

Clips and Comments

By MARGUERITE WITTWER

A bit on the serious side now, comes this psalm adapted from similar petitions originated by the coeds at New Jersey State College for Women.

Mr. Price is my teacher; I shall not pass. He maketh me to lose sleep in great quantities; he confuseth my soul. He leadeth me into paths of wicked experiments for my grades' sake.

Yeah, though I sweat and toil 'till 4:57, I shall still fear. His C's and his D's, they do not comfort me. In class he leadeth me to wrong conclusions in the presence of mine classmates. He annoieth my quizzes with zeroes, my work runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall catch up with me one of these days or I shall dwell in a Freshman elementary journalism class forever. Amen.

At the senior ball we were watching a trio of Co B "wolfmen" waiting for their dates. Suddenly they caught sight of a tall glamma-gal, wearing a spangled green dress, plenty of silver sequins in her blonde hair, a fur jacket, and a big hunk of ice on her fingers, with more glittering in a bracelet. The boys eyed her carefully and one of them remarked blandly, "I thought they weren't making any new Buicks this year."

Texas Christian university is staging a carnival and the coed in charge of sideshows remarked that, "despite all the freaks I see running around the campus, no one seems to be eager to capitalize on his oddity... We simply must have some kids with rubber stomachs, six toes per foot, or two heads per neck around here somewhere."... What is their trouble down there?

Civilian classes are at a standstill and all military personnel has been restricted to the campus at the University of Minnesota due to a general walkout of employees. Both academic and civil service personnel are striking for wage increases and wage equalization for male and female workers. A few students started to trudge off to classes but were stopped by lines of pickets.

No civilian employees reported for work and Navy men stationed on the campus took over the buildings. Sailors took a hand and helped prepare their own meals. The university hospital was critically affected by the strike. About 15 army patients who were able to be moved from the health service were taken to the nearest army fort. Navy personnel is taking care of the navy patients, but as many civilians as possible are being discharged from the hospital.

From Tender Topics, weekly publication of the USS Chanderleur, seaplane tender, comes this choice item of information. Ship storekeepers are exceedingly versatile and come from all walks of life. Proof of this fact was brought out in a recent survey of special qualifications, listed among the talents submitted by the storekeepers were muskrat trapping and bootlegging... No thanks, just looking.

Upperclassmen chose good morals second only to a good family in a survey among the coeds at Iowa State as to what were the most desirable qualities a girl could possess. The dean of women discovered that freshmen placed good morals fourteenth on the list... Draw your own conclusions.

One of the sorority houses in Texas has the following rule for pledges and members, "Girls will wear BOTH stockings when entertaining gentlemen, except on Sundays and holidays."... Shoes too?

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Oh, Honestly...

Monday night's Oregon Daily Journal deplored the hackneyed and meaningless phrases of government documents, official reports, and war communiques in an editorial entitled "Our Brow-Beaten Wartime Words." Such words the Journal writer calls "official slang," invented "to make communications sound, oh, so official and important."

On its list of worn-out words the Journal places: "all-out, over all, backlog, directive, postwar, wishful thinking, doing a job, stock pile, hush-hush, the duration, free enterprise, racial minorities, Shangri-la, channeled, rehabilitation, ceiling, frozen goods, inflationary trend..." and so on and on, for such a list can have no end.

Washington Irving wrote a story once about a broom which was given a pumpkin head, brought to life, and named "Feathertop" by the witch Mother Ribgý. Dressed in fancy clothes and equipped with a stock of fine phrases, Feathertop managed very well in society, for he knew all the proper compliments and polite terms. To describe him in the language of the cliché, he knew the right word on the right occasion.

The University of Oregon campus has its "official slang" too. Our slang is made up of words which, although they may have once had a dictionary meaning, are now only a series of syllables strung together on a thread of conversation.

Campus slang is made of Feathertop phrases and has as little genuine meaning as the magician's "abracadabra" or the nonsense words of a popular song.

If you doubt this, try to define "Oh, honestly."

Like the Oregon Journal, we have made up a list of words and phrases which should be removed forever from our vocabularies. Our list, like the Journal's, is only partial: get organized, no lie, that shows me plenty, super, how 'bout that, simply adorable, I just can't stand it, kid, eager, honey, shot cookie, marvelous, short silks are in order, adjusted to college life, that gripes me, awfully cute, just darling, freshman orientation, plug, activity girl, deal, wonderful, oh, honestly, I mean really.

Maybe we're just not adjusted to college life, but it certainly gripes us, no lie. We just can't stand it, even if some people do think it's just darling. We can't see it at all. It doesn't show us a thing.

