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"A bird in a cage is not half a bird."—Beecher.

Gravy Train Unlimited

THE statement of declination to run for the office of president of the class of 1944, which was filed last night by Freshman Ted Hallock, turns what was undoubtedly a one-sided race into a virtual victory for the candidates of the bloc system of politics.

A day before the nominations the Emerald predicted that organized political blocs had already determined the officers of the class of '44. The nominating assembly proved this contention by putting up just the candidates that the Emerald had named.

Now the only independent candidate declines to run in the face of what he feels, and what is generally known, are overwhelming odds. His action not only renders an election unnecessary, but makes a farce out of any attempt at an election.

Although the independent students represent a large majority of the freshman class they will have no candidate in the election—they will have no voice in class affairs. The reason is simply because they do not possess class cards—the poll tax—enough to make any noticeable showing. Without class cards they have no right to a voice in the class under the existing constitution.

WHEN the elections are over—if elections are necessary—a bloc-fostered, politically pre-determined ticket will take over the reigns of the class. This ticket, elected by a minority, will have power of a majority which had no voice in the election.

Proponents of the class card system of voting have taken issue with the Emerald's stand of asking that the vote be given to all, have argued that class cards are a necessary way of raising money for the class.

The Emerald never said they were not. It merely said that the right to vote should be divorced from class cards. It argued, and will argue, for a more democratic setup in class affairs.

The resignation of the only independent candidate in the race indeed "removes the last obstacle in the path of politicians running the lives of non-thinking freshmen."—It leaves the political railroad free for our now famous gravy train unlimited.

Painting, Poetry, and Porcelain

"I must study politics and war," said John Adams to his wife, Abigail, "that my son's children may study painting, poetry, and porcelain."

Last week the Oregonian recommended this quotation to the present generation as a "clear-minded acceptance of necessity." We, it seems, must study politics and war so that our children's children may study poetry, painting, and porcelain.

John Adams' grandchildren (he was farsighted enough to skip a generation and a war in his predictions) may have had some time to pursue their chosen fields of life. That opportunity no longer exists.

Our fathers studied politics and war, too. Some of them lost their lives making the world safe for democracy. They wanted us to grow up in a better, more worthwhile universe than the one they knew. They believed that the cause they were championing was right, and that it would accomplish its purposes. But they were disillusioned.

THEY taught us then that war is a hateful thing, a sickening thing, a wasteful thing. They taught us that Columbus didn't discover America, that the world Justice is impossible to define, that politics is a nasty business. They taught us to be afraid of war and to believe in the rightness of peace and to question every opinion delivered unto us. And now they say we have no Faith.

Today we are vitally alive in a world that confronts us with "suddenly stern problems." We are young, we are strong, we can and will bear the burdens of our country. But, meanwhile, we must have something to live by. We must be able to believe that if we give up ourselves, we will yet have a chance to make a more lovely world. We want the right to hope for homes and children of our own. We want children who need not always be faced with these same "stern problems." We must have them believe, as Ridge Cummings says, that "peace is wonderful."

Can we expect that much?—P.E.

Maybe it wouldn't be so bad editing a catalog after all. At least no politician would object to what you said.

Then there was the ex-high school editor who left the "c" out of faculty when speaking of his professors.

The part we always like about an introductory speech is when the speaker is introduced.

Nonsense has a place in life, says a recent Emerald editorial. It has a place, yes, but the freshman class has overdone it.

All in How You See It

EVERYONE wants a free press until his own toes are stepped on. The people who screech the loudest about the "right of the press to print the facts" are, many times, the very persons who complain the most bitterly when the newspapers print a damaging news item or editorial about them. As the old saying goes, "It makes a difference whose ox is gored."

Thus it was that when the Emerald recently ran a front-page editorial condemning political manipulation in the freshman class nominations and elections there was a storm of indignant protest from "sore-toed" politicians. The fact that the Emerald had thoroughly exposed the manipulation of freshman politics by announcing names of those slated to be candidates for class offices before the nominating assembly had even been held only infuriated the "manipulators" more.

