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Principle and Prejudice

POLITICAL controversies, whether national or local, tend to evoke personal hatreds and class prejudices. Bitter attacks are made by both sides, very often missing the point entirely.

Such has been the case over class cards. It started merely as an argument against the principle of requiring class cards to vote in class elections and class meetings. From the text of recent letters to the editor, printed in the Emerald, it appears that the controversy has taken the form of a decree against various classes or groups.

It was never meant to take such a course. It should not be allowed to do so. Neither side started the original argument, it is safe to say, intending that it should culminate in a fight between the "ins" and the "outs"—a fight carried on along personal lines. Yet, as Mr. Luoma points out in a letter to the editor today, the conflict is beginning to take just that appearance.

It is difficult in a heated argument to refrain from mud-slinging and personal attacks. Practical politicians even tell us that it is unwise. Perhaps so in national affairs where the voters are spread out over the country and represent all groups in intelligence. It should not be so on a University campus.

The argument is over a difference in opinion. It would make no difference which side held that requiring class cards to vote was a desirable policy and which claimed that it was wrong. As little as possible emphasis should be put on the groups proposing the arguments. It is inaccurate to say that one group "unanimously" stands one one side. Examples of conflicting opinions can be found in either of the two groups.

In its policy against class cards the Emerald has not tried to "raise class consciousness." The paper has refrained from criticism of the groups themselves. The argument was begun over their respective stands in class politics. We differ in opinion with those who think that requiring students to buy a vote in class elections is good student government.

Letter writers have a right to space in this paper, either to agree or disagree with the paper's policy. Their arguments, however, would be much more effective if they would avoid personal and class prejudices.

Paint and 'Rah, Rah, Boys'

COLLEGE students have long been looked down upon by the older generations as the ideal embodiment of the frivolous, carefree, irresponsible youth. Pointed remarks about "rah, rah, boys," are not uncommon.

To some extent it cannot be denied college students have earned this reputation. Yet we always like to think that it is only the wild minority that earn such reputations for a saner majority. Students are, we tell ourselves, not all irresponsible.

And yet, we must admit, sometimes students, who are not really irresponsible, thoughtlessly commit some act, without knowing the results of such an act, which causes considerable headshaking. A point in issue is the marking of the rally trains on which the ball teams ride to their various athletic contests.

UNDOUBTEDLY the students could see little harm in decorating the trains. It seemed like good clean fun. Had the students known that every time they gave vent to their enthusiasms in such a manner the entire car had to be repainted, we feel confident they would have refrained from such an expensive pastime.

We are told that it is getting to the point where Southern Pacific is threatening to refuse to carry the Oregon teams. While probably they would not go to this length we are confident that the students will respect their property rights. It's a lot of fun to smear the train up all right but "the darn stuff don't wash off, kids."

Time, King Tut, and Students

"Time, time, said old King Tut, is something I ain't got anything but."—From the gospel according to don marquis.

Maybe King Tut can look at it that way, in his mummified splendor, but for mere mortals, not excluding University students, Time is something than which there is everything but.

While complaints about the lack of Time, the inadequacy of the same, and the injustice of it all mount steadily higher, there are other interesting ideas afloat on the subject. Time is also commonly known to be eternal, heal wounds, make no difference twenty-five years from now, march on, and fly.

King Tut's problem, at this point, seems definitely annoying and rather inferior. HE wouldn't feel that way if HE had mid-terms coming up with the simultaneous realization that three weeks of a short term were fading fast. At least he wouldn't be so bored in that case. Poor King Tut.

At any rate, whatever it is, whatever it is doing here anyway, and whether Time is flying, melting into eternity, or buzzing off to heal some cares, it's spreading itself pretty thing just now. For us it just almost isn't.

In the Editor's Mail

(Editor's note: Mr. Luoma is certainly right. Most of the present controversies started over what we believed were principles involved in student government. Many students on both sides have missed the point entirely and have used the differences in opinions to bring up old hatreds and personal enmities. This idea is further expressed in the editorial on this page.)

My Dear Editor: I have been much fascinated of late with the elaborate verbiage and conflicting accusations related in the columns of the Emerald's editorials and "letters to the editor," and am prompted to think that the students, as a whole, may have come to the conclusion that there is a painful conflict of classes at Oregon.

If such be the case, then it can be rightly said that those letters and those editorials represent an outburst of student hatred and bitterness and a consensus of student opinion in regard to the way the other half lives.

And, also, if such be the case, it might be said that those veiled with the executory respon-

sibilities of our many important campus positions: (1) Student Administration, (2) Publications, (3) All-Campus Events, and (4) Other Activities, are rightly, or can rightly, devote a considerable part (and in some cases all) of their time, genius, talent, and effort to further bickering and hashing of the many conflicting issues uncovered by themselves.

