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ity, however strongly that may weigh against them.

IN BOOM TIMES, before 1929, there was a feverish carnival spirit in the nation, and the people were not above winking at a large amount of tom-foolery among the college youth of the land. But this is a serious day and age. We have just weathered a depression that almost knocked the pins from beneath our social and economic structure, and today the people are not going to pay for tom-foolery in their institutions of higher learning.

Dean Allen, in his sketch of The Ideal University, written for the Emerald last week, expressed a thought of which the spirit and cogency is not dulled by removal from its context.

"The common unlearned man . . . has always been willing, in societies far poorer than ours, to acquiesce in the existence and support of genuine institutions of learning. Today . . . his genuine instinct for the detection of humbug leads him to tighten up the strings of his pocket book."

HUMBUG. TOM-FOOLERY. That is what the resurrection men of traditions have in mind.

Fun and pleasure, in their proper degree, no one will deny the collegian. Fun and pleasure spontaneously arise from a happy, healthy attitude toward life. But what spontaneity can there be in a revival today of the "frosh bible," "green lids," "mill-racing," and the other folderol of old-time traditions?

What the people of this state want to hear in the way of news from their institutions of higher learning now is proof that they are performing the educational services for which they are supported—not evidence that they are developing a bunch of coonskinned nincompoops.

Quite possibly if the proper appreciation of Oregon's higher learning were abroad, we would never have been faced with the strenuous battle for funds which we have just gone through.

Campus Comment

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PROTESTS "LOG-ROLLING"

To the Editor: In submitting this communication, I am echoing a protest I have heard from all sides since last Tuesday.

How can a campus election by popular vote suddenly become decidedly unpopular?

The answer is: When it is conducted and carried out in the farcical manner by which the five candidates for MISS OREGON were elected.

As I unobtrusively pursued my way back and forth to classes on Tuesday, I was collared at least a dozen times by frenzied, indomitable coeds who smoothly and (to most people) persuasively attempted to enjoin me into voting for their candidate for MISS OREGON.

One usually thinks of "log-rolling" politicians as unpleasantly greasy and fat-faced individuals,

but at Oregon they are turning out a more subtle and effective type.

One of them approached me with a flattering smile (just for me) and murmured, "Have you voted yet?" The first time I unthinkingly replied, "No, not yet, I am just going to."

"I'll come with you," she said, and she was not daunted in the least by my cool and uncompromising stare. She slipped her arm through mine and off we marched to the polls. "Of course you know whom to vote for," she slyly intimated. "Here's a pencil—" and then she thrust a piece of paper at me and took a position of vantage just back of my right shoulder. Staring over it she cautiously but firmly commanded me, saying "Put down Veree Utzee." She seemed confident that I dare do nothing else.

Unfortunately, I have a mind of my own, so I could not avoid making an enemy out of her.

"I'm sorry," I said, "I am voting for someone else."

The look that came over her face was not pleasant to see and she lost interest in me so quickly that the temperature dropped ten degrees in ten seconds.

So I departed sadder but wiser after depositing my despicable choice in the ballot-box. I was puzzling over the peculiarly brazen approach made

by my recent charming acquaintance when someone else nailed me.

"Have you voted yet?" the second one asked. "Yes," I said, and added, "Thank God!" About eight more people tugged at my arm with the same question before the unbelievable occasion of the supreme "faux pas" arose.

A girl, like the rest but with even a more plastered-on smile, came up and popped the question at me. I answered as usual, saying that I had already voted, to which she calmly replied, "Vote again! Everybody does!" Then she added coyly, "Vote for me—I'm running!"

"Are you?" I said, "that's fine, but I'm in a hurry to get where I'm going and besides I've already voted." She shrugged her shoulders and resumed her search for other prey, firmly establishing her smile again.

There was a nice article in the Emerald a while back concerning the purpose of selecting a MISS OREGON. Certain qualifications and attributes were mentioned as desirable. And lastly, and splendidly enough in theory, MISS OREGON was to represent popular campus opinion in the matter. The choice of an individual was to count for once.

Just what will MISS OREGON represent besides another unpleasant phase of polluted campus politics? J. E. H.

No Dictatorship

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changed rapidly to conform to Congress' wishes.

"The wise old men in whom we place so much faith are not such dieties as we make of them," according to Professor Clark. "They are not so infallible as the public thinks, for they've made their share of mistakes on vital issues."

No English Court
"The English people have no court to rule on the fundamental rights of man, but they don't seem to have their rights endangered," he declared.

In regard to the opposition that the reform is receiving in Congress, Mr. Clark stated that, "not one out of the sixteen Republicans in the Senate can see the virtue of the proposal, but what they want is for Roosevelt to make a misstep so he will lose out in the favor of the people. With the liberal senators who have heretofore supported the New Deal, it is a question of their own pet measures not being used in this case. But the president has carefully weighed every feature of the issue and will insist on his needs being fulfilled."

"It is hard to understand why big business will not support the

Webfoots in Flag

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Seattle fans are pointing to Washington's sweep of their last four games, and the advantage of facing Oregon on the Seattle court.

The Huskies, sparked by husky Hank Lovrich, have played championship ball since their disastrous road trip which saw them drop two games to Oregon State and split with Oregon.

Lovrich after tallying but 17 points in his first eight games, has come back beautifully to nail sec-

ond place in conference scoring. The Husky flash has tallied 83 points in but six games for an average of 14 per centest.

Early in the season it was the veteran Chuck Wagner who led Heck's outfit. Wagner and Lovrich along with Bob Egge and Bob Gannon form Washington's senior quartet. Completing Washington's starting five is Dick Voelker, transfer center.

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Wiggling Till Sundown

CUT THE HEAD off a snake, they say, and it will wiggle till sundown. But a snake's headless vitality cannot compare with the senseless persistence of those who wish to "revive traditions" on this campus. Those indefatigable pennant-wavers will probably be wiggling until the sundown of cultural advancement at Oregon. Which will be no shorter time than forever, if the University plots and adheres to a course of proper educational ideals.

What they don't seem to get through their heads is the fact that traditions cannot be drafted into existence. Traditions are the sentimental aura which arises from the material situation, and, as that situation changes, so change traditions—slowly, to be sure, but inevitably. And in all societies—campus society included—there will be those who, failing to see the material change about them, will vainly oppose the changing of traditions and try to sustain them by force, if necessary.

IT IS CONCEIVABLE that a false sort of traditions could be ordered into being. As a matter of fact, recently there was an actual proposal to conduct a survey of traditions on other campuses and consider the advisability of introducing a select number of them here. And the fact that this proposal was given serious entertainment—we don't know whether it has been given up even yet—shows the inanity to which Joe College will proceed.

What could be more preposterous than attempting to transplant the spirit of one institution to another without a simultaneous transplanting of the conditions which had given rise to them?

But there are even more serious objections to such traditions than their mere artificial-

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