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"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."—Psalm CXXXIII 1.

## Let the Seniors Lead

TONIGHT the class card question will be put before the seniors. It will be their turn to decide what to do about the growing demands for universal suffrage in class affairs. It will be their opportunity to really do something for the University and to attain the distinction of being the first class in ASUO history to give the vote to all its members.

The proposal which will be put before the seniors tonight will be to sell all-year cards for 25 cents. While any reduction in the price most certainly is to be welcomed by the students, the idea of requiring class cards to vote is still inconsistent with democratic education. The poll tax still is there.

The Emerald maintains that the requirement of class cards to vote is detrimental to the class because it restricts class membership to a chosen few, because it makes the vast majority who do not purchase cards feel as if they are not a part of the class.

FOR years University heads and student leaders have discussed the causes of the seeming lack of spirit among the classes. Although the problem is complex, it is the opinion of the Emerald that the restricted class membership fostered by the class card system is the cause of a great deal of this lack of spirit. The vast majority of students, and it is easy to prove that they are the majority, feel that without a class card, without the right to vote, they have no voice in class affairs and therefore are not a part of the class. The first step towards any kind of class loyalty, we believe, is to give everyone the right to vote in the class and thus assure them that they are a part of that class.

Junior and senior class meetings have been conspicuous for the lack of attendance. Each year when junior weekend rolls around, when it comes time for the senior ball, or when there are other class functions, only about thirty members show up at the meeting.

This lack of spirit is deplorable—is in fact detrimental both to the class and to the University. Usually from class spirit springs school spirit—a thing which no University can, or should, do without.

THE alumni department yearly complains of the lack of class spirit, and often school spirit, after graduation. The average student seems to forget all about his class. Who can blame him when really he was never a part?

The seniors have little to lose, much to gain, in adopting the new ASUO model constitution and in voting an amendment to give every member of the class of '41 the right to vote. Even political mongers must admit that. Elections are over. There will be little quest for power. On the other hand the class stands to benefit a great deal by having the full cooperation of all its members. Even the little financial gain which might be had from the sale of twenty-five cent cards can not offset this advantage.

The seniors have one major function left—the senior ball. Last year the senior ball failed, failed in many ways. In the first place it did not bring the class together as was planned. Secondly it showed, rather embarrassingly, the lack of interest in the class. Thirdly, it failed financially, due somewhat to the above two reasons. The seniors of '40 lost more than they gained from the sale of class cards.

ALTHOUGH the adoption of the new constitution, aimed to clean up politics, and the extending of class membership to all seniors will not improve the virulent political setup on the campus, it, nevertheless, will serve as an example to other classes.

Last week the freshmen had their chance to improve conditions and to do something for the University. They refused to think, voted as all good politicians had instructed them to, and muffed the opportunity.

Tonight the seniors with over three years in the University, with over three years to observe and think, will have the same choice.

## The Center of the Universe

THE world is round, they say, and pretty big. But the center of the universe is here.

Last summer while we lived in Podunk and there was a war going on in Europe it was unreal to us because the center of our universe was Podunk. We were there and we were the center of all thought, all feeling, all being. Our mind in Podunk reached out and mingled with other minds, our mind could fathom the universe from where we stood. We lived quietly in Podunk suspended in quite the center of the pool of life.

One life, when it is not ours, counts for little there in our center of the universe. Human beings were slaughtered last summer. But lives that ceased to exist were remote things to us for they were part of the outer rim of the round world. The center of the universe was Podunk.

In September the center of the universe changed. It moved, when we come back to college, from Podunk to Eugene. Now the University of Oregon is in the very middle of all life. There is yet a war going on in Europe, over there on the outer edge of the world. Every day lives are ceasing to exist and centers of the universe are being wiped out. But the center of our universe is here.—P.E.



GEORGE WASHINGTON RECEIVED ONLY ONE COLLEGE DEGREE—AN LL.B. FROM WASHINGTON COLLEGE, MD.

## Open to Everyone

IN today's Emerald, two student political groups challenge each other to debate on problems of the forthcoming presidential campaign. These debates will be held in the form of round-table student meetings, open to everyone.