On the other hand, there are so many non-controversial problems to be taken care of, that these same people may be very easily avoiding the primary responsibilities trusted in their hands; that is, the bettering and furthering of the existing good, non-controversial things at Oregon.

The time may be here now to say, as a Washington politician said on his Christmas card: "We ain't mad at nobody."

Sincerely yours,
George Luoma.
P.S.—The pith, core, intent and purpose of this letter is NOT meant to be biased or prejudiced; and any twisted interpretations that may be given to it by such writers as those who replied to the letters of Cavanaugh and Gurley will be purely coincidental.

International Side Show

By RIDGELY CUMMINGS

Editor's note: Mr. Cummings' column today is upon a very controversial national issue. As such it represents—as it has always represented—the opinions of the writer only. In tomorrow's Emerald a special article by Walter Mills, released to this paper by the Brown Daily Herald of Brown university, will present the other side.

While we hold the right of columnists to write what they think, subject of course to rules of decency and good taste, this does not imply that these columns necessarily reflect the opinions of the editorial board.)

When "a friend" told me that the writer of this column had been referred to as an "unwitting tool of the communist party," my first reaction was one of surprise mixed with mild indignation. I even concocted an aphorism, if it can be dignified by that name, in rebuttal: "The price of notoriety is calumny," and then decided to scrap that as being too strong.

Calumny is a false and malicious accusation of an offense, and I don't think the prof was malicious. It may or may not have been false. I'm not sure. The official communist party has twisted and twined so much in the past few years that it is difficult to say just what is the c.p. policy.

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Bear Jump
There are a lot of diplomats in the world capitals who would give a good deal to know just which way the Russian Bear is going to jump. Great Britain is wooing the soviets, hoping to create a break between the nazis and the communists over who shall dominate the Dardanelles, which is now nominally under Turkish control although Russian ships can go in and out of the Black sea at will.

Superficial observation gives me the impression that even the United States is not above trying to keep on good terms with Russia, as witness American goods that are going to Vladivostok by way of Mexico.

Sign Agreement
And just last night it was announced that a Russian-Japanese fisheries agreement has been signed, after months of negotiations. It will be in force for one year.

So if the professor knows just which way the communists are going, then he would be a welcome visitor to the state department.

But what the professor probably meant in saying I am an unwitting tool of the communist party is that I am for non-intervention in the current war, and the communist party is for United States non-intervention in the current war . . . there-

fore, ipso facto, I am a tool of the communists.

A Rocky Road
It would be just as logical to say that the communist party is a tool of Ridge Cummings.

Lenin once said something about the train of revolution traveling very fast on the twisting tracks of history, and many a good man getting thrown off going around the corners. This is borne out by news that reached here the other day that Clarence Hathaway, editor of the Daily Worker and one of the big-shots whom I listened to in Madison Square Garden in my New York days, has been bounced out of the communist ranks.

But this twisting train that is continually throwing off members to scratch their shins in the roadbed cinders goes in a lot of directions. What more natural than that it should happen to be going in my direction momentarily? If Russia were to enter the war then the communists would immediately agitate for U.S. entry on Russia's side, but I would still stick to my original direction, which is non-participation for the United States in European squabbles over who's going to mop up the gravy.

If by advocating keeping the peace I'm an unwitting tool of the communist party then I'm keeping a lot of awfully good company that includes such men as Senators Wheeler and Clark, General Hugh Johnson, and retiring ambassador to England Joseph P. Kennedy.

Kennedy Speaks
With Kennedy especially I heartily agree when he says, as he did Saturday night, that the United States should keep out of war unless attacked.

He said Britain is fighting, not to save democracy as Roosevelt and Churchill tell us, but "for their very existence."

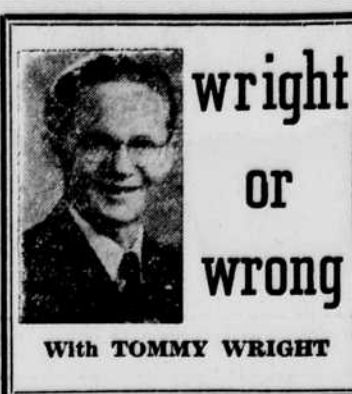
War for the United States, Kennedy said, would spell bankruptcy and the loss of democracy. Even a victorious war, he said, would mean that the victors would have to stand guard for generations in Europe to save the defeated nations from communism.

That sounds like common sense to me, and not the talk of an unwitting tool of the communist party.

Who's Wise?
The way I see it, the communists are the smart ones in keeping Russia out of the war. If the United States goes in and Russia keeps out then, when the fighting is over, if it ever is, Russia will emerge as the most powerful nation in the world.

Communism means dictatorship and I'm against that, which is one reason I'm against this "all power to Roosevelt" bill which is going to be debated today in congress.

Kennedy takes the witness stand today before the house foreign affairs committee. He is expected to oppose the new powers which the bill would give Roosevelt. Strength to his elbow, as the YMCA secretaries say.



