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## A Dose of Common Sense . . .

Chances are that either you or one of your roommates have suffered from a cold or the flu already this term. Chances are that they don't feel as well as they might, that they feel tired and wish they didn't have so much to do. The complaints are common, but so are the reasons.

There is plenty to do here besides study, and most University students are inclined to do a lot of things besides burying their noses in a book. There are regular activities, coke dates, bull sessions, shows, and dances. By the time a student does everything he wants to, there isn't likely to be much time left to include some of the things that are essential to good health—important things like sufficient sleep, relaxation, and proper diet.

Everyone realizes that a machine won't operate indefinitely without some special care. Typewriters get an overhauling once in a while, radios get new tubes when they aren't doing so well, but too many students never seem to worry about giving themselves any kind of care.

You might be surprised how much eight hours of sleep can do for you when you've been getting only about six or seven a night. And meals can have something to do with it, too. The meals you get at the house are all right, but too many cokes, candy bars, and midnight snacks can do plenty to your stomach that won't make you feel exactly like shining in your 8 o'clock.

Using a little common sense about the weather isn't going to hurt you either, and it's likely to keep you from worrying about the Kleenex shortage. We don't blame you if you think wearing galoshes is simply not being done, but we see no reason not to wear wooden shoes, or boots, or not to try keeping out of mud puddles, extra downpours of Oregon mist, and going out without warm clothing.

This whole subject seems like something that hardly needs mentioning—common sense should tell everyone what to do, but we think it might be worth while to have everyone check on himself to see if he is doing his best to avoid overfatigue and that general worn out feeling that is too common in winter term.

## Time Out For A Gripe . . .

Gripping is an old democratic institution. If we don't like something, there is nothing to stop us from saying so in as loud or as soft a voice as we wish. Many times that freedom is ridiculed by those who favor different systems—by those who do not understand why an individual or group should be allowed to voice their opinions. But we guard it carefully as an "inalienable" right. All of which leads up to a gripe we have had for a number of years and have finally decided to air out.

"Sorry, this row reserved for Gamma Beta Sigma," came the shrill voices as a number of students tried to find seats for yesterday's assembly. It turned out that most