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"A falling drop at last will carve a stone."—Lucretius.

## Off To Berkeley

FINAL action on the rally committee's proposed trip to Berkeley for the Oregon-California game came last Monday when the student affairs committee ruled that the group might go if certain stipulations were fulfilled.

This group did not express itself in favor of the trip. They ruled that jurisdiction on that question lay with the executive committee of the ASUO, which group had already voted in favor of the trip, and that the student affairs committee could only decide whether the trip would be against University policy.

In the student executive committee meeting considerable discussion over the trip ended with a 4 to 2 vote in favor of sending the rally group south. On the one side it was argued that the rally committee had raised its own funds from various functions and that therefore was entitled to go. On the other was the argument of the past three executive committees, based on their experience, which was against sending the ASUO rally committee on long trips such as the one planned.

BRIEFLY the arguments were as follows: (1) That rally committees hoping to raise enough funds to be able to send themselves on a trip somewhere devoted most of their time and effort along this line and not to raising spirit at the University. (2) That there are plenty of functions and other things here at home which the rally committee could perform with that money and which would do more good than the trip. (3) That experience with past rally committees sent on such trips has been unfavorable because members devoted most of the trip to having a good time rather than to work.

For these reasons, chiefly, the Emerald editor and John Cavanagh voted against the trip. Voting for were Gleeson Payne, Harrison Bergholdt, Betty Buchanan, and Marge McLean.

## No Usurpation Of Authority

DURING the past few years, columns and columns of Emerald space have been devoted to weeping and wailing because of the very obvious disregard of campus traditions. But not much in the way of tangible action toward securing the observation of traditions was taken until this year.

This year the Homecoming committee announced that the week preceding and including Homecoming weekend would be "tradition week" and that Oregon traditions would be observed by all students with the traditional punishment for offenders. For several days the noon hour has seen several students line up at the steps of Fenton hall and "assume the angle." Even faculty members have not been exempt.

Now this is all very fine and I approve. It is especially fine to observe the traditions at this time. The traditions, backing included, are a part of school life for the grads. I would even like to see it made a permanent thing and it seems there are many who feel the same way.

Yesterday the Oregon strong men, Order of the "O", met and decided they would enforce the traditions all year. All right, that's fine, but we would like to meekly make a couple of comments. In the first place who empowered the Order of the "O" men to make such a decision? When did they become a legislative body for University students and who gave them disciplinary powers? Yes, I feel that the Order of the "O" overstepped its authority a little in making this announcement.

NOT that I disagree with what was done. If they had presented a petition to the executive committee asking that the committee authorize the enforcement of the traditions by the Order of the "O" that would have been fine.

Another thing I would like to mention is that the enforcement of tradition is an excellent idea—within reason. But when circumstances make the observation of a tradition impossible it is ridiculous to attempt to insist on its observation. We refer to the tradition of greeting everyone you meet on "Hello walk." That was fine when the tradition was started and you met only a half a dozen people between Villard and Fenton halls. But now when you amble down "Hello walk" between classes and meet some two or three hundred students—well, I should think the answer would be obvious. The tradition is impractical and impossible and should be "sacked."

So if the Order of the "O" would circulate a petition to the executive committee asking for the authority to enforce traditions, with the exception of the "Hello walk" business, I'll not only withdraw my objections, I'll sign the petitions. But I can't help but feel that insisting on an unenforceable tradition would endanger the enforcement of the others. And it would be a good idea to observe the others.—H.O.

## A Webfoot Goes to Assembly

THIS is a funny weekend. It's one that begins, in the minds of the students, on Thursday and won't end until next Tuesday. Official sendoff for the annual Homecoming celebration, main theme of the vacation hilarity, was taken care of yesterday morning when ASUO Prexy Tiger Payne called Webfoots together in Gerlinger hall for an hour rally session. The assembly showed more spirit than most affairs of the type... perhaps it was prompted by such a motley array of pep-arousers in the person of eight candidates for the yell king position. Perhaps it was aided by the new stunt program instituted for roll call novelties. Whatever the stimulus, those who came had a lot of fun. Particularly the Phi Deltas.

But if one should take a poll of the students who attended Thursday's meeting, the percentage of freshmen there would be appalling. Only a few upperclassmen, either there to check on their frosh or to vote for a loyal political ally for yell leader, were scattered throughout the room.

When such a gathering for cheerful keynoting of a weekend is supported only by lower classmen, required by house rule to attend, its real success cannot be fully attained. No matter how successful the yell leaders or how much fun the program, its success will be only half-hearted until the whole University gets behind the assembly setup... until all Webfoots find out how much fun you can have up there in Gerlinger at these Thursday pep sessions.—H.A.

## In the Editor's Mail

To the Editor

So our "Mary" is broken-hearted—She can't wear a formal to the Homecoming dance. Rivers of tears literally flow from the eyes of the males on this campus. Let's take a look at this crucial situation from the fellas' side of the question.

1. Over 1000 alums will be "Treking the Oregon Trail" next Saturday night. The Homecoming dance is always a "Sardine Hop," as the Igloo is literally packed with dancers. It's impractical to wear a formal.

2. How many alums will know of the "no posy" deal as advocated? All the alums will give their dates corsages, and where will the rest of the men be? One of the parties is certainly going to be embarrassed.

3. If you lived in Scappoose, would you haul down your soup and fish, just to "be one of the boys?"

And now for today's gripping drama of "to dress or not to dress."

