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From Where I SIT

By CLARE IGOE

"I'll never die of hunger, I'll never die of thirst, I've got one son with du Pont and another one with Hearst."

So sings the inimitable George M. Cohan in the recently produced musical comedy - burlesque of President Roosevelt, his family, the supreme court, and the cabinet, "I'd Rather Be Right," by George Kaufman, Moss Hart, and Lorenz Hart.

Probably one of the healthiest signs that America is still a country where one may laugh when and at whom one pleases, are the clever, biting lines of this play, which, to quote Life magazine, "would cause its authors and producers to be shot or imprisoned in such nations as Italy or Germany, to be sat upon officially even in democratic England."

On the same day that President Roosevelt delivered a fireside chat to the people of the nation, Cohan, "feeling a speech coming on," ordered McIntyre, bring me a fireside—"delivered a "fireside chat" in which he asked the women to balance the budget by donating their cosmetic money to the treasury.

And Mother Roosevelt shakes a finger at him and chides, "You know, Franklin, you promised to balance the budget."

In a special tap-dance number, the "President" sings: "My messages to congress, Are a lot of boola-boola, I'm not so fond of Bankhead But I'd love to meet Tallulah."

Setting of the play in New York's Central park; the plot concerns President Roosevelt's efforts to balance the budget as a result of meeting a boy and girl who cannot get married because of high taxes.

"The government has a lot of property that isn't being taxed," says Secretary Perkins. "Why not just tax the government?" Postmaster General Farley proposes that his department pretend to carry all mail by air and charge accordingly. "But that wouldn't be honest," says the President. "Oh," replies General Farley, "I though you were talking about taxes."

That such a play could be produced, that the American people can laugh at it and take it for what it is, is something which should make us all have a deep sigh of relief. Certainly no deep undercurrents of dissatisfaction, subversion, could be undermining a system about which people can offer good-natured criticism and satire. It's something we should be very proud of, for it is a guarantee that our precious rights to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" cannot be seriously endangered.

Professor of Music Gives Piano Recital

Selections by the classic composers Mozart, Brahms, and Chopin will be included on a piano concert program to be presented by Mrs. Aurora Potter Underwood of the music school at 8:15 p.m., November 9, open to the public.

Mrs. Underwood, assistant professor of music at the University, will open her program with Mozart's "Fantasia in D-Minor." Included among her selections will be two numbers by the modern composer Debussy. Paderewski's "Craquante Fantastique" is also listed on her program.

In conclusion, Mrs. Underwood will give the Scholz-Evler concert "Arabesques on Motifs" by Johann Strauss, using his "By the Beautiful Danube."

Independents Urged To Organize by Hall

A desire to see the independents better organized among themselves was expressed by Barney Hall, ASUO president, in a short after dinner speech at Canard club last night.

Hall stressed the point that fraternities and sororities are not indifferent in their attitude toward the independent organizations. Yet, he said, independent members have the thought that they are held in that position by the campus Greeks.

He advised independents to organize among themselves and destroy this false impression.

Hall, himself an independent, commented on the friendship that fraternities and sororities have toward independents. It is up to independents to familiarize themselves with this true attitude.

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Are the Seniors Going to Take Over Harbert's Job?

IT will be wearing a new dress when it starts around the campus but the "circular" or "questionnaire" on the subject of caps and gowns for Oregana pictures moved last night by the senior class will nevertheless be a revival of that old campus plague—the petition.

A few years ago a campus wit set out to prove that a petition-pusher can get a certain amount of people to sign anything. The wit pushed a petition to hang the Igloo or drown Gerlinger hall or some other equally worthy project. He got 67 signers in a couple of hours, won a bet, and provided the campus with a stock laugh for a few weeks.

Worthless as that petition was, many were willing to sign it, without reading, on the basis of the petitioner's plea. The serap of paper he was pushing, however, was a rhetorical gem studded with practical reform in comparison with the one the seniors are forwarding. At best it's a "stall."

THIS latest folly would consist of four or five questions made up by a committee working with Editor Wayne Harbert to determine whether senior pictures for this year's Oregana shall be taken with or without cap and gowns.

Editor Harbert has expressed his willingness to abide by the wishes of the seniors despite the fact that using cap and gown pictures, if they are desired, will hurt the quality of Oregana's annual.

Last year's book—as were the Oregana's of the past three years—was criticized rather severely by the judges who gave it all-American rating because the old-style cap and gown pictures were used. It was a natural move, therefore, for Editor Harbert and publication-wise Educational Activities Manager George Root to make a decision to eliminate them this year.

The knowledge that this was to be done was in the hands of seniors at least one month ago, when the picture schedule had not yet been announced.

IT took two weeks for a protest to take form. It took another two weeks to call a meeting. With the majority of the pictures taken, the idea of a "petition" to see if the seniors approved was last night given birth.

