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What Price Activities

THROUGHOUT the nation within the past three months there has spread the use of a new form of protest against alleged exploitation of labor—the sit-down strike.

Many of these strikes are directly attributable to the efforts of labor unions and organizers. Probably others are the result of an awakening consciousness, of a greater enlightenment, among workers. At any rate, a powerful weapon of protest, whether just or unjust, has been developed.

On the Oregon campus exploitation of student effort continues unchallenged by either enlightenment or organization. Wages may be insufficient in the case of "student labor" but the greatest exploitation occurs in the ranks of the unenlightened who, with blind faith that it is all for the best in the end, dissipate their energies and waste their time slaving away at worthless activities.

Many of the phases of the extra-curricular program and of student activities on the campus are not without value. Athletics have a physical contribution, at least for participants. Some activities take the student out-of-doors and other provide him with experience in the field he is studying, thus having a positive value. There are, however, a large number of activities which contribute little or nothing towards the mental and muscular development of those who participate in them and which seriously cut into time the student would ordinarily spend in a more constructive pursuit or in study.

RECENTLY an Oregon State coed, a senior with a record of service in activities, told a Barometer reporter that "those interested should give their best and work as hard as possible at whatever is offered them to do, as it all counts up in the end."

Constructive growth for anyone plunging into an activity with such blind faith obviously can come only through accident. This attitude is one prevalent on the Oregon campus, there being no need to go to OSC for an expression of it. The Beaver eged's statement embodies the philosophy of a sort of ignorant fatalism—"work on; all will come out well in the end."

Before deciding to spend a major portion of his four years of college in some phase of extra-curricular work, the student should carefully evaluate that work, both in the light of what it contributes to him in college and in after life and giving full consideration to the sacrifices that its pursuit will mean for him.

The presence of activities indicates a healthy interest on the part of students and a desire to do something over and above the work required in the academic field. Aimless activities have been defended on grounds that the student would be wasting his time at something else. The failure to take advantage of this surplus time and energy and to divert it into constructive fields with the interests of the participant in mind is a lamentable one.

AN issue of the Salem high school Clarion was recently immortalized when a censor suppressed it for printing a "necking questionnaire." The revised edition might have been called "The Muted Clarion."

ONE class of workers who can't seem to capitalize on the current sit-down strike rage is the flag pole sitters. They took the idea up as a profession long ago.

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.)

BABY HONORS

To the Editor: Congratulations for your Thursday editorial on "Thou Shalt Not." I am glad to see that somebody has courage enough to do a little "public" griping about the nineteenth century restrictions imposed on Oregon's women. There are plenty of harsh words muttered under the breath. I am sure, but you're the first person to let it be known that there are objections.

I have always wondered just why University girls couldn't be treated like other girls instead of like 12-year-olds, for that is certainly the way they are looked upon when you analyze all the "don'ts" that the administration places before them while they are attempting to get what is called a "liberal" education. I feel that the term "liberal" education is a great mistake, it should be "restricted" education.

The point I can't understand is why all the rules and regulations are placed on the girls and none on the men. Aren't the girls as capable of knowing what is right and what is wrong as the men? If a girl happens to get hungry about 10:30 some night I certainly can't see any sin in allowing her to eat a hamburger or a piece of pie, especially when it is delivered right to her door. And the bedtime hours—I wonder, does the law restrict the telling of bedtime stories?

No doubt many of the parents of University girls wonder why their children go hog-wild when they get home for a weekend or a vacation, but who wouldn't after living for a year or more under Oregon's archaic commandments?

I thought when I registered here that it was a university, but I guess I was wrong—it's a baby home.

—R. P.

He Comes Back for More



Roy Hughes of the Cleveland Indians had just "taken" a screaming line drive on the elbow when this training camp picture was snapped. Hughes used to play second base but this spring was moved to third, where the drives are hard to handle. Two days later he was struck in the face and his nose fractured. But Hughes still wants to play third.

Compulsory Military Drill

(Continued from page one) too old for the first call but really thinks that he could stand the gaff in actual warfare as well as the rest. He thinks that the war will not be more than several months in duration and that all possible encounters will be along the Mexican border.