Oh, honestly!

J. N.

Up From UO

By Peggy Overland

Vivian Kellems, '18, has always been in the public eye; either for being nominated one of the best-dressed women of the nation, or for competing with Mrs. Clara Boothe Luce in the political field. However, her latest interesting action is her recent defiance of the United States government on the question of the December 15 income tax.

The outcome of this spectacular move and her even more daring call to industry to follow her example, has not yet been decided. But whatever the results, Miss Kellems, has once again forged ahead of others and set the pace where she believed she was right.

Economics were Vivian Kellems' main interest when she was attending the University back before World War I, and when she received her B.A. in 1918 she did not allow her interest to perish during the hectic post-war years. She continued her studies and secured her master's degree in 1921.

The business which brings her in an annual income of more than \$50,000, is based upon the produc-

tion of a cylindrical contraption whose grip becomes stronger according to the weight of the object being held. Although it was her brother Edgar Kellems who invented the Kellem grip more than 12 years ago, it was through Miss Kellems' promotion that it became of industrial use. She had just been granted her Ph.D. from Columbia university, and seeing commercial possibilities in the invention persuaded her brother to have it patented.

Since then her story has been more along the line of that of Clara Boothe Luce. The Kellems' grips have threaded more than 1,000,000 feet of cable through electric conduits in the wiring of the Chrysler building, held high-tension wires in the construction of Boulder dam, and held cables that ran to the top of the Empire State building.

Miss Kellems, herself, has received as many honors as her fabulous cable. She was recently selected one of the ten best-dressed women of the United States; in 1940 she was chosen by the busi-

ness and professional women of the Soroptimist clubs of New York as the outstanding woman in industry; and is one of the three women members of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

Whether Vivian Kellems has ruined this brilliant career by the recent stand which she has taken on the tax question has not been decided yet. Secretary of the Treasury Henry P. Morgenthau in speaking of her said that he considered her plea to industry a matter of disloyalty to the government, and Senator Coffee demanded that she be investigated by the government.

Miss Kellems has as yet been undaunted by these reactions, and her determination will probably prove as tenacious as her famous grips.

A significant collection of historical legal and economic material on the republics of Columbia and Venezuela has just been acquired on the Berkeley campus of the University of California.

IF A BUDDY MEET A BUDDY

By GLORIA MALLOY

From the naval medical school in Portland we hear that "big" Dick Ashcom on his way down to play in the big East-West game put an engagement ring on "Gig" Toomey, ADeePi while on a stop over in Medford.

Pfc. William Cramer, '46, is now back at Princeton university in the ASTU program. Bill is sports editor for "The Tiger's Roar," the new army newspaper there. He claims he's the "only Oregon man at Princeton."

Lt. Everett J. Dickerman, of the Navy air corps, '44, was recently home on leave here in Eugene. He received his commission at Corpus Christi, Texas, in October and has since specialized in piloting navy dive bombers at Jacksonville, Florida. His next base will be Cherry Point, North Carolina.

Glen Kelly is now a midshipman at Columbia university. He says a lot of the "old boys" from Parkville, Missouri, have been transferred there. We'll get that report later.

Hirschel Smith, naval air corps cadet, is now back at Worcester, Massachusetts. He says "You don't know how much you can miss Oregon 'til you get away from it."

Wedding bells are ringing in a big way at the naval med school in Portland next month. Beta Bob Jackson will marry Gamma Phi Dorothy Giese March 26, and Beta Bill Snell will also take the final step with Mary Lee Fry, Kappa, March 24.

Corporal Duke Elder, Sigma Chi, is now at Camp Landing, Florida. He is training new recruits there.

Lt. Howard Girdlestone, Kappa Sig, a navigator in the marine air corps, was just recently up here visiting Lorraine Davidson.

First Lt. Fred Stickels, '42, is still in India with the infantry. He's been there over a year.

Pvt. Neil Regan is now stationed at Camp Wolter, Texas, in the medical corps. Neil had a rough time in New York on his two week furlough.

Sgt. Harry Prongas, in the 347th boat company at Ft. Hamilton, New York says recently in a letter, "I am in a boat company, now and upon completion of our training we are to leave for the Pacific. Our job will consist of transporting troops and supplies from one island to another. I like the work very much and am looking forward to it with zeal." Sounds interesting, doesn't it?

Pvt. Bill Stratton, onetime sports writer on the Emerald, is now stationed somewhere in England. He's an M.P. in the air corps.

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