These discussions are only one of many signs of increased interest and participation of University students in national and international politics. Posters ballyhooing various candidates are plastered about on walls and bulletin boards; student political leaders stagger under reams of leaflets; a few half-hearted pamphlets have been distributed by socialist and communist die-hards who try belatedly to hitch their "ism" chariots to the comet of an awakened American nationalism. With all this about them, students are becoming suddenly politically awake.

Which is as it should be. For many years travelers have decried the lack of political consciousness of American young people. These observers stress the acute political consciousness of European youth; the deadly earnestness with which students debate (should we now say "debated"?) affairs in Switzerland, Czechoslovakia, Finland, England, Russia—an interest fostered by years of living under acute political pressure.

WE admit that their criticism is partially justified. The American college youth has heretofore taken very little interest in things political. However, under stress of changing conditions, he is gradually awakening to his sense of responsibility and of ultimate power; becoming active and alert to his possibilities for expression.

Because he is an American he will be under enough pressure to bring home to him the seriousness of world conditions, yet still be reasonably enough aloof from the grim hysteria of war so that he can do his own thinking with at least some semblance of reason.

He is fortunate.—K.S.

### From All Sides

By CORINE LAMON

**Pickets**  
Pickets marched up and down outside the gates of Louisiana State university last week proclaiming with signs, "L.S.U. is unfair to organized labor." Members of a local carpenters and joiners union objected because the university refused their demand that all members of the maintenance department of the school be union members or be discharged.—Daily Reveille.

**Reformers**  
Promising a student election "as politically honest as possible, with no opportunities for graft as in previous years," the campus commission at the University of Denver set out to purify politics. Chief change made by the reformers are activity tickets listing the class and school of each student, thus precluding the possibility of illegal voting for officers of another class. Brings reminiscence of the Purity League for Oregon Politics on this campus two years ago.—Denver Clarion.

**Sign-Swipers**  
Five University of California students were followed by Berkeley police the other day when they carried a large oil company sign down the main street of town at 1 o'clock in the morning. On catching up with them at their apartment, the officers found their front room decorated with dozens of billboards of various shapes and sizes. "We intended to return them at the end of the semester. We had all the addresses," reported the culprits from a jail cell.—Daily Californian.

A Daily Texan columnist at the University of Texas advises that the way to get rid of unwanted females, Dogpatch style, is to convince her that—

1. You don't want to stand in the way of her career.
2. There is hereditary insanity in your family.
3. The best seats in the theater are for capitalists and politicians only.
4. The car you have been using really belongs to your roommate.
5. You have started eating garlic and onions.
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## The BAND BOX

By BILL MOXLEY

Next Friday night will see Billy McDonald and his Royal Highlanders at Willamette park. While Laddie McDonald has not as yet acquired a great deal of national fame, he is doubtless one of the best young bands in the country.

They have a wonderful arrangement of "Loch Lomond" as theme melody, and they play a distinctive, crisp, type of music that actually succeeds in making one think of Scotch kilts swinging across the highlands. . . . Well, maybe not quite as realistic as that, but it is a darn fine outfit and should pack the park to overflowing.

**No Dancing WAR HITS MUSIC . . .** The Japanese government, almost simultaneous with its German-Italo alliance, issued an official decree closing all Japanese dance halls October 1. Even more significant was the far-reaching official edict that the manufacture and sale of European and American jazz records would be banned on the same date.

The New Japanese Music society has for ever a year been urging the government to destroy the disturbing influences of western jazz music while government officials are urging the people to abandon western dancing for native "shaku-hatchi," "samisen," and "koto" studies. The latter three words when translated means bamboo flute, and two types of Jap string instruments.

Yes, it sounds just like Hitler and his pals. Only catch in its effect on America is that hardly any American musicians work in Japan, and the sale of U.S. records to Japan is nearly negligible. All of which puts the Japanese edict in the "unfriendly gesture" category.

**Beiderbecke Album**  
BIX BEIDERBECKE Album. . . . Columbia comes forth with an album of recordings by the famous Beiderbecke including such numbers as "Royal Garden Blues," "Goose Pimples," "Thou Swell," "Sweet Sue," and several others. There are eight sides altogether, and they cover every phase of Bix's life, when he played with Adrian Rollini, and Paul Whiteman, and when he had his own famous "gang." Judged by today's standards these records are off-the-cob. But not the Beiderbecke horn!