Another headline declared that a pacifist will go to the aid of his country, and here is the story: "Before coming to the University, Dr. E. C. Robbins of the department of economics, was engaged for some time in teaching peace and international law. Each Tuesday evening Dr. Robbins may be seen in shirt sleeves drilling and preparing diligently with the boys at the gymnasium, trying to learn how to fight. He believes that the United States should have a strong and efficient army to combat such foes of Democracy as she is now dealing with. Dr. Robbins would be one of the first to offer his services to the nation in war."

Many other professors, not wanting the students to outdo them in patriotism, formed their own training corps. Among those who drilled were: Professors George Turnbull, W. F. G. Thacher, Warren D. Smith, Allen Eaton, Karl Onthank, E. E. DeCou, James Gilbert, R. C. Clark, Dean John Straub, and President Campbell.

Faculty Officers Named

The following were later officers under Colonel Leader: Acting Captain Eric W. Allen, Acting Second Lieutenant John F. Boward, Second Lieutenant Warren D. Smith, Acting Corporal Karl W. Onthank, then also the secretary to President Campbell, and others. The retired British officer instructed these officers to wear regulation uniforms and insignia of rank on all University occasions.

Enlisting was a popular expression of patriotism. "Many of the students are hastening to enlist now in order that they may enter the service without the stigma which necessarily goes with 'drafting.'"

"One man whose eyes are below normal walked the street this afternoon, taking the physical examination at every recruiting office in an endeavor to find some department or examination which he could pass.

"Not students alone, but faculty members as well are planning to hasten to the support of the president and the country in time of stress. Alpha Tau Omega leads at present with the number of vacant chairs already about the table, counting five. Sigma Chi comes next with four, while Phi Delta Theta and Beta Theta Pi have one each.

Emerald Praises Judgment

Also during the first days of the war was printed the following paradox on the Emerald editorial page. An editorial said: "Worthy of note is the calm, cool judgment that is being evidenced, and the calculating 'utilization' which is following the first burst of hysteria." In the next column was: "Across the Rio Grande, a Mexican army is encamped; the drilling, mobilizing, and equipping of a large force is being pushed with feverish activity. Why all this haste, this march of armed men? Why are German reservists massing in the republic to the south, and how explain the recent German heira, and the reception in Mexico as if they were blood brothers? The placing of German officers in command of the military

activities, their combination of the domestic and foreign policy of the republic, at this juncture, takes on a sinister significance.

"It is more than suspected that Prussian influence has been back of the whole Mexican trouble from the beginning. . . . Earnestly as we desire peace, it is unlikely that our patience will extend to submission to treachery, armed aggression, and aid to our enemies; or the loss of our self respect—or Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. "Keep your eye on the border."

Peace Week

(Continued from page one) discussions will take place in Geringer hall.

Neutrality Included

Dean Morris will stress the isolation and the problems of neutrality as well as the different peace pacts and the cooperation of the United States with the League of Nations, the World Court, and the possibility of the United States entering into this type of an alliance.

Youth movements around the world, the campus policy, and what can be done on the campus toward peace will be the part of Dean Onthank. Dr. Smith will bring up the problem of the economic causes of war in relation to the problem of natural resources and population.

Political philosophies relating to the international situation such as Fascism and Communism will be emphasized as Mr. Smith presides.

Understanding Is Goal

These forums, successfully presented two years ago, have as their goal the creating of an understanding of the international situations that result in war and take up the problem from both the national and international standpoint.

As a result of action of a faculty committee Wednesday the proposed April 22 student body assembly was set to April 20, clearing the decks, April 22, for the student strike against war.

The ASUO baseball rally, which was to have been held April 22, will be held Tuesday instead. Thursday at 11 will be turned over to the peace advocates for a combined protest and dress rehearsal for the strike against war.

17 IN INFIRMARY

Infirmary patients today are Jack Casey, Jean Parker, Sam Kroshel, Chandler Stevens, John Layton, Marvin Boyd, Sheldon Parks, Paul Rowe, William Torrence, Arthur McNett, Harry Fall, Clayton Helgren, Betty Young, James Smith, Barbara Boyd, Anne Ernest, and Virginia Enokson.

