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In Answer to a Need

THE expected split in the freshman class has finally occurred with a bloc of well over 50 per cent of the first year men and women severing relations with the present organization and electing to form a class of their own.

The new freshman class organization will be a much more democratic affair than the past class groups. The right to vote and a part in class affairs will not be restricted to any group of freshmen or dependent upon the payment of a "poll tax." In other words, class cards will not be required to vote. The only requirement will be the University standing of a freshman.

A constitution is under preparation and will be presented to a mass meeting of the new group sometime soon. This constitution will attempt to give all factions an opportunity to be represented in the controlling body of officers. No political bloc will control the entire class activities.

THE split in the freshman class was predicted in the Emerald some time ago. Since the first controversy over the class card issue some time ago it was fairly certain that the committee of six appointed to reach a compromise would produce no real solution to the problem. They had no common ground on which to meet.

The new organization is an answer to a growing demand for more representation in class affairs. If the new class succeeds in getting more students interested in class affairs, if it makes democratic administration more effective, it will be performing a real service to the University. From the excellent start which has been gained there seems to be every reason to believe that the new organization will succeed.

Corvallis Goes Witch Hunting

THE city of Corvallis has always held a "soft" place in its heart for the troubles of Eugene and its University. . . . has searched diligently to uncover any hints of un-American activities and has religiously brought them to light. For years Corvallis editors described Eugene as a communistic center. But today, in keeping with the popular trend of the times, the University of Oregon and Eugene prep schools are having trouble quelling pro-Nazi movements. That's the latest uncovering of the editor of the Corvallis Gazette-Times.

"A lady from Eugene was in this sanctum the other day," yesterday's editorial in the Gazette-Times reads, "and she says the Nazis are quite active down there. Well, that's at least a change from the Communists that have been so prominent in the past."

A description of a supposed recent disturbance in a local grammar school when a pro-German father declared that his two children could salute nothing but the swastika was followed by an editorial statement that "special students at the University too have received notice of a Nazi meeting they are urged to attend." The swastika situation is vigorously denied by Superintendent of Schools John F. Cramer in last night's Eugene Register-Guard.

THE Corvallis-born statement is certainly not a sufficient basis for a pitched battle on the subject. It is too shallow, has all the earmarks of war hysteria, and adopts an idea of universality from a single uncertain incident.

There are always rumors in troubled times like these . . . rumors that make the ideas of one man appear to be those of a hundred . . . rumors that make one incident represent a picture of a whole city . . . rumors that make one person's un-American belief become the purported teachings of a whole University. For the public mind is a romantic and imaginative thing and a tiny germ of an idea, a veritable whisper, can become a loud shout with very little coaxing.

In truth the Corvallis attack is not worth answering. For any analysis of the accusation shows little basis of fact, little of the real search for truth that is the avowed purpose of a newspaper. Scores of students interviewed yesterday were completely unaware of such a condition here. Not one saw any basis for the editorial attack. If there is a swastika flying, it's certainly being hidden under a bushel basket.

University ideas on the subject are pretty well summed up in Dean of Men Virgil D. Earl's statement: "Funny they should hear of it in Corvallis first."—H.A.

The Records Show

IT'S down in black and white now—the scholastic records of 3700 University of Oregon students for the fall term of the year 1940. And, as is inevitably the case, some of those 3700 individual records are a real credit to the student and the school while others fall below the line where they may be a credit to anyone.

About 4.3 per cent of the Oregon student body joined the coveted ranks of "honor roll students." Almost 7 per cent of the 160 "honor rollers" crashed that inner circle of the inner circle—the four points.

Such scholastic records are, of course, enviable and the students who earn them are not only gaining credit for themselves but for their school.

Not that a student must make the honor roll to be a credit to his school. Far from it. He is an additional credit to his school if he does attain scholastic excellence. That could hardly be doubted. Yet a student may be contributing heavily

to the good of his school and maintain only average grades. It is even conceivable that a student might have lower than average grades and still be a considerable asset to his school although that is, probably, extremely doubtful. And yet, to paraphrase the well-known metaphor, it takes all kinds to make a school.

IF it were not for the low grade students it would, obviously, be impossible to have the honor roll students and the four-pointers. If all were four-pointers there would be little credit in obtaining a straight A card. Cold cheer that may be for those who received sub-average grades but at any rate it does shed a little more cheerful light on things.

There is one type of student that can almost positively be entered in the loss column as far as his school is concerned. He is the person who dismissed a low GPA with a shrug of his shoulders and, in lack-a-daisical manner, drifts along without attempting to do anything about it. Better the student who is constantly attempting, even if unsuccessfully, to kick those grades back up where they belong than the "I don't care" type who is always in the cellar.

