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A Serious Absurdity

MENTION the idea that a hard-pressed college boy, earning his board or part of it by waiting on table or washing dishes, should be obliged to pay an old age insurance tax, in order to provide him with a theoretical old age pension when he reaches the age of 65, and you are greeted with a wan, incredulous smile suggesting that you have made a creditable effort to perpetrate a rather poor joke. Yet this is exactly what a solemnly paternalistic government at Washington, probably unintentionally it is true, has decreed.

UNDER the broad general provisions of the federal social security act, each fraternity must pay 2 per cent of its pay roll (or the equivalent of pay in board), in order to safeguard the latter years of such of its members as are given jobs to help them to pay for their meals. There is already a section of the law exempting employees of educational institutions but under a technicality this does not cover fraternity waiters. The act further provides for a gradual increase in this old age insurance tax to 6 per cent by 1948. To meet these payments fraternities will be forced eventually to cut down on either wages or jobs, hurting those who most need financial help. This is higher education encouraged.

AND that is not all. The law provides in addition that a federal unemployment tax of 3 per cent shall be levied on fraternity payrolls where there are eight or more employees. No one has yet discovered any possible return to be derived from this tax since it would take more than the ingenuity of a Philadelphia lawyer to determine just what constitutes unemployment in college. Can a college waiter be considered unemployed if he spends the summer vacation in more pleasurable pursuits? The legislators who passed this generally meritorious act are not, however, to be blamed for the palpable absurdity of applying it to undergraduate fraternity employees, as there is little reason to believe that they ever intended the general provisions to include the student waiter.

AS the law now stands, the average chapter maintaining a private dining room with undergraduate help, will be taxed about \$125 a year, unless the fraternities can combine to bring their case effectively and immediately before the national law-makers. That the social security board should recommend, and congress enact, amendments exempting student employees from the taxable pay roll is earnestly to be hoped for if there is any sense of humor, not to mention sense of justice, in Washington.

What Other Editors Believe....

THE BAROMETER'S SIT-DOWN

This page was a bit worried at first glance—at first glance of the Oregon State Barometer of last Thursday, we mean. The Barometer, daily newspaper of the Associated Students at Corvallis, carried no editorials. The editorial column was given over entirely to news stories. And naturally the thought presented itself that perhaps there was a movement under way in the higher circles of journalism to do away with editorial comment entirely. Perhaps the editorial was passe. Perhaps it had been decided in the classrooms that public opinion could just as well seek its information elsewhere and do its own molding.

But, no. Such, it turned out, was not the explanation. The explanation was contained in Editor "Ed" Burchell's "Up From Under" column adjacent. A "very peculiar" situation had developed, said Mr. Burchell. Although there was a staff of thirteen editorial writers, not one had produced for this issue of the paper. "It's amusing," he added bitingly, "how people will cry for jobs, and then when they get into the place they want they proceed to forget all about the duties. Incidentally, they may be crying for jobs again."

That is telling them off, Mr. Editor; and, to put it mildly, the thirteen young ladies and gentlemen of the editorial-writing staff have it coming. They clamored for those positions of high public trust. Each one was convinced that he had a message—an error in the social organization to correct, a commentary on manners to impart that would be worth the reading, a new slant on life. They were retained in batches. More editorial writers were signed up for the modest space in the Barometer than are needed for the New York Times.—Morning Oregonian.

(Note to the Oregonian: Through your columns the Daily Emerald editorial board would like to extend a cordial invitation to the thirteen members of the Oregon State Barometer editorial staff to visit our Emerald "shack" some night in order to see how our three-man editorial board functions. It's not a large staff, we'll admit, but they have succeeded in having at least one local editorial in every Emerald issued this year.)

Nash Collection to Be Open Saturday

Bring your dads to see the John Henry Nash library of fine printing this Saturday, suggests Mrs. Gladys Y. Patterson, secretary to

M. H. Douglass, librarian. Saturday from 2 to 5 o'clock, she explained, the collection room on the second floor of our University library will be open to visitors. Usually, Mrs. Patterson said, this part of the library is open from 2 to 5 p.m. every day but Saturday.

