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Back to the Underground System

PRESIDENT MacQuarrie of San Jose State college represented more than a lone voice crying out of the wilderness this week when he raised his voice in protest against the Pacific coast conference football reform program.

Although his specific cause does not cover the whole field it manages to give an indication of the sort of howl that is going to be heard from now until the plan goes the way of previous such reforms.

With remarkable perspicacity the canny Scotsman, president of an up and coming college, puts his finger on the undercurrent when he declares "If a player from a family of ordinary circumstances appears on one of those teams you can make up your mind that the great ethical balloon has burst."

MACQUARRIE in the news is even more significant in view of the fact that Stanford is one of the least hit schools in the conference, having made use of a "sponsor" system toward athletes for years.

The reform idea is not a new one; few reforms are. Not so many years ago the conference had some kind of a vision of visitation, which developed into the strictest set of recruiting rules which could be devised.

A Respectable Back Door

IF there is anything about a back door which demands that it shall constitute a mess it is about time dictionaries and kindred works began making this clear.

The back door to the University, the fag end of University street where it runs around the corner of the art school and into Eleventh, would be a classic example of consistency if anyone is looking for a good case for dictionary revision.

Look at this stretch which as it stands is neither street nor road, and it is clear that it is an eyesore. But let the unwary attempt to pilot an automobile over this no-man's-land among roads and it will become immediately and painfully apparent that it is even worse than it looks.

YEAR after year the same wail arises over this stretch, and indeed there is little excuse for such a condition in a supposedly

of Chicago is another example of reform by its recent example of politely showing football the back door for exit purposes.

There is no doubt about it, these new regulations are virtually airtight, and loopholes are few and far between. The penalty in most cases is ineligibility for guilty athletes, which has conference athletic managers walking around jumping from their own shadows, for few would risk losing the star halfback by way of a rules violation.

UP to now the situation remains in the stage of flux, with all hands looking frantically around to see what others are doing. The way it stands now the income of each athlete will have to be accounted for. The way this is to go into effect is for the athlete to go to work on some bona fide job at 50 cents an hour.

Why the conference let itself in for such a nerve-wracker matters little. It is the effect which counts, for it is conceded that the conference has inadvertently or otherwise driven back underground the proselyting of athletic material. The old vicious system of undercover maneuverings bids fair to come back.

modern city, especially with such a heavily used outlet. Part of the official inaction is due to the fact that the city says it belongs to the University, the University blames it onto the city, while both show strong inclinations toward laying it at the door of the county.

The approach in question is not the most beautiful way to come into University territory, it is true. But if utility means anything the stretch justifies its existence and a better treatment.

There is not much point to waiting until the highway commission makes up its mind what it is going to do about the long-awaited new highway around the outskirts of the University, not when the thing could be cheaply paved at a very low cost.

In addition to the bodily relief, a smooth "back door" might help to make overloaded Thirteenth less of a speedway, another sorely needed reform.

time in the near future. The University library now has 45,192 books.

UO Contest Shows December 16—The contest to select an "Alma Mater" song for the University is coming slowly.

December 18—University sororities are being subjected to a series of raids by "The Mysterious Staffs." So far nothing of importance has been taken.

Robert Burns Club Hears UO Librarian

At the annual meeting of the Eugene Robert Burns organization, Miss Ethel R. Sawyer, browsing room librarian, set a precedent by being the first woman speaker ever to entertain at such a gathering.

The meeting, held at the WOW hall, was one of those which are held each year by Scotchmen all over the world to commemorate the birthday of their beloved "Bob-

Behind the 8 BALL With JACK BRYANT

Last night I called the campus INSIDERS and found out who is going to be little colonel, there is no use even holding an election because it's inevitable . . . and from what they say there will only be three others in the race.

A pair of St. Olaf boys nearly missed the train Tuesday as Jeanette and Florence had them so engrossed in our beautiful campus that the time had no cause to make itself known.

Get some one from the drama department to describe the pantomime that Ray Dickson and Byron Adams put on in class. Adams dressed as the feminine interest who wanted a job posing as Artist Dickson's model.

Al Prestholdt is now trying his "Let's get associated" program with disastrous results . . . Betty Sutton joins the Ordes . . . The Kappa Sigis still have my hat . . . Paul Cushing gives vent to feelings as he and the Theta Chi preacher write to the editor . . . Lorraine Hunt gets a good job in New York; she has a scholarship to a college back there, now she has Willie Reynolds worried as to a woman's place being in the home . . . Dan Mahoney proves the Phi Delta Kappa connections as he answers the tongue number, "204!"

The Theta Sigis and Katie Taylor are selling these date books at a dime each . . . they are cute little gadgets with every day between now and the end of the term listed, and every all-campus activity . . .