A few of the students who sympathized with the stand taken by the Emerald went to the trouble to come to the journalism building and shake the editor's hand. One or two went even farther and wrote a letter to the editor, thanking him for his attempt to clean up campus politics.

THE crusading newspaper learns to expect such things. Those who agree with you will seldom do anything about it but those whom you have hurt will almost invariably attempt to "shut you up."

But in spite of these facts, newspapers still continue to crusade for the things they believe in. Trusting that the laws will protect them in their "right to print the truth" they fight on against the things they believe to be wrong.

The Emerald has long been convinced that a thorough cleanup of campus politics is much needed. Firmly believing that universal suffrage regardless of class cards was a step in this direction, the Emerald fought bitterly against the class card voting privilege. The Emerald tried to pave the way for the freshman class to start the cleanup drive. The Emerald blazed the new path but the freshmen refused to leave the old, beaten path of dishonest, bloc-controlled politics.

TO say that the Emerald is not disappointed would be to liberate falsification but it would also be falsification to say that the Emerald considers itself licked. Members of the Emerald editorial staff fully realize that dishonesty, and political control will, in all probability, continue to grow worse and worse until it finally destroys itself. How long this process will require is a matter for conjecture but eventually it is inevitable.

In the meantime, the Emerald shall relentlessly carry on its fight to speed the arrival of that day by insisting upon its "right to print the truth" regardless of whose toes are stepped on.—H.O.

Parade of Opinion

By ASSOCIATED COLLEGIATE PRESS

"The Youth Movement," quips a paragrapher in the University of Texas Daily Texan, "is most inactive when someone wants the lawn mowed."

To some degree, American youth is on the defensive. Not a few persons in high places have been outspoken in their criticism. "Recently," observes the Los Angeles Collegian, "we, the youth of the United States, have been the victims of a campaign calling us 'a bunch of cowards' . . . a disgrace to the old families of trail-blazers." The collegian continues that youth has "no desire to go over to Europe and be involved in another one of Europe's muddles. We are afraid of having to fight someone else's fight. . . . But we ARE NOT afraid to fight our OWN FIGHT."

The Creighton university Creightonian notes that "Mr. Arnold Whitridge, in an open letter to American undergraduates, charged that students are not only un-American and pro-Nazis but downright immoral because they don't grab a gun and charter the first boat to England." The Creightonian replies that "the reason undergraduates are opposed to intervention is not because we are too sluggish to defend our ideals, but because we believe that allying with England is not the way to defend them."

Citing the rush of youth to volunteer for service in the armed forces, the Louisiana State university Reveille notes that "very often American youth is condemned for talking intelligently and thinking shallowly. We wonder" asks the Reveille, "if these 'condemners' would take the time to sit and consider the action of America's youth, with the world and his life before him, who sets aside his personal plans and ideas in order that he may serve his country—would they so hastily shout 'shallow.'?"

Defense of youth has come also from faculty sources, among them Dean Virginia C. Gildersleeve of Barnard college, who declares the charges are exaggerated, and Lehigh university President C. C. Williams, who holds it is not the young people, but the elders of the land, especially the statesmen, who have lost their hardness.

A challenge to youth is voiced by the Santa Clara, publication at the University of Santa Clara, Calif. "Recently," it says, "in a letter to a national magazine, a woman accused American young men of doing nothing but 'living off their parents and the government, riding around in jalopies, and exercising an immoral attitude toward women.'" The Santa Clara believes "the immediate reaction of the subjects of such attacks is laughter of contempt. It is an unfortunate truth, however, that the last person to recognize a fault is he subject of that fault. It is the duty of college men to exhibit in themselves such industry, patriotism, and adherence to Christian principles that in times of national crises scurrilous attacks upon 'American Youth' will be made impossible."