With TOMMY WRIGHT

THIS WEEK . . . Heaven has taken a back seat on the campus as more and more of THOSE weeks get under way. . . The phidlet pledges visited the pifi habitation the other night. . . sigep pledges went cockroach hunting in a downtown cafe and captured seven of the little rascals after a tough battle—with the cook.

CAMPUS WHISPERS . . . Bud Wimberly and Frances Cox together as usual. . . Measles and Shirley Mulkey got together so he took another gal to the Senior ball. . . Theta Chi plan to invade State for a quintet of coeds for their house dance. . . Don Richardson picks up a monicker "Lewis"—but why—Who said anything about Clarke. . . Could be that things are not going so good with Phyllis Dube. . . Fendall you know who, has a two date dilemma—he wound up dateless for one had broken a date to make a date then broke the date with Bill to keep the date she had before—more dates than a history book, and he couldn't remember any of them.

Blondie Back, Sigma Chi, gets his pin one day and plants it on Theta's Shirley Gillet the next. Watch for him in the stocks.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS . . . A freshman to upperclassmen: "Answer the phone you dopes, I'm busy."

RENDITIONS . . . For Frank Albrecht, Marie Gabel sings "You've Got Me This Way."

Between the Alpha Chi house and the Phi Delt Barn "I Just Wanna Play With You."

Bob Whitely sings "Kit Ritter Here I Come."

The Kappa Sigs are on the up swing in grades and may get out of last place—if one of the other houses takes a tumble.

CONCLUSION . . . They may say: "the world is too much with us" but what about the moon on non-date nights.



Pedaling over 3,300 miles in 56 days, 17-year-old Donald Schonberg, freshman at the University of Minnesota saved train fare from Long Beach, California, to Minneapolis where he wanted to attend school. Buying his equipment—sleeping bag, wire basket, and bicycle—for about \$50, he left Long Beach June 18, on his trip half way across the continent.

Loneliness and tired legs were the worst disadvantages, according to Schonberg. Best distance he made in one day was 120 miles. The worst, through mountains and a rainstorm, was 14.

On one stretch in Montana he had 24 flat tires in three days. To top off the whole experience, Schonberg now pumps back and forth to school every day from his home which is 12 miles from the campus.

—The Minnesota Daily.

Matsuyo Kawamura, graduate student at the University of Hawaii, holds the distinctive position of being the only feminine member of the university band. At convocations and football games the dimpled lass in green uniform is outstanding as she cheerfully plays her clarinet among the boys.

"I'm thrilled," was her comment upon her unique position. Miss Kawamura doesn't mind being the only girl in a class of approximately 50 boys. "It's lots of fun," she chortled.

—Ka Leo O Hawaii.

The same group of wits who reversed 3,000 books so their titles faced the wall in Harvard University's Lowell house—are at work again. On their latest visit the vandals turned the portrait of Ex-President Lowell upside down and switched several volumes about on the shelves.



so be it...
By BILL FENDALL

OREGON in formal dress . . . threatened Saturday night, but ON YOUR OWN HOUSE! . . . UNIVERSITY campus . . . campus quips . . . sans a yell leader, a quintet of OREGON-ITES made up the entire student rooting section at CORVALLIS Friday night. . . "The most even-tempered man in ASTORIA—I'm mad all the time," CHESSMAN TO ALLEN . . . TIME'S significant wording —"The LONDON - WASHINGTON Axis. . . " the reason the BAROMETER - EMERALD game was so close can now be told—the BARO boys not only kept CLAIR FEHLER out of their lineup, but threw in some unexpected competition on the scorekeeper's bench . . . so be it.

the penguin effect of the men's tuxes. . . the lad whose stiff shirt kept bulging every time he pronounced a word with more than one syllable . . . the one with the shirt that rose out of his vest at the beginning of every breath. . . the little number done up in blonde from hair to slippers . . . her partner sneaking a finger in between shirt and back of neck—and hastily running finger around to front of collar. . . the men with loosened ties, unbuttoned coats, unlaced shoes in the post mortem bullfests . . . the beautiful complexions of the coeds that went into the waste basket via facial tissues a few minutes after she bid you good-night . . . yes, OREGON in formal dress. . .

add personal correspondence: To the fraternity who threatened to call a boycott on a certain alongside-campus eatery. . . this colm doesn't believe that any fraternity on this campus would support the disgraceful conduct exhibited by the nine spokesmen Saturday night who, to the disgust of all those present, loudly flaunted their fraternity's name—saying the fraternity was backing them in what was a personal argument. . . if, however, this is the case, then the entire story, with names, will be printed in these columns . . . which, you and this colm can both understand, would bring about a campus boycott, not on the ones

of the snooper men in relentless fashion. One tutor threatened dire punishment to the guilty ones when finally apprehended, declaring, "By golly, we'll string them up by the thumbs."

—The Harvard Crimson.

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