Let us call our hero Wetherby. Sometimes at night Wetherby used to lay awake dreaming of how he could save a little money on this dance situation. For nights he hadn't dreamed of his honey—the only thing he had visioned was dollar signs leaping over his bed. Last week the Beta Alpha Gammans, one big posie for the Montana game—He could hold up his wallet to the sun and read a newspaper through it. Then the women of the campus threw a monkey wrench into a beautifully laid plan. To have the Homecoming dance formal. Wetherby awoke with a start—after reading yesterday's Emerald. "Migawd! They can't do this to us. I budgeted my last week's allowance to have my slacks cleaned! Someone will give his gal a corsage, won't that make ME feel swell."

After all, Homecoming isn't Junior Weekend. If it takes a gal's formal to get THE boy of her dreams, there's something the matter with her.

"With a smooth band and a smooth girl the least I can be is comfortable. The Homecoming dance FORMAL? By golly, I can petition too. Can't the dance be left as you originally scheduled it. Now I lay me—Please dear Lord make the dance informal."

Bob Whitley

Dear Mr. Nelson: Midterm is here, yet still the Emerald, through its editorial pages, continues its lonely crusade for the betterment of frosh politics. The general reading

public has stood for this guff without complaint for far too long.

Honestly, Mr. Nelson, who beside you and the half of the freshman class that is on the outside looking in cares whether or not the other half is, as you have impliedly indicated, a congeries of petty crooks?

For about two weeks, the clean-up campaign was good copy. All the heartbreaks, harts, and noble gestures of renunciation were good for an hearty laugh. But like other old jokes, this stuff has ceased to be funny.

True, if we believe the movies, every newspaper must have its crusade, but when a cleanup drive is undertaken, the object is generally one of general public interest and concern—not petty peccadilloes that have, until this year, been the butt of editorial wit rather than editorial concern.

You might quite legitimately inquire what business of ours your editorial policy is. Last year you had your readers over a barrel; but this year, we have a very real interest in the conduct of the Emerald. Inasmuch as we are forced to contribute two dollars per term to the maintenance of such projects as the Emerald, we have become your owners, on a small scale, of course, but still our interest is there.

We, your proprietors, are not opposed to crusades. We do like to re-set the stage from time to time. We don't like to see our paper clad in threadbare verbiage. We're sure you can find a new crusade. Why not run vice out of Eugene for two weeks, then plug for repeal of the twenty-first amendment for a week, and then swing into the home-stretch by climbing onto Father Divine's bandwagon?

Yours 'till the ballot boxes, Herbert Grant Busher, Hugh B. Collins, Floyd Hamilton, Norman J. Wiener, William J. Robert, Hamilton Kennedy II, Gerald J. Norville, James K. Buell, R. S. Philippi

(Editor's note: Most great fights for individual rights were never won in a few weeks. We did not, still do not, expect to win this "crusade" in a few weeks. We believe that the existing condition has been brought about because students failed to stand up for their rights throughout the year. Usually they have made a great stir around election time

## International Side Show

By RIDGELY CUMMINGS

In the midst of the battle for Greece and rumors of a non-aggression pact between Japan and Russia that would put the U.S. on the spot in the Orient, there came over the wire last night a little bit of news that looks significant.

It had to do with high finance and we're just a babe in arms when the politicians get to talking in billions, but nevertheless it looks important be-

cause it may affect the living standards of you and you and me too.

Here it is. The cost of rearming may increase the national debt to 65 billions by 1942. The amount the nation can go into the hole is limited by law to 45 billion dollars (sounds like it ought to be enough).

At the last session of congress an extra four billion above the 45 billion was authorized in order to finance the defense program. Now, yesterday, Henry Morgenthau, secretary of the treasury, said it would be necessary to raise the debt ceiling by another 15 or 20 billions.

"We have only just begun to rearm," said Morgenthau.

This writer, never having had the benefit of Dean Gilbert's course in money and banking,

and this has soon completely subsided—just the thing that the politicians want. We believe that "perseverance is more prevailing than violence; and many things which cannot be overcome when they are together, yield themselves up when taken little by little."

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listens to discussions of billion dollar financing with mingled disdain and bewilderment, but it stands to reason that if the government is going to spend twenty billions on making guns and battleships and other instruments of destruction during the next two years then there is going to be a re-arranging if not dislocation of our national economy.

If you take men who were busy making peanut butter and start them working on machine guns then it stands to reason that you're going to run short of peanut butter.

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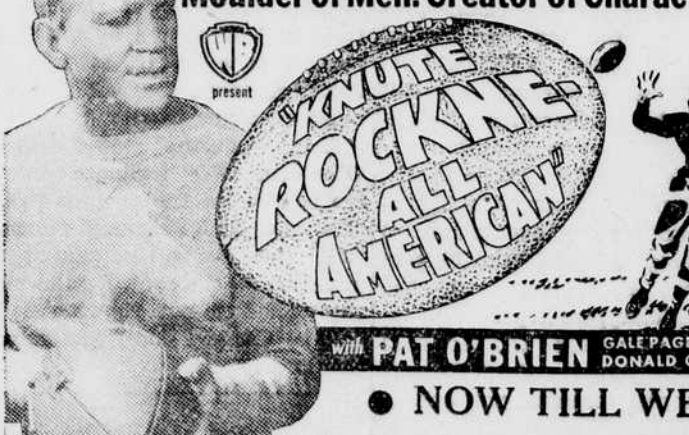
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