If the college press of the land is an indicator, youth recognizes its shortcomings, resents the unfairness of some critics, and is resolved to disprove all charges of weakness.

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Campus Calendar

All Orides planning to attend Monday's dinner must sign in Mrs. Siefert's office before Saturday noon, it was announced last night.

Hockey club meets this morning from 10:30 a.m. to 12 at Gerlanger, and from 4 to 5 p.m. Monday.

wright
OR
wrong
With TOMMY WRIGHT

It's amazing why they should let us write this column again and more so that we still have our scalp, but here we go.

REBUKED . . .

. . . by Sherry Ross residents, for blaming Don Moss on them. A card from the dorm kiddies reports that "Donnie Doesn't Live Here Any More."

. . . by Bill Fendall—seems to want his wrongs the right way if it's going to be printed in this "Pillar of Perfidy."

OVERHEARD . . .

Wilbur Bishop, Oregon ed, asking someone to pick out the best looking applicant, for his personal secretary. Result—Betty Kincaid.

The Delts requesting "One Look at You" on a local radio musicast, for their wondering pledges.

Gene Brown, ATO politician's plan for a Willkieite public debate over the campus situation, with the Emerald Ed.

WHISPERS IN THE DARK . . .

Kappa Sig Buck Berry, Oregon grid star, well escorted by a blonde and two brunettes from California—Cynthia Caulfield, Alpha Phi pledge, remembering the good times at Whitman—Another pigskin packer, Marsh Stenstrom, Kappa Sig, with a Theta—What has the coed at OSC got that the Oregon gals haven't, Howard Lemons—Lois Welborn, ADPI, missing Hugh Hoffman, army man and Sig Ep graduate—Iceman Rex Roberts, Canard club-ex, with Mrs. Roberts—Frances Oliver, Susie pledge, with Norman Angell—Buck Buchwach, breaking up a Pub class to keep a date—Warren Lomax with Shirley Seavey—Morris Johns, Chysy, with or without a date with Gammalfi pledge, Neva Haight, for his house dance.

THIS WEEK . . .

Half the Chi Psi house trying to date someone or something for Ep Hoyt and their Saturday night house dance. At last, after a dozen calls, when the teloperator was becoming annoyed, diligence won out.

NICE . . .

A trio of AOPi pledges is Donna Williams, Shirley Mulkey, and Penny Mullen . . . and Tri-Dellettes a-plenty . . . also Gracie Babbitt, Hendricks hall, Maine's gift to Universitas Oregonensis. Like most Mainites, she supports Willkie. Her telephone is—Half-a-dozen and a pair of eights. . . .

CONCLUSION . . .

If it's by Fendall, WOE BE IT.

From
All Sides
By CORINE LAMON

No Country Club?
A seven-floor student union building that cost over two million dollars and looks like a technicolor movie set is dedicated to the social life of students and faculty at the University of Minnesota. The top two floors contain billiard rooms and an open lawn terrace for bachelor instructors. Students' floors include 16 silent bowling alleys, 29 modernistic billiard and pool tables, card rooms, lounges, ball room, and three cafes.—Exchange.

Partiality
A Daily Trojan columnist partiality to the following: Walter Winchell's "She's something to look forward to—and backward at." . . . Turbans. . . This definition of a gentleman: A man you don't know very well. . . . Women.

Football I.Q. Test
The coach is the guy who:
() pays the football players
() watches the game through a fence
() loses the most weight
Huddles are where the players:
() give tips on dates
() tell secrets
() shoot craps
() change clothes
The cheerleaders are there:
() to press down the grass
() to fan the coach
() to swipe the other team's signals
The game is over when:
() your date says so

International Side Show

By RIDGELY CUMMINGS

Now comes the time of year when leaves fall swirling in brown and yellow blankets over the campus and the wind whistles around the library steps and it is dark already and the store fronts glow along Thirteenth street as you walk away from an afternoon seminar.