A University student should keep in mind that his record is going down, up there in the registrar's office, in black and white. He will be judged by that record whether he is proud or ashamed of it. He should be satisfied with nothing less than the best that he is able to accomplish at all times. Then if it is still not good he can, at least, say, "It represents my best efforts. I didn't lie down on the job, at any rate."—H.O.

Campus query: "Who is taking Modern Europe this term?"
Answer: "Hitler."

Parade of Opinion

By ASSOCIATED COLLEGIATE PRESS

America's college newspapers saw little hope late last spring for union of the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations. But swift-moving events have changed the view. The consensus of undergraduate writers now is not only that prospects are good for ending factionalism, but that truce in the near future is imperative.

Commenting on the resignation of CIO President John L. Lewis, the Cornell Daily Sun says that "the next move necessary to the unreserved cooperation of the nation in the preparedness program is the unqualified unification of the forces of labor. With the workers of the nation split into two camps, it is impossible that the program can go forward with the best operation."

In the opinion of the Michigan Daily, President Roosevelt's victory and John L. Lewis' defeat gave rise to one of the brightest hopes for labor unity in the last years. The mass of both organizations have common interests and are desirous of uniting them. In many cities there are joint labor councils, joint journals and joint strikes when necessary.

Consciously and unconsciously the workers in both organizations have been united in political action. That the COI and AFL are not joined in an effective union today is an indictment of the democratic processes within the organizations that allow the leaders to block the will of the members."

The Amherst Student joins in the view that "any move toward union could not appear at a better time. Yet opportune as a combination now of the opposing camps might be and ridiculous as their struggle seems, there is more concerned in their continued separation than the mere personalities of Lewis and Green.

"The whole organizations of the two unions differ; one has herded unskilled workers together, the other skilled workers. One represents the proletariat of labor, the other the aristocracy. But although the difficulties are extensive, they cannot be as important to fight OVER as labor's cause in general is important to fight FOR."

The Dartmouth refers to labor in general in a discussion of production bottlenecks involving labor disputes, and contends that these bottlenecks are two-sided. "The talk," says the Dartmouth, "is all about eliminating the right to strike. There is not enough talk about eliminating the abuses that cause strikes.

"Obviously it would speed defense preparation if strikes were made fewer. Just as obviously, it takes two disputants to make a strike. If America is sincere in seeking to stop strikes in order to defend democracy, she would do well to look just as sharply to the practices of the manufacturer as to those of the laborer."

General benefits to come from labor's turning its back on the "reds" are envisioned by the Daily Kansan. "President Roosevelt," says the Kansan, "would like a united, well-controlled, anti-Communist labor front to work with him in curtailing business. Sidney Hillman (labor coordinator of the rearmament program) would like to free labor from the restraint of the Sherman antitrust law.

"If he could unite the CIO and AFL in an alliance acceptable to the president, he might get what he wants and probably would cooperate with the administration. If Hillman can get the cooperation he wishes, Roosevelt may get the 'red' purge he wishes within labor ranks. If the 'reds' are purged, business may work with the administration with greater harmony. This is Roosevelt's answer to Mr. Willkie's 'loyal opposition,' either way, business can't lose."

so be it..

by bill fendall

voted tops as the three sweetest words in the English language according to a campus survey of the uninspired is the combination "I love you" . . . others in order are:
2. dinner is served
3. keep the change
4. all is forgiven
5. sleep 'till noon
6. here's that five . . .
voted as the three most disliked words were "external use only" followed by:
2. buy me one
3. out of gas
4. dues not paid
5. funds not sufficient
6. rest in peace . . .

morning
is a
hell of a time
to get
up . . .