In the "Dog-House" Again

BETTY "Feature-Nose" Hamilton broke into print again yesterday with another of her alleged "campus polls," and as usual has members of the male sex wondering if something is seriously wrong with themselves—or with her.

The latest concoction draws attention to the fact that University coeds when interviewed, classify men into eight general types, such as: (1) the great lover, (2) the big brother, (3) the perennial Joe College, (4) bashful and simple, etc., etc. Miss Hamilton goes into detail to describe each type, in fact painting nearly as complete a picture as she did to condemn the "10 Males' Dirty Cords . . ."

THE article was read by many men on the campus to see what class they would fall in. Opinions varied as to whether the classifications were well drawn. Others declared that there "has been too much of that kind of stuff printed lately to make outsiders believe that this is an institution of higher learning." And appearing in this morning's paper is an answer to yesterday's article by the foremost exponent of "men's right to express themselves," Wen Brooks, who has answered all of Betty's controversial statements in the past.

THE outstanding fact about Miss Hamilton's article is that the classifications indicated not only the lack of a superman type on the campus, but also that there isn't a single quality in any Oregon male that would make him desirable to the fair sex. That being the case, perhaps her next feature will tell the honest reason why the coeds do accept pins to "go steady," or why they even bother to go out with such undesirable persons at all. Or perhaps a course in "How to avoid all of the eight types" would not be amiss in the curricula.—B.P.

Some Didn't Miss It

MUSIC is not a luxury. Many persons in the campus community realized that last night after hearing the second of the University symphony concert series at the music school auditorium.

The crowd attending the Rex Underwood-conducted program felt that the price of their season tickets to the series was very reasonable for the benefits they received. No measure can be made by the individual who listens to good music of the amount of satisfaction gained. No measure that can be told that is. But the inward lift is enough to stamp across the listeners' minds—"Value Received." The feeling that music is the complement to one's other activities in life making life full and well-rounded is entertained by such people. Among the regular audiences at the school's symphony concerts are a large number of faculty members and their families. It is safe to say that they aren't there because there are no papers to be graded or lectures to be prepared at home. But knowing and loving good music as they do, these people seem glad of an opportunity to hear it, and to enjoy outstanding music played by soloists such as David Campbell, Portland pianist, and Doris Helen Calkins, harpist.

THE audience, music, setting, everything was "right" last night for the concert. Those who attended were satisfied. Those who stayed away, and worse still, those who never attend, miss a great satisfaction.—B.P.

Looking Back. . . With WILBUR BISHOP

One year ago—A bewhiskered sophomore brought his desk radio into the map room of the library, plugged it in, then studied while dance tunes drifted around the room. When an audience began to fill the room, the music-loving soph picked up his radio and left.

Five years ago—The sale of liquor within 200 feet of any church or school anywhere in Oregon was prohibited by the Knox liquor law. The College Side and the shops on Eleventh street were affected by this law.

Ten years ago—The announcement of the anticipated action on the movement to organize a religious department was made by Dean H. D. Sheldon. Such a religious school would have to come from outside promotion, because no tax appropriations to state universities can be used for religious instruction.

Twenty-five years ago—From the Emerald: Now that the new plunge is open every coed is going to learn to swim before she receives her diploma, according to Dr. Bertha Stewart. She estimates that about ten women in the University are able to swim.

Thirty-five years ago—Virgil D. Earl left college after the first semester and did not plan to return for the second term. Mr. Earl has been selected to manage the track team for the season of 1904.

Board Backs

(Continued from page one) ping, duplication, and "dead wood." Numerous routine changes in curriculum were approved by the board as recommended by the faculty and board curricular committees, with no major policy matters involved.

Credit for extra-curricular activities was the subject of another study to be made by the board. The crime detection laboratory

at the medical school got a boost when the Oregon district attorneys' association filed a resolution with the board urging its continuation.

OSC Pilot Unit Boosted
Pilot training for the air reserve came before the board in a resolution from the Portland Aero club urging that every attempt be made to get a pilot training unit at Oregon State college.

A leave of absence for an indefinite period was granted John J. Landsbury, dean of the school of music, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Hunter.