Along with this album Columbia also released eight sides by Louis Armstrong. With a swell crew behind him Louis gives out with the typically red-hot Satchmo' trumpet.

The University of Michigan track team has won the Butler university indoor relays championship for seven consecutive years.

A meter which measures the adhesion of liquids to solids has been invented by a University of Idaho physicist.

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## International Side Show

By RIDGELY CUMMINGS

Last night at dinner a graduate assistant did his best to squelch us when we read aloud that Wednesday a week is the day when an official poobah will stick his hand into a goldfish bowl and come up with the first number in the national conscription lottery.

The grad was no longer studying for a bachelor's degree and therefore not exempt until next July, so he preferred not to dwell on unpleasant subjects. It interfered with his digestion, he claimed.

The army will have to give him a special diet if he wins, we remarked unfeelingly, and then drifted into a mental aside, wondering what it is about human nature that makes us take pleasure in the slighter misfortunes of our friends. We didn't mention it aloud however for the grad teaches psychology and he would probably have had an unpleasant explanation.

**Unofficial Report**  
This is not official, but a usually reliable source tells us that the local draft board will have numbers stamped on all our cards within a few days. The same source says the number will then be sent to the local newspapers and will be posted in the county clerk's office in the court house.

Since 10,022 youths registered from Lane county, including 667 from the University of Oregon, it is unlikely that all the names will be published. So a lot of us will be calling at the court house in a few days to learn our number, so we can take a sporting interest in the lottery.

Some of the boys who never won anything yet are expecting a change in luck.

**From 148 to 196 for Lane**  
Figuring 2806 men to go from Oregon, and Lane county taking about 6 or 7 per cent of the population of the state, anywhere from 148 to 196 should have their numbers turn up.

Speaking of "usually reliable sources" reminds us of a story that appeared in the Oregonian Monday morning. It said that the army and navy's bomb sight has been released to the British and that the administration has agreed to give Great Britain half of the army's 46 flying fortresses. The authority for the story was "a usually reliable source."

We have scanned the wires since for some sort of confirmation and found none, so it is possible that this was one of those unusual cases where the source was misinformed. Or it may have been a trial balloon, to see how public opinion would react.

### McDONALD

Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland in "STRIKE UP THE BAND" — plus — "NICK CARTER SKY MURDER" with Walter Pidgeon, Donald Meek and Karen Vance

### MAYFLOWER

It's Surprising! Come and See— "The Lady in Question" with BRYAN AHERNE and RITA HAYWORTH

### HEILIG

Don't Miss This! CARY GRANT and MARTHA SCOTT in "The Howards of Virginia"

## Onceover Lightly . . .

By SALLY MITCHELL and PAT TAYLOR

We were so busy gathering dirt last week we didn't have time to write it up, so we slighted our column to a considerable degree. Would that make it "Onceover Slightly?"

**Stocks Report:** Reason why the Sigma Chi stocks were so slow in going up last week was because some considerate Chi guy lost the keys. But every thing came out all right and so did the stocks—with Bill Bradshaw in 'em for planting his pin on Alpha Phi pledging, Pat Longfellow, and Len Surles was surely sorry about his stay in the stocks. After all, it's been quite a spell since he did his pin planting.

**Crack of the Week:** And then there was the girl who said: "Oh, the only reason you want to play bridge is so you can hold hands."

**Odds Anens:** Les Steers, high-jumper, is as much in demand as Philip Morris wrappers. . . . Now that University street is blocked for repairs, the office girls in the extension building call themselves the dead end kids. . . . Didjknow that Shirley Sullivan, Alpha Phi, now has Taylor Bradford's Beta pin? —Now ya know. . . . Bill Recken, law laddie, calls his car (if you can call it a car) Omar. . . . The dent maker. . . . Leonard Rush, Sigma haller, is rushing Mary Anderson, drum majores. . . . yes. . . . You could have knocked us over with Butch Thompson when we overheard that Barbara Todd and Frank Schultz had tossed in the towel. . . .

Peace. It was wonderful.

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