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Government By the People ...

During fall term the University experienced a wave of political feeling. The Young Democrats and the Young Republicans met and discussed the presidential and congressional campaigns. There was a forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters. Mr. Bricker was saluted with torches, signs, and the rally-rally spirit usually displayed at football games. A number of self-styled experts gave advice freely on how to vote—complete with allusions to the proper magazine articles.

With the election over, the interest quickly subsided. Almost everyone abandoned reading the newspapers except for "Terry and the Pirates" and the black-looking banner headline on Page 1. Magazines dealing with current affairs got even less attention.

Last week, developments in the national political set-up became controversial enough and received so much publicity that student interest was aroused again. Like the weather, the subject was discussed at length, but no one did anything about it. It took the prompting of one of the professors to stir up a manifestation of the opinion which a group of students had formed. He suggested that they write or wire Oregon congressmen in protest or with statements of their views on the subject. They did.

The professor called it democracy in action. We could use a lot more of it.

Most of the young men of America have their hands full in the fight against dictatorship and aggression. The exercise of democratic functions, aside from voting, is left almost entirely to the home front.

To the young people who are not directly in the war falls the responsibility of voicing the opinions of the youth of the nation. They tell us that the future is in our hands. We should have a voice in shaping as well as winning that future.

It is our generation that is firing the guns and making the sacrifices. Our generation should also take part in maintaining democracy at home.

Co-editorial...

Hold That Line...

It's not only rude, it's downright savage. The fight for cigarettes and other various and sundry scarce articles is making barbarians out of dainty campus coeds. Sometimes it's a knock-down, drag-out brawl, with the winner being the coed who isn't particularly bashful about using her muscles. On rare occasions (which should be kept a dark secret) inside political or personal "pull" will wangle a pack of hard-earned cigarettes, and the majority of the times it's the unethical procedures which bring home the "bacon." A few of the timid, hopeful coeds are a wee bit peeved with these methods.

Take a scene, for example, which took place several days ago at the Co-op. Perhaps it occurs quite frequently. When the call goes out that the Co-op has cigarettes for sale, a rowdy line of anxious students forms so that everyone may be served fairly and honestly. The idea is excellent, but what happens? A few of the more brazen coeds burst right into the line and wave their elbows around until a considerable space has widened so that they may plant themselves there. The subtle approach appears to be the innocent coed who politely begs someone's pardon so that she may get through the line to the other side of the store and who suddenly changes her mind and decides to stay in the line instead.

Every afternoon the business section of Eugene looks like the aftermath of a college rally, judging by the number of students seen milling about. Upon close scrutiny the interested bystander will notice that they are not exactly milling about; rather, there is a definite pattern about their movement.

First, all of them bounce into a drug store, grocery store, or cigar stand. Then they hopefully ask the traditional question, "Any cigarettes?" Finally, they troupe out again to enter the next business establishment while other students bob in after them. Somehow it suggests a snake writhing around the streets.

If only to protect the femininity of the University coeds, let's hope that the cigaret rationing by the producers will be successful.—B.F.R.



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"Someone called her for a date"

English Historian Explains Isolationism in United States

By FABER O'HAGAN

THE AMERICAN CHARACTER, Alfred A. Knopf, \$2.50. What dignity it gives the English writer if he speaks well of his American cousins! What a kind, good-natured fellow we find him! In Mr. Brogan's book there is not a single sentence ending with "—but," and how we appreciate his reasonableness!

Mr. Brogan is one of the finest of English historians. He has made the United States his special province. He spends half of each year in this country and seems to like it as well as his own. This book is one of the results of his thorough knowledge of our nation, a long study of our history, and an intelligent understanding of the influences which made us what we are. "The American Character" is, in fact, a study of "what we are and why we are that way."

The organization of the book is simple and straightforward. The first of the three parts deals with the manner in which our history accounts for our strong isolationist tendencies. The second part is concerned with the effects of our heterogeneous racial stocks and our conception of political liberty. The third part discusses "The American Way in War" and gives some hints as to what our relations are likely to be with other countries and how we are likely to use our great power and influence. The arguments are directed toward Americans as much as toward Europeans.

In fact, America will find that Brogan understands America far better than all but a very small handful of natives. His ability to write sensibly, wittily, and objectively is one result of a good education. His ability to grasp and estimate ideas is a rare inborn talent. The United States is fortunate in having such a man to evaluate the forces and influences in its history.

Brogan discusses our pioneer

heritage, the effects of living upon a broad, rich continent, the effect of conflicting sectional interests, the means by which unity may be fostered, our educational and religious traditions, and many other extremely pertinent facts. The whole represents an intelligent estimate of the American character and the significance of this nation to the future of the world. Discerning Americans will cherish this kindly and honest appraisal of themselves.

• Lost

ONE Theta pin, inscription Eleanor Crosland, lost Saturday evening, Eugene hotel. Please call 2340.

BLACK alligator cigarette case at McArthur court Friday night. Initials M.M.E. in gold on front. Mary Margaret Ellsworth, phone 2305.

Clips and Comments

By BETTY BUSHMAN and JANE ELLSWORTH

Notes for All Lectures

For the first time in the history of the University of California, an academic course in jazz is being offered.

The course includes a chronological survey of various jazz styles including the "New Orleans," the "Chicago," and varied band styles up to the present day. From 3000 to 4000 records will be used to illustrate the different styles.

On Speaking Terms

Newly-developed streamlined methods in teaching the Chinese language are now available to civilian students at Cornell. Influenced by army requirements, the course is designed to give mastery of pronunciation and grammar, a fair comprehension of spoken Chinese, and a basic speaking ability—all in two terms.

Doing Time

A Ball and Chain hop held at Indiana university recently featured the music of the "Jailbird Jivers," and all students attending were requested to wear something striped, in keeping with the jail theme.

Wonder if they had bars to carry out the effect.

New Naval Engagement

Quote from the OSC Barometer: "Could there be some subtle connection between the number of open houses scheduled by sororities for early March and the announcement that naval personnel will be at Camp Adair by that time?"

Stage Struck

A new stage is being built for Crouse auditorium at Syracuse university because a grand piano crashed through the old one.

They Do Odd Jobs

Caretakers for dogs and mice, a manager for a motion picture theater, a singing postman to sell Christmas seals, and a manager of

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It's yellower than a Beaver!
It's greener than a Freshman!

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University 'CO-OP'