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Class Cards Are Out . . .

THE abolition of the class card system by the ASUO executive committee will not do away with campus politics. But the action taken at Monday night's bombastic session to make voting a free privilege for every student in the University is the most significant step in the direction of democratic student government since the 1939-40 exec committee voted universal suffrage in ASUO elections.

It means the abolition of the policy of house politicians buying class cards in wholesale lots from house funds or requiring them to be purchased, and then using them as purely a means of political strength.

It means the elimination of campus sympathy for the independent "persecution complex." Under the class card system, there has always been an unconscious support of Independents by impartial observers because of their lack of funds to finance wholesale card buying or power to compel members to buy them.

It means the creation of a democratic voting system for the University of Oregon student body, in which there is no "poll tax" on the right of any individual to vote for the man he wants in office.

It means that reform-conscious collegians can move on from the age-old class card battle to other worthwhile improvement plans for campus life and student government.

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THE Emerald never has pretended to be neutral on the matter of class cards. For years, editors pleaded with the student leaders for ASUO suffrage. When that was attained, the next step was for removal of the class card bugaboo in elections. A free vote for all is an absolute necessity if there is to be any semblance of fairness or equality among men in the student government on the campus.

This executive committee, unlike previous groups, has shown a realization of that absolute need. The ASUO governors have shown that their first loyalty is to the student body which elected them and to its welfare, rather than to political ties. ASUO President Lou Torgeson and his 12 lawmakers have made a worthwhile, a far-reaching contribution to the University of Oregon's development. There were ties that bound each of those members. They rose above them. They have shown once more a real sense of responsibility for the pledge which they took last spring—to work for the good of every student in the University.

J. W. S. . . .

FIVE FOOT FOUR of originality and competence left the editor chair of the Oregon Monday night and six foot three of the same brand of originality and competence took over the directorship of the 1942-43 Oregon yearbook.

Wes Sullivan's past work in various campus activities, his enthusiasm, his cleverness and ability evidently convinced the educational activities board that Wes was the man to try to equal the high mark of his predecessor.

Sullivan's path on the campus has not been a smooth one—there have been many ups-and-downs. But from the first time his name appeared in the Emerald masthead October 5, 1939, both faculty and students could foresee that he would have a role of campus leader in the journalistic field.

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WELL-KNOWN by many through his daily front-page Emerald "pomes," Wes has gained friends and followers, inviting everyone to laugh at his humorous poetic observations on everything from the weather to the 57-varieties of queens.

In his position as managing editor and staff photographer of the book this year, Wes has proven himself. Ex-editor Wilbur Bishop after two record-breaking years may leave his office confident that Wes is the man to "carry on."—BJB

Nothing Sacred

By J. SPENCER MILLER

Song of the Week . . . to be sung to the tune of the Beta "Loving Cup."

O, pass the peroxide jug around
And let its spray fall free
For you must be a bottle blonde
To be an Alpha Fee

For you 'n' I will ne'er grow dark
Thanks to chemistry

So pass the peroxide jug around
And bleach for Alpha Fee (For Fee-e)

The above ditty was turned in by — well, they're good friends of the Fees, too.

MORE RAMBLINGS — In spring a Fiji's fancy turns lightly to tho'ts of the Kappa house. Two more Kappa queens picked up the diamond over the weekend. Baldy Bill McKeivitt ended all doubts as to who Jean Hoover's choice is by planting his brass on her, and Bob McGill slipped his to Margaret DeCou. There are also some Fiji-Kappa combines that are getting mighty serious about each other, to wit, Nancy Davis and Gale Felthouse, Bill Farrell and Bev Jacob, Bob Wilson and Sally Childs, and Al Foster with Shirley Neal . . . Say, those boys do all right, don't they?

Siam of the Week — To the pride of the Sigma Kappa house, Pat Howard. This little girl has gone and done it again—she's got TWO pins—one she picked up Sunday at a picnic from some Thetaki (name withheld upon request). The other poor sucker we don't know, but it's a typical Howard trick. Last term she went steady with Bob Weston and was ENGAGED to an out-of-town lad. She ought to wake up to herself, but quick. . . .

We've decided to shelve the Blackest Man on Campus contest. There wouldn't be any contestants outside of Harry Prongas, Morrie Stein, and myself. But never fear, we've got another one cookin' . . . This time we're going to look for a BDMOC—Best Dressed Man on Campus. The winner will get his picture in the paper with the caption over it—"Smooth Dog," courtesy of Ep Hoyt . . . Men's houses should begin to look their boys over, because candidates from each will be picked pretty soon.

And we hear that Ted Harmon has been made "Sweetheart of Pi Beta Phi." Which gives us hope that some day the Awful Fees will throw garlands at our feet and sing, "For he is the Alpha Phi Man."