A rather vague announcement at the meeting indicated President Charles Erwin felt the representation too small to justify a vote on the matter. But the small representation felt qualified to initiate the referendum move—which could hardly be justified if a vote couldn't.

Whether Editor Harbert wants to cooperate, the time for cooperation has passed. Wayne is editor of the yearbook and the seniors should remember that it is entirely his problem which they are taking into their own hands. A reversal of policy might, at this late date, hurt his book seriously—and it is a University book, not a senior book.

To cap all, indications were that a delay of another month would ensue before the class makes up its mind whether to stick its collective nose into the Oregana editor's business. The class delays but the picture schedule rolls on.

To the Convenient Receptacle—An Important and Overlooked Detail in Beautification

THOUSANDS of dollars of University and WPA money have been spent to make the Oregon campus more beautiful. Three new buildings have been erected, paths were cut and grass and shrubs have been planted, but in spite of these efforts, certain portions of the campus continue to resemble a city dump.

This condition is the fault of the students to a certain extent, but some of the blame can be laid at the doors of these same landscapers who, in spite of their detailed plans, forgot some small but very useful items—wastebaskets.

Probably everyone on the campus, student and professor alike, has had the experience of wishing to throw away a candy wrapper, an empty cigarette package, or an advertisement which has been thrust into his hand, and after looking futilely in all directions for a waste container has, with a guilty feeling, thrown it on the parking or grass. The only other solution would be to spend perhaps three or four hours with pockets or purse filled with useless trash until a convenient depository could be located.

Chief spots on the campus arousing righteous indignation are the blocks on either side of McArthur court where sidewalks and lawns are littered with tickets and programs by patrons departing from University entertainments. Why couldn't waste containers be placed either in the corridors or along the outside of the building on such occasions? Undoubtedly many careless townspeople and students would overlook them, but something might be accomplished in the way of a "clean-up."

Another eyesore is the football practice field which has been littered with paper drinking cups until it resembles a miniature cotton field.

While these are the worst spots, the unnecessary waste paper strewn along all campus walks could probably be prevented by a few well-placed containers. These containers would not have to be ugly and conspicuous, but, painted green or brown, could be fastened to trees or telephone poles where they would go a long way in helping students keep the Oregon campus the beauty spot that it truly is.

M. R.

In the Mail

To the Editor:

It seems that the class card issue is still ranking in the minds of some of the students.

If I am not mistaken I believe that all of these so-called under-privileged classmates were given the opportunity to rise up and decide for themselves this matter of class cards. Surely the majority of the class who are non-holders of class cards are not admitting that they were the victims of graft by the small group of class voters!

Since the freshman class is part of this great educational system, it seems that those wishing to boost and cooperate with the student body, would find it necessary to begin with their own class. A person who does not hold a student-body ticket cannot vote on any of the many issues that confront them.

As far as social activities given at the expense of the classes I do not believe them necessary. Social life is furnished amply by every organization on the campus.

Surely the term "graft" is used a little hastily if not without regard to the true definition.

George Pegg.

MORE CARD REFORM

To the Editor:

Some time ago a few freshmen objected to the freshman class card sales without a freshman class in existence, and no organization having the authority to sell these cards. A second class meeting developed.

At this meeting speeches were delivered upholding two

sides. One side (call it side one) said: We must have class cards, and—if we have the cooperation of all freshmen we can succeed as a class.

The other side said (call it side two): We should not have class cards, then we can succeed much better, because the whole class will participate in class activities. About the question of raising money side two said it can be raised. (By . . . how?) And again one of the members has voiced his opinion but again I ask how?

At that meeting it was difficult to vote for either side.

For side one, because they admitted that we must have the cooperation of all members in order to succeed. Yet with class cards we can have only the cooperation of a minority. Side one had a good point in upholding class cards, because it is a method of raising funds; and I believe money to operate efficiently is necessary.

For side two it was difficult to vote because they supplied no means to raise money. True, they said that we could do it, but how? I believe that case would have been much stronger if the method to raise money would have been revealed. We must have funds. Side two had a good point in that they provided a solution to a problem which both sides expressed—That all members should participate in order to succeed as a class. Doing away with class cards would remove the obstacle which prevents so many members from participating.

I thought at that meeting after sides had spoken the issue remained clouded. It was diffi-

cult to vote either way. I as many others talked, wanted to make that clear. Unfortunately the hissing got the best of me so I talked of only side one. Once again side two has asked for an interest in class card reform, and once again, where can we get the money? I am in favor of more students of the official freshman class participating in the activities of the group that uses their name, and therefore am interested in class card reform as has been brought forth, but we've got to have funds to operate.

(At the class meeting I did vote for side one, because I was not hissed so much by them, nor were speakers of the opposing side hissed. That's a poor method of voting, but the real issue is still clouded.)

George Luoma.