Now comes the season when there is a nip in the air in early morning and the temptation is strong to skip breakfast for that extra ten minutes between the blankets before your eight o'clock class, or nine o'clock, or even ten o'clock.

Now comes the end of October, and with the approach of November in this year of 1940 comes also the time to commit oneself on the national election.

Now comes the end of October, and with the approach of presidential elections comes also the blast of campaign speeches that almost blows the war news to the inside pages.

In fact the elections themselves seem to be influencing the war strategy of the combatants. Shrewd and experienced observers tie up Hitler's running to and fro on the continent and his parleys with Franco and Petain and Laval, to November 5th.

No Connection

This observer doesn't see the connection. We read where Wallace, the democratic nominee for vice-president, has made another unrestrained attack upon Willkie, saying that he is supported by the Nazis as part of Hitler's plan to weaken and eventually conquer the United States.

But that sounds silly to us. Willkie has made it clear in his speeches that he favors "all aid short of war" to Great Britain and he has even criticized Roosevelt for not doing enough in that direction.

In the Editor's Mail

Dear Editor:

It is with pleasure that I have read your editorials the last few days in connection with clean politics. In relation to the same subject, I wonder if you noticed that one of the main points of Mr. Wilkin's speech was the collapse of France due to political graft and corruption.

Would it not be well if we were to take heed, and start cleaning house at home. Our national politics are more and more finished products of small scale politics in college. Though the little leaders of today might not be leaders of tomorrow, those who are to be leaders will bear in mind the examples at home.

I wonder if the majority of upperclassmen, let alone the freshmen, have analyzed the political situation.

Here is the way it works:

When the freshmen come to school, they are told of the two blocs, which have in the past been the larger houses against the smaller houses and independents. The campaign for "universal suffrage has broken up the old regime and formed a new one."

Why is this? For this reason. The fraternities use in their "rushing sales talk" the fact that so and so was chairman of this, and so and so vice-president of student body, and what power this house has. In order to do this they have advocated class cards to control votes through dictatorial rules. Now that they see the control of votes through cards crumbling away, the houses band together because they see that when student-body election comes about the independents far outweigh them in unpaid voting privileges. Therefore let them remember this when they deal with independent appointments between now and then.

In the past, future student body presidents have been groomed by numerous committee and chairman appointments with maybe a class office thrown in. The majority of appointments were made by the fraternities.

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Illustrated with 50 slides, Dr. Heizer's speech will begin at 8 o'clock in 207 Chapman. The open meetings will be preceded by a Sigma Xi business meeting at 7:30.

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—Silver and Gold

On the domestic front we are inclined to favor Roosevelt, but as far as foreign policy goes we don't see much to choose between the two candidates. The munition makers will be ahead no matter who wins and we only wish Burton Wheeler or Senator Nye or someone of that stripe had the courage to run.

Always Thomas

Of course there's always Norman Thomas, and a vote for him might be a measure of protest, but Mr. Thomas strikes us as being too polite and ineffectual. We can imagine him fainting with fright if by some miracle he should win.

And Earl Browder, the communist is out for a variety of reasons, the principal one being that we're again dictatorship and see no prospect of peace under the aegis of the hammer and sickle. Browder would have no objection to leading the nation to war, only he'd make sure it was on the same side as Russia.

So we'll wait a few more days, not that anybody cares, before picking our candidate.

John L. Lewis got tired of waiting and last night he jumped on the Willkie bandwagon with a terrific thud. He was a little late in making his choice, however, and many of the leaders of the CIO had already committed themselves to a third term for Roosevelt.

Lewis promised to resign if Willkie is defeated. Now if William Green of the AFL will only pledge himself to resign if Roosevelt is defeated then labor stands to win something no matter who wins at the polls.

Green and Lewis have been two big reasons why the ranks of labor have been divided these last few years and, just to be consistent, we favor labor peace also.

Peace. It's wonderful. Ipse dixit.