Edgar W. Smith, who was sitting in on his first board meeting as a member, was appointed by Chairman Marks to all committee positions held by Walter E. Pearson, who resigned to become state treasurer. The board also adopted a resolution of tribute to Pearson for his service. F. E. Callister takes Pearson's place on the memorial union board.

Dr. Schmidt to Retire
Personnel adjustments announced for the University included: the appointment of Dr. George E. Lussky as head of the department of Germanic languages to succeed Dr. F. G. G. Schmidt, who is retiring. Temporary appointments were issued to Dr. David McDonald as acting professor of education, and for John A. Rademaker as assistant professor of sociology.

Sabbatical leave for spring term was granted for Wallace S. Hayden, assistant professor of architecture. Marjorie Earl, graduate assistant in English, resigned.

UO History Will Be Published; Dr. Sheldon Is Author

A history of the University of Oregon will be published by a Portland firm some time in early fall, H. D. Sheldon, professor of education and history and author of the book, said yesterday.

The book will trace the development of the University since its beginning, Dr. Sheldon said, and it will have a section devoted to student activities.

Definite arrangements for publication have not been made but a "gentleman's agreement" has been reached, said Dr. Sheldon.

CURB CRUISING

By CAROL

If it's funny enough to tell, it's been told; if it hasn't been told, it's too clean; and if it's dirty enough to interest a freshman, the editor gets kicked out of school.

And so, Ned "Scoop" Simpson is taking advantage of Phi Delt Carl Jantzen's jaunt around the world by dating Esther Horstkotte, Theta. . . How the mice will play. . . Libbie Shepard, Chi Omega, received Bart Strong's Delt pin following his initiation last week, and returned it Saturday. Rumors have it the Sigma Chi dance in the offing played a part.

"Back Together Again" — Anna Waha, lovely Kappa, and Ken Shipley, red-haired Phi Delt. . . "Junior" had better watch out for the Betas, as Bob Spear is rushing that "appealing" Sue Peil, Alpha Phi.

Seven Ways to Win a Girl

1. Get a car.
2. Then wash.
3. Get a car.
4. Then shave.
5. Get a car.
6. Doesn't matter.
7. Get a car.

The past weekend events were enjoyable to say the least. The Beaux Arts ball at the Anchorage had its points (with the exception of the music, a nickelodian) . . . especially the couple in the nun and priest costumes, which incidentally didn't go with the priest's trouser pocket. If you get what I mean. . . The Sigma Kappa "Snowstorm in Hawaii" was very clever. . . Yes, the Kappa Sigma dance? . . . Just where was it held? . . . Yes, it was formal. . . and really a swell affair! . . . The Hendricks hall cess. . . The Sig Ep formal at the Eugene affair was an enjoyable affair followed by a beautiful serenade.

That Oregonian spirit shows up again! On the "Battle of the Sexes," NBC program Monday night, a Portland, Oregon, wo-

man was questioned. "Yes, I've been practically around the world—traveling, — but of all the beautiful sights to be seen, none of them can compare with the Columbia River highway!"

Bits of Foo: Latest flash . . . Cal "Hollywood Contract Kid" Manning, latest glamour boy to weaken the hearts of the campus coeds . . . but none are getting a break. They say he has a picture on his dresser of a beautiful babe. Not being mercenary, but his Buick is lovely. . . Did you notice Jean Taylor, DG, at the Beaux Arts ball Friday? Well. . . Doris Blair, ex-student and Kappa, was in Eugene for the weekend. Marcia Steinhauser entertained for her. . . Have you noticed those lovely fingernails belonging to Nancy Cooper, Theta? . . . Dick Peters, Sigma Chi, is keeping company with Helen Howard, Alpha Phi, according to approximately eight phone calls. Thank. . . Lois Strong, Chi O, and Bill Dalton, Kappa Sigma, ex-students now in Portland, have been pinned for over a month. . . Due to a Western Union mistake, a call came to the Sigma Chi house for Mrs. Rex Applegate and things were certainly buzzing for a while.

Mr. Rademaker, new sociology prof, is making quite a stir with his quaint humor in classes. Quote: "I didn't mean to kick the bucket!" he apologized as his swinging pedal extremity came in contact with the room waste paper basket last week.