Editor's note: George Luoma has ably summed up what transpired at the "reform" meeting. The issue as discussed was to eliminate or retain class cards. George Pegg's interesting letter also seems to convey this impression.

This was unfortunate, however. It was not on this point that the constitution vote was actually taken, and the real point in question was "clouded."

The real issue, lost in the shuffle, was one of suffrage. It didn't involve the question of class card elimination but merely stated that every official University freshman should be permitted to vote at the first meeting and subsequent money matters whether he held a class card.

Campus Calendar

Yeomen and Orides will hold a joint dance in the sun porch of Gerlinger hall tonight at 9 o'clock.

Yeomen and Orides will be admitted on their membership cards. Others accompanied by a member of either organization will be admitted for 10 cents.

Westminster house will have amateur night tonight from 8 to 11:30 p.m. Various forms of entertainment have been obtained by Chairman Harold Draper. Everybody is welcome.

All Yeomen wishing to sign up for Oregana pictures be sure to do so at the Gerlinger hall dance tonight.

Wesley club fireside, 8 o'clock at Hayes Beall's. Victor Goff will lead the discussion of "Pacifism."

Fifteen NYA checks are uncalled for at Johnson hall. Those students desiring their checks are requested to call for them at once before they are returned to the Portland office of the youth administration.

A meeting of the Beta Gamma Sigma, honorary business fraternity, to elect new members, will be held November 9, at 4 in room 208 of the commerce building.

Pi Delta Phi, French honor society will meet for the first time this year in the home of Secretary Mary Fitch Wernham, 1270 Ferry street, on Monday, November 8 at 8 p.m.

A social swim will be held tonight in Gerlinger pool at 7:30. There is no charge and the public is invited.

Two From Planning Board Speak Here

Two members of the northwestern planning commission will speak in Eugene November 8 at an open meeting sponsored by Phi Delta Kappa, education honorary. The subject "What Fundamental Factors Relative to the Findings of the Northwestern Planning Commission May Condition Northwest Culture," will be discussed by James C. Rettie, consultant of the planning commission, and George Y. Yantis, chairman of the commission.

The meeting will be open to the public and will be in the lecture hall of the school of physical education, at 7:30. Anyone interested is invited to come.

Cooperating with Phi Delta Kappa in sponsoring the series of open professional meetings, of which this is the second, are the public schools in Eugene and surrounding territory.

State Education Committee Meets In Salem Nov. 5

To reach an agreement on curriculum problems of secondary education is the aim of the meeting November 5 in Salem of the state-wide committee on "Teacher Education at Secondary Level."

The committee, appointed by Chancellor Frederick M. Hunter and approved by the state board of higher education, is headed by Dean J. R. Jewell of the University school of education. During the all-day discussion the committee, according to Dean Jewell, will "set up a body of principles that would be recognized by all the institutions in the state for teacher education."

Committee members include Chancellor F. M. Hunter, Dr. Nelson L. Bossing, Prof. F. L. Stetson, and Dean Ralph W. Leighton of the University of Oregon, as well as representatives from other Oregon colleges and schools.

Debaters Hear New Details on Labor Situation

Crumbaker Delivers Lecture in Friendly Hall Thursday

Nearly thirty would-be debaters were given the low-down on the background of the labor situation by Professor Calvin Crumbaker. The members met Thursday night in the speech department of Friendly hall for the first of a series of lectures to be delivered during the year by speakers chosen by debate coach Dahlberg.

Professor Calvin Crumbaker of the school of economics explained many of the general backgrounds of labor:

Workers Unionize
Due to the scarcity of opportunity the workers were forced to unionize to eliminate competition for their jobs.

This society has too many people who have no place in production. This is the outstanding shortcoming of our present democracy.

The general trend is for complete collectivism. We find that business is gradually changing from the old individualism to the increasing collectivism. It seems that collectivism is inevitable.

Machines Furnish Jobs
The old theory that machines deprive men of employment is a falsehood; in fact, figures show the exact opposite. Machines furnish more jobs than were present before the machine age came into being, according to population.

The modern duty of the business man is to direct business. If he has a social interest as well as an economic interest the average business is a success.

When asked about present conditions the economist's remarks were apparent that John L. Lewis and William Green were "bankrupt" as far as constructive ideas were concerned.

Ownership Discussed
Much was said about the rights of ownership. Business will probably be controlled by collective bargaining agencies. However, there will always be a difference between the producing faction and the outsiders, the producers will tend to better their conditions while the outsiders who compose the other collectivists will fight any increase and will tend to make conditions worse for the inside group, as a majority will be on the outside.

Tuesday evening at 7:15 Professor Charles Howard of the law school will address the debaters on the relation of property. There will be no meeting Thursday night.

The general topic of labor has been chosen by the class for their discussions in symposium debate. Many speakers familiar with the topic have been asked to speak to the class during the year.

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