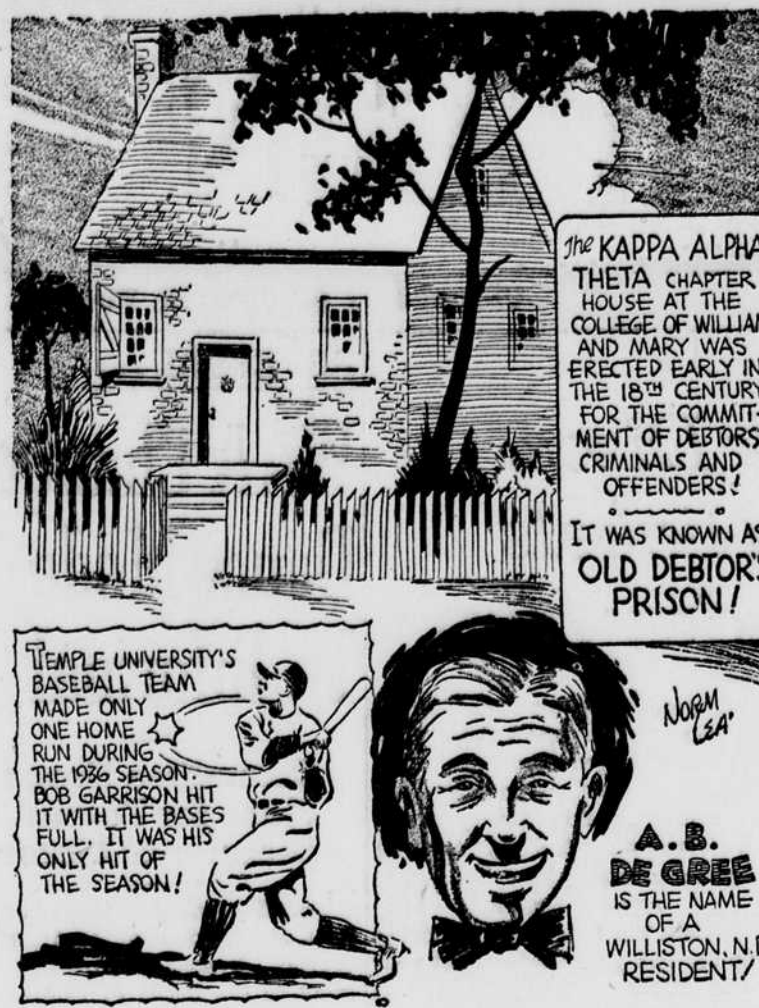
here's one handed the coin in a moment of acceptatory weakness . . . (scene on a Portland street car . . . time: 1941 A.D.)
"you must be absent-minded"
"absent minded?"
"yes, you haven't any necktie on"
"that isn't absent-mindedness."

brother . . . my boy left for college last night" . . .

the following is merely an attempt to find the owner of this poem . . . will the person who left this verse by the colm's tap-tap machine please come and get it . . . deals like this shouldn't be left by themselves . . . breathes there a man around this school sufficient by rest revived, and cool enough to limit his demands to say goodnight just holding hands? who has the decency to wait 'til at least the second date to reach that warm, romantic state?
to give a girl some preparation before demanding osculation if such there be go, mark him well for I'll date that guy tho' he looks like—! . . .

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International Side Show

By RIDGELY CUMMINGS

Pink-cheeked youth, who would have been better occupied reading Goethe and drinking beer and singing songs in Heidelberg and other former university towns, last night sat in big airplanes and pulled throttles and levers that released fire bombs and high explosives on a west England town.

To put it simpler, German planes blitz-raided an unnamed English town Friday night and early Saturday morning in what looked like the most severe raid since last Sunday when London was fire-bombed. First reports said casualties were not heavy, although two hospitals, four churches, and four schools were damaged.

Berlin Silent

At this writing there is nothing on the wire from Berlin about the raid, though when it comes in the story will undoubtedly tell about munition plants and military objectives damaged. That's the way it goes—reading the reports from London one gets the idea the invading planes single out helpless non-combatants and do no real damage to British industry; while from Berlin it's the same thing—hospitals and schools are the main targets hit by the British, so the Germans say.

It is probably the case of the stories being the truth, and maybe nothing but the truth, but not the whole truth.

Ireland Bombed

Bombs have fallen on the other side of the Irish channel also in the last few days, and yesterday neutral Ireland sent a strong protest to Germany after some of the bombs which killed three persons and injured 25 others were identified as of German manufacture.

An "informed neutral source" in London declared flatly that the bombs came from German planes. About the only neutral source in London we can think of is the Swiss ambassador, if he's still there, and one wonders where he got the information.

Question Raised

At dinner last night the subject came up as to whether it was German or England that was bombing the Dublin area. I

Ruins of breastworks built during the siege of Jackson in the Civil war are still to be seen on the campus of Millsaps college, Jackson, Miss.

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a good counter: "We don't know the truth about the Lusitania and that was 20 years ago. The Germans are still saying that the English sunk her."

On the home front Roosevelt announced that he is sending Harry Hopkins over to England as his personal representative until a new ambassador is selected. Hopkins will have no official status, the president said.

Senator Gerald P. Nye, veteran non-interventionist from North Dakota, reacted to the Hopkins move by saying it "may be a move to ascertain what chances peace talks would have over there. If so, then I am heartily for it."

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