The Score . . .

The Allies Put Stock in 'Faith' - And Hope for a Turn of Wind

. . . Axis Still Winning

By BILL HAIGHT

"Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen," according to St. Paul, and during the past year the Allies seemed to be existing in their fight against the Axis primarily on faith. For surely supplies, and the word is used with its fullest meaning, has been the Achilles heel of our conduct of the war.

There are heartening straws in the wind that indicate the supply situation is changing and as soon as the balance starts weighing on our side the Axis nations are doomed.

Help for Allies

President Roosevelt has announced that "heavy supplies" are flowing to our Allies. Donald M. Nelson, WPB chief, in a speech stated over two and one-half billion dollars of defense money has been spent recently. Nelson's statement is important because in the past most of our stories were dealing with the allocation of funds.

There are other signs such as Great Britain's growing offensive against Germany to relieve the pressure on Russia. In one raid alone this week, 300 planes roared over the enemy's territory dropping new high explosives, causing real destruction to factories, cities and military objectives. The day of raids being insignificant in Axis territory seems to be finished.

Still Winning

Despite these encouraging signs the Axis are still winning the war. Japanese forces have reached a new fury against the embattled defenders of Bataan causing them to withdraw their lines, and the island of Colombo which holds an Allied sea base has been undergoing heavy raids.

A warning has been sounded by the Dutch government in exile to their island possessions off the coast of Panama that they may expect military action from the enemy. Does this mean the Allies have definite information the Japanese are planning to strike soon against the Panama canal? The developments on the island of Aruba will tell the first part of the story as we wait and watch for the next blow.

The American government has again entered the diplomatic scene with pressure and is making pointed suggestions to the Indian leaders. The results of the negotiations will be announced today and since the British forecast is gloomy we may expect a stalemate in the negotiations. A curious situation exists with the enemy fighting on the shores of India—even bombing the island

of Colombo which guards the sea routes, and still they bicker. It would seem more realistic to lick the foe at hand and then fight for greater freedom.

The Ratio Only

The reports from Russia announce tremendous losses of German planes. This type of report can be taken with a grain of salt because it most likely means that German planes by the hundreds are operating on the Russian front and although the losses seem large the ratio to the number in action may be considered from the German viewpoint normal. At least in the past accounting of German planes that line of reasoning has been found to have more substance than being happy over heavy losses.

And so, as the Axis continue their fight around the middle section of the world and the Allies speed up their supplies by utilizing the northern routes and filtering southward, perhaps the faith of the past will be rewarded by definite victories for the Allies.

Trade Last . . .

By MARY WOLF

"And how is your good wife, Sultan?"

"Oh, she's all right, but the other forty-five are more fun."
—Utah Chronicle.

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I withe I was a wittle bug
a thitten on a high pus wug
I'd bee ez meen ex meen cud bee,
an choo a hole so you cud see—
That floor wight thru that wug
Oh . . . I with I was a wittle bug.

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"Yes, my wife gets more out of a novel than anybody."

"How do you mean?"

"Well, she always starts in the middle, so she's not only wondering how it will all end, but how it began."—Ma-Hi Times.

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Capital to Campus

By JAY RICHTER

ACP's Washington Correspondent

Jobs

There's a job opportunity in Washington for college girls that is underrated—that of housewife. The state of affairs here is better than it may seem. There are nine men for every ten women, a figure authenticated by the Census Bureau. A more heartwarming prospect than the one-to-four ratio sometimes claimed. Most figures show the District of Columbia area has a low marriage rate, but no lower than a number of others, including the states of Delaware, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania—and California, strongly enough.

At any rate, Washington men are fair game. And not rationed—yet.

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The President's recent execu-

tive order to federal agencies has important implications for college students. Briefly, the purpose is to convert government to war work—and that speedily—by loosening hiring requirements, and by facilitating transfers from agency to agency.

This means greater efforts than ever will be made immediately to put college people into jobs for which they are retained. And if they find their jobs do not suit their talents, the order makes it unnecessary for them to get their superior's permission to transfer to another agency—so long as the agency to which they are going is considered more important to the war effort than the one they are leaving.

Previously an agency could hold the employe who wanted to

transfer. Some bureaucrats clung to the prerogative despite the urgency of war work in other agencies.

The order also does away with almost all Civil Service commission examinations. Hiring will be done on the basis of training and experience.

One thing about the order, in case you are interested in long-term employment: new employes have no assurance their jobs will last once the war is at an end.

War . . .

The government is bringing the problem of shortages to the college students' door by way of consumer conferences, co-sponsored by colleges and the Office of Price Administration. They are being taught to be cagey "conservers" (Please turn to page seven)