Your guess: . . . Margaret Williams, Pi Phi, has been dating Vic Reginato, well-known Sig Ep, but is making it a triangle by her recent interest in Gale Ferris (in whom everybody has an interest) . . . but Peggy Yader, AOPi, is turning attention to Vic in place of Jim Dimit, but Peggy's leading the pack in attending the Sig Ep dance Saturday and having Jim over for dinner Sunday. . . So who stands where?

510 Hours Consumed by Registration, Group Says

By HELEN ANGELL

Count 'em up! It's exactly 510 hours of hard student labor that the University wastes by its present three semester plan of registration.

A survey made yesterday by a student group investigating the advantages of the plan, showed that in a group of typical students, it required an average time of 29 minutes to fill out the registration blanks.

Multiplied by the 3166 enrollees now listed at the University, the half hour required by each student to fill out the registration blanks totals up to 1530 hours used each year to list names of students in McArthur court, besides the half hour or so required to obtain housing checks, instructor approval and payment of fees.

By doing away with the extra term, the student surveyors say that it will be possible to save over 510 hours next year for Oregon men and women.

Another improvement cited for lazy students by the committee is the suggestion that enrollees would only be required to sign their names 35 times during the school year instead of the 45 now required on the yellow blanks used for that purpose, and the additional white ones used fall term.

University Enrollment Increases

Oregon's Per Cent Of Increase Proves Tops on Coast, Says Survey

Chalking up an increase of 7.72 per cent over 1937 enrollment, Oregon universities and colleges were listed tops among Pacific coast states for increases in enrollment, during 1938, a survey received by the registrar's office last week shows.

The survey was made by Dr. Raymond Walters, president of the University of Cincinnati, who checked on enrollments of 577 American schools of higher learning for an article in School and Society magazine.

Oregon Tops Neighbors

The marked increase in the student bodies of Oregon's nine schools added up to a per cent of increase that topped that of both Washington and California last year, Walters' article said. In national rating the state of Oregon rated 17th on the list of states for the number of new students enrolled.

In the nation as a whole, agricultural-minded freshmen showed the greatest increase, with 8 per cent more students registering in that field than in 1937. In liberal arts departments, a gain of 5.7 per cent was noted by Dr. Walters.

BA Schools Drop Off

Most unusual fact uncovered was a 1.3 per cent decline enrollment in business administration schools, as compared with a 33 per cent increase in 1937. The Cincinnati educator chalked up the change to the difference in economic set-ups since last year.

Although Oregon led other western states in per cent of registration increases, a total enrollment of 24,809 students enabled the University of California to rank first in the whole United States for the largest number of students enrolled.

Passing Show

(Continued from page one) place the proposal on the ballot. Sponsors of the petition said: "This act has been initiated to correct the evil attendant with the present state store by the bottle sales arrangement whereby it is necessary for the individual to purchase a bottle of spiritous liquor to satisfy the desire for a drink."

School Children Boycott Fair

Civic organizations fighting for low rates of admission for school children at the Golden Gate exposition were blocking the sale of admission books in San Francisco and Oakland yesterday. Reports that the boycott was successful revealed that not one of the \$2.50 books had been sold to the cities' schools.

Parent-Teacher groups are demanding rates similar to those of the Panama Pacific exposition in 1916 when children were admitted in groups for five cents and individually for 10 cents.

University Travel Bureau Plans Two European Trips

Mr. Christian Freer, graduate assistant of romance languages, was recently appointed Pacific Northwest representative of the Bureau of University Travel. The bureau caters entirely to University people, mostly students, Mr. Freer said.

Mr. Freer announces that two main tours are planned for the coming summer. One, the Vagabond Tour, leaves New York on July 1, and then proceeds to England, Scotland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and Germany, returning home by way of Italy, Switzerland, and France. The second, the University Vacation, also leaves from New York on July 1, and visits England, Holland, Belgium, France, Italy, and then home again by way of the Italian and French Riviera. "The guidance is under expert leadership, and most of the guides are university professors and very familiar with the culture and history of Europe," says Mr. Freer.

Mr. Freer returned from Europe this summer, where he attended the universities of Italy, France, and Germany. Having lived among European students, he is familiar with the customs of Europe and speaks German, French, and Italian.

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