Whale of Story Awaits Students Tuesday Night

pointments have naturally been to house members, with a few necessary "gravy trains" going to independents for their appeasement.

However, the experienced eye will note that nearly all persons appointed among independents were pledged with only an occasional exception such as Bob Calkins and Glen Williams and John Cavanagh, who hope to get further by not pledging and it's almost ten to one that they will pledge the last year. But this is natural for either the house or the individual.

It is only necessary to part with this admonishing word. Independents, if you have the good fortune to win an election in the spring deal fairly and squarely, for "turn the other cheek" since you reap as you sow!

A HUMANITARIAN ANONYMOUS

'Whale of Story' Awaits Students Tuesday Night

Did you know that the Japanese used to catch whales in nets? That natives of the Aleutian islands devised a method of poisoning the huge mammals? And the fishers of Zanzibar at one time captured their blubber and oil by driving plugs into whales' nostrils?

Anyone interested in the history of "Ancient and Modern Whale Hunting" may attend the Sigma Xi lecture which will be given by Dr. Robert F. Heizer next Tuesday evening.

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From The Pulpit

By MAXINE MILLER

The regular Sunday school class of the Baptist church will begin at 9:45 and will be followed by the morning worship service at 11 o'clock. Dr. Lowry will speak on the topic, "Every Man's Need of a Hiding Place." BYPU will meet at 6:30 p.m. and Dr. Lowry will lead at the 7:30 p.m. service on "Almost, But Lost." The young people of the church will give a Halloween party next Tuesday at 8 o'clock at 1049 Mill street. It is to be a masquerade. Refreshments will be served.

Reita Lea Powell will lead the Sunday morning discussion at Westminster house on "Law in God's World." Dr. Norman Tully is to lead the 6:30 p.m. forum on "Why Religion."

Homer Speaks

A. F. Homer, secretary of the Eugene WMCA will speak before the Plymouth club at 6:30 p.m. Sunday. His lecture will be "Religion in the Student's Life." Worship service is to be led by Mildred Ruto. A party will be given November 2 to observe "Sadie Hawkins Day." It will be held in the new youth building beside the Congregational church at 8 p.m. The evening's program will include a variety of games, and refreshments will be served.

The Christian church will have a Bible school rally day at 9:45 a.m. Pictures are to be taken of the various Sunday school classes. Dr. Childers will speak at the 11 o'clock worship service on the topic "The Church's First Rally Day." The Christian Endeavor group meets at 6:15 p.m., with regular evening services at 7:30. Dr. Childers will speak on a chapter from Matthew.

Social Hour Set

Calvin Crumbaker, professor of economics at the University, will speak to a group at the Methodist church in Wesley chapel at 7:30 p.m. 8:30 to 9 p.m. will be social hour.

Rev. Luvaas will lead the morning worship service at 11 o'clock at the Lutheran church. Luther league will meet at 7:30 p.m.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, corner of 12th avenue East and Oak street will have Sunday service at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. The subject of the lesson sermon is "Probation After Death." Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday evening testimonial meeting at 8 o'clock. The reading room at 432 Miner building is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. On Sundays and holidays from 2 to 5 p.m. On Wednesdays the reading room closes at 5 p.m.

Schedule Full

The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 8 o'clock by the St. Mary's Episcopal church, followed by breakfast for college students. Boy's Service league will hold a meeting at 9:45 under the leadership of the rector, E. S. Bartlam. Young men of the church who wish to assist in the services of the church are invited to attend. Rev. Bartlam will hold the regular 11 o'clock service of morning prayer and sermon. The Canterbury club for students from 5 to 7:15 at St. Mary's church. During the social hour the following group discussions will be offered: crafts, under the leadership of Kay Fitzgerald; dramatics, Lorraine Toug and Elizabeth Dick; discussion, John Hartig and Don Moss. A worship service in the student chapel will conclude the program.

Ada Louise Comstock, president of Radcliffe college, was the first dean of women at the University of Minnesota.

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