$910,000 for higher education. 4. Deciding that campus politics needed an ethical bath, the executive council moved recently to: a. Take the appointive power away from the president of the ASUO. b. Put major appointments in the hands of the executive council. c. Accepted new by-laws for the associated students. d. Pledge fraternities to avoid all political lineups, entanglements, campaign promises, and skullduggery. 5. Professor Wright of the department of romance languages has: a. Written a treatise published in the "Romance Languages Quarterly" on the "Romance of Linguistics." b. Returned from Mexico where he acted as a member of the staff in charge of the Crowell Mexico tour. c. Been invited to act on the staff of this tour and will leave Eugene in June. d. Been asked by Esquire to contribute a paper on the subject of the influence of latin in the college curriculum. 6. Mark Swing is: a. Late American poet. b. Samuel L. Clemens. c. Head of the Emerald's Salem Bureau. d. A national political commentator of our times, writing for Time, News Weekly, and the Associated Press. 7. Oregon's basketball boys dropped into second place in the conference standings because: a. The game with Gonzaga was a non-conference game and did not count in the conference standings. b. Washington's Huskies were twice victorious in maple engagements with Idaho's Vandals early this week. c. Although Ray Jewel made 15 points, Ed Loverich, the Huskies' "Black Menace," moved into the northern conference scoring lead. d. Washington State college didn't do its stuff and lost twice to Washington. 8. The latest activity of the Young Women's Christian Association has been: a. A drive to break down the old campus tradition of no pigging at athletic contests. b. A drive for membership. c. Election of officers, in conjunction with the AWS and WAA. d. Sale of yarn dolls to be worn at the game and the Lemon-Orange Squeeze. 9. The girls' rifle team: a. Defeated the mention, national champions although the masculine musketeers are. b. Are going to shoot a telegraphic match with the Washington women's deadeyes. c. Are actually in Seattle for a shoulder-to-shoulder match. d. Has just been organized. 10. The charm school, formed to aid Oregon coeds in the cultivation of those little graces which make a woman a lady: a. Held its weekly meeting last Tuesday. b. Issued a warning to coeds, men students, and professors that the most charming individual from each of these groups will be chosen next term. c. Is to aid the Oregon jury in selection of the most charming men and women on the campus for a section in the Oregon. d. Is going to hold a contest soon to select the campus' most charming girl.



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Reserve Book Use

(Continued from page one) were purchased partially from funds collected by library fines and book rentals. After reorganization of the state system of higher education, all library revenue was reverted into the "reduction of expense" account for the University. This fund is now dispersed to defray expenses of all departments, the library now receiving back a varying proportion of it.

On the coast, Oregon ranked higher than her sister institution, Oregon State college, figures for 1935-36 disclose. The average Oregon student took out 126.5 books from the reserve shelves last year, while 36.6 books were loaned out for home use, per student for the year period. OSC students opened the covers of 60.1 reserve books; and took home for study 25.6 books. Washington's figures read 47.5 and 15.5 for reserve use and home use respectively, while California, ranking first in total circulation and in the number of books added yearly, had only a reserve use of 30.8 and 21.8 books per student.

Figures Differ

All these figures must be compared with reservations, Willis Warren, reserve librarian and executive assistant, says. Oregon has very complete statistical records, something which can not be said of all the schools reporting. Then, too, there are no uniform methods for calculating the use of the library. Oregon counts all reserve

books going out for overnight use as in the home-use class. Other institutions make a distinction between strictly class books and regular circulation books. Columbia makes no distinction at all, and lumps all circulation together. California checks out books for two-hour periods, which tends to bring down its average.

Circulation Drop Expected

Mr. Warren predicts a statistical drop may be shown next year in reserve books, when the new library is in use, for there is to be more open shelves where books may be used, as at present in room 30, without being checked out. He also expects, however, a big increase in general book use, as this has occurred in other institutions taking over new quarters where books could be more efficiently handled.