WRIGHT SELLS ARTICLE

The March issue of Modern Language journal contains an article by Leavitt O. Wright, professor of romance languages, on "Teaching the Pronunciation of Spanish R." This article is the result of several years' study and experimenting here at the University by Doctor Wright.

YOUNG SINGS FOR ALUMS

Hal Young, professor of voice, will sing and be accompanied by George Hopkins, professor of piano, at an alumni banquet in the Congress hotel in Portland tonight. The musicians will give their new Oregon song, "Marching Oregon."

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International Antagonisms More Social Than Political Exchange Professor Says

Six feet of Briton—indisputable, if crisp, Oxford accent, loose, comfortable-looking sack suit, and ruddy complexion mean anything—strolled about the Oregon campus yesterday. It was Dr. Thomas Staveley, Reed college's exchange professor from England, who had stopped off in Eugene for a brief reconnaissance prior to his return here next week when he will address the student body and take part in the campus observance of Peace Week.

"Just like England," Dr. Staveley said of the drizzly Oregon weather.

Taking advantage of Reed's Easter vacation, he made a five-day journey along the coast and up the Rogue river to Agnes, where rain compelled him to forgo his plans for a walking tour in that wild portion of the state. But he is enthusiastic about Oregon, and he plans to visit the rough Steens mountains country and the scenic region of Wallowa lake before his return to England.

Nationalism Increasing

Dr. Staveley is a graduate of Oxford university, where he taught for a short time after the war. He is now director of English and history at Tonbridge school in Kent. Told that American students look enviously at the opportunities for cosmopolitan education in England and abroad, he declared that while the spirit of cosmopolitanism prevailed in Europe before the war, it is now declining. "In fact," he said, "the absence of international sympathy and the corresponding rise of national and racial animosities is the greatest threat to the peace of Europe.

"Where international antagonisms before the war were largely political, aside from a few insignificant outbreaks, today they are social, spreading among the people until today the average German, for instance, has no idea what a Frenchman is like. Please don't think it is because of my nationality," he advised, "but I think that the English are rather more enlightened in this respect than other European nations."

World Peace Threat

Asked which nation embodies the greatest menace of war, Dr. Staveley replied, "Today, I find myself unable to make such a judgment. I would not even go so far as to say which country was the more responsible for the World War, Austria or Russia. Italy, which in the minds of many people is one of the principal menaces, may not be the most dangerous power in

Europe. On the contrary, the un-abashed openness of Mussolini makes him possibly less of a threat to world peace than the statesmen who work quietly in the dark. I'd sooner any day have an Italian who doesn't hesitate to speak his mind."

Dr. Staveley pronounced "admirable" the proposal that England and the United States unite with their powerful navies in an Anglo-Saxon front and police the world. But such an entente, in his opinion, should be founded upon "spiritual" understanding rather than upon "cut-and-dried" principles.

Passing Show

(Continued from page one) civilized foods which he blamed for the change.

CIO, AFL Split Wider

The CIO and AFL, as yet nominally affiliated, were split wide open yesterday when John P. Frey, president of the federation's metal trades unions, received a death and torture threat in regard to proposed federation activities in the oil fields.

Frey, who is leading an AFL organization of oil workers to be conducted at the same time as the CIO attempt now going on, said he would leave for Houston Monday regardless of the letter. Green prepared to call a special meeting to discuss immediate expulsion of the CIO from federation labor ranks.

Canadian Strike

Premier Mitchell Hepburn, of Ottawa, Canada, gave strikers a closed hand yesterday, when he

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warned them against "foreign" troublemakers, who, he asserted, were the instigators of the strike of 3,700 GMC workers in Oshawa.

Canada will not tolerate the "anarchy" of sit-downs and illegal picketing, the premier stated. Every resource of the province, he affirmed, would be utilized to prevent any lapse of Canadian authority, similar to that "which is taking place at the present time across the line."

Changing Sorority Role Subject of Dean's Talk

Karl W. Onthank, dean of personnel, left today for Seattle where he will address the north-west regional convention of the Delta Delta Delta sorority at noon Saturday. The subject of Dean Onthank's address will be "The Changing Role of the Sorority in Higher Education."

Thursday night he will attend the alumni banquet in Portland. Dean Onthank will return to Portland from Seattle Monday, and will be back in Eugene Tuesday.

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