Boys up on the hill are calling their two-house Romeo "Mascara" Hanscom . . . the sports staff, led by "I'll manage and play too" Pasero are now starting a civil war by demanding that the news editor release their star basketball player for the Barometer series. The news editor wants to go to the Military ball.

'Twas one fine Sunday afternoon, the sun was doing its best to make our Cal. population feel a Cal. publicity department's ideal day . . . He was half humming, half whistling a tune to himself as he strolled down towards the popular race house across the bridge . . . music came drifting from the Phi house to further the setting, when suddenly out of the dark portal of the house came his date, with another fellow . . . of course she had votes to get, but it was 4:30 and they were going to a show and dinner, Women are like mice, He thought as he turned and started back. That puts whom behind the 8 ball?

by" Burns, January 25. The evening consists of a planned program, after which members of the group may participate.

Miss Sawyer reports that although the club had apparently never heard of a woman speaking at one of the annual affairs, it appeared to appreciate the readings from his works and the talk on the man's life.

The program also featured music by Scotch bagpipers.

Probably propaganda but none-the-less beautiful are calendars which are sent each year to the University library.

Each year also the Japanese government railways in Tokyo send a beautifully illustrated calendar, each picture in it a Japanese scene in delicate colors. This year's calendar commemorates the 2600th anniversary of the "Foundation of the Empire."

The BAND BOX By BILL MOXLEY

Seems like some of the old songs were the best. Perhaps it's because they bring back memories of people and places which are long past. Looked through some old song manuscripts the other day and ran across some swell old songs that were tops in popularity a few years ago when most of us were going to somebody or other's dancing school and were scared to death of the opposite sex.

Remember "Flirtation Walk" which Dick Powell sang in the picture of the same name? And there was "I'll String Along With You," and "She Reminds Me of You," two songs which were the rave way back in 1934 when Bing Crosby was just starting to make motion pictures.

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Joan Edwards, Paul Whiteman's throaty blues singer, got a very discouraging start in the singing business. Three years ago Joan went to see her famous uncle, Gus Edwards, who has discovered more stars than any other man in the entertainment world. After hearing his niece sing, Gus told her she had better give up music, settle down, and get married. But Joan's determination and confidence in herself carried her past this discouragement. She went ahead and offered her services to a small radio station in Manhattan, free of charge. The station took a chance and a few weeks later Paul Whiteman happened to hear her. Now she wears expensive clothes, drives convertible roadsters at eighty miles an hour, and is the one mistake in her Uncle Gus' long career as "The Star Maker."

Beautiful Babe Johnny Mercer, the famous song writer, gets his inspiration from everyday incidents and expressions. Johnny's wife was looking over the Mercer family album one day when she turned to Johnny and said, "You Must've Been a Beautiful Baby 'Cause Baby Look at You Now." The phrase stuck in Mercer's mind and a few weeks later he converted it into a nation-wide song hit. Another time, Johnny was reminiscing about his boyhood negro friends down in his hom in Savannah. From this thought came his inspiration for "Lazybones," which Mercer and Hoagy Carmichael wrote together a few years ago, and on which they made a small fortune in royalties. This run the roads to fame and ye old dough.

Two Pledge AOPi Irene Bailoe and Bettie Jean Fletcher, both of Eugene, are recent Alpha Omicron Pi pledges.

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Research Bureau Revamps City Laws Municipal laws of several Oregon cities are being brought up to date by bureau codifying experts, the bureau, of municipal research and service, Fenton hall reports. Ordinance of Albany, Newport, Heppner, Newberg, Dallas, La Grande, Grants Pass, and McMinnville are taking shape in code form by indexing at the bureau's Portland branch. The main office on the campus is revamping the city statutes of Bend, Lebanon, and Junction City. Pigeon-holed as they become obsolete, the majority of cities have laws still legally subject to enforcement on the city records, the bureau revealed. The present project is to arrange the laws in workable form by codification, recommending for repeal those that have lost their value with the advancing years. In its function as an integral part of the League of Oregon Cities, the bureau acts as a clearing house for information and literature on city management, doing research in forms of municipal government. Three Take Exams Three students have taken and passed their examinations for a master's degree in economics this week. They are Elizabeth Gallo-way, Fred W. Rasor, and Elmer J. Spomer. The Intercollegiate Peace Association was organized at Earlham college in 1906.

EDISON gave the world the electric light! Little did he know that it would become one of man's greatest helpers in everyday life! February marks the birthday of this famous inventor . . . you are paying homage to him when you use electricity! Your electrical appliance dealers are receiving new stocks of lamps every day . . . ask to see some of the new models which are designed to shut out the glare and are easier on your eyes! Eugene Water Board

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