Possibly explained to some extent by teaching method variations is the fact that averages vary considerably from year to year, the librarian states. A decrease in the local use of books has been shown since the cut in the library budget has made it necessary to limit the purchase of new books. Teachers who formerly used many of the newest books have been forced to stick to old favorites. This total decrease, however, didn't prevent Oregon's stepping up from seventh and second positions on home and reserve use to sixth and first this year.

No hair in the Soup at Tayler's

At the CHURCHES

Baptist The key to Christian living, "The New Commandment," will be the topic of Rev. McAninch at the Baptist young people's Bible class Sunday at 9:45.

There will be an evening service at 6:30. Harold Barton will lead in the discussion of "A Christian Life: Fact or Fiction." University students invited.

Westminster House Sunday morning John Caswell will lead on the subject, "Types of Religious Experience." Bob Knox will lead the worship service.

Tea will be served Sunday evening at 6 o'clock. Leonard Love will lead the worship service preceding the forum discussion lead by Rev. Williston Wirt on the subject, "Christian Symbolism."

First Methodist The general topic of the Wesley club for Sunday evening will be, "Why Will Students Strike Against War." The meeting will open at 6:15. Charles Paddock will speak on "A Dress Rehearsal." Jim Shepard on "Meaning of the Day of Fasting," and Glenn Griffith will speak on "Oxford Pledge."

Professor Charles G. Howard will lead the Sunday morning study at 10 o'clock.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Corner Broadway and High Streets Minister: A. J. Harms, M.A., Th.D.

(Sunday Morning, 11 o'clock) "JESUS AND A GRUMBING HOSTESS"

"I shall not pass this way again, So let me now relieve some pain, Remove some barrier from the road And lighten someone's heavy load Then oh some day May someone say, Remembering a lessened pain, That he might pass this way again."

(Sunday Evening, 7:30 o'clock) "THE BIBLE STORY OF A TALKING PICTURE" This announcement provided by the Broadway Service Station, 210 West Broadway

What They're Sayin'



PREXY SCHULTZ Excitedly exclaims: "The greatest bargain I've seen in student body tickets since I've been in school."

ANOTHER GOOD REASON out of a total of 23, why your spring term ASUO membership card will prove to be a "Paul Bunyan" in value.

PARTICIPATION IN ALL STUDENT ACTIVITIES

If you wish to represent the University in forensics, participate on the editorial and business staff of the Emerald and Oregonian, or enter into any class or Oregonian activity, then you want a spring term activity card. Extra-curricular activity adds to the fullness of the enjoyment and education received in your college life.



A 23 POINT PROGRAM

- Nino Martini Concert. ● Richard Haliburton
● ASUO Voting Privileges ● 8 Baseball Games
● Participation in Student Activities ● Track Meet
● 6 Tennis Matches ● 3 Golf Matches
● Emerald Subscription

A "PAUL BUNYAN" IN VALUE

America Faces

(Continued from page one)

C. Valentine Boyer, president of the University, severely criticized Britain for allowing her political prestige to slump in many of the world's capitals during the last 18 months.

Her refusal to accept the challenges and bluffs of such forces

as dictators has cost her much respect. The world's powers will suffer directly from this negligence of England's because she continues to be such a dominant force in the affairs of foreign nations. "Mr. Baldwin has swapped the British lion for a white rabbit," he snapped. When a nation's leader no longer carries out the will of the majority, it is up to a democracy to oust him, he implied.

Europe's future course will be either fascism or progress, he propounded, and it is time for it to choose.

Racial equality and mass production's place in the modern economic system are the two fundamental problems which are abroad in the world today, the reporter said as he continued his "headline" address.

The speaker took opportunity to

poke fun at those men who point to the current dizzy armament race between leading powers as a guarantee to perpetual peace.

Using Austria for an example of a European's attitude towards war, Mr. Brown said he found peasants in that nation considerably wrought up over the threat of war but that they were desirous of peace. Government of-

ficials, on the other hand, are foolishly fatalistic regarding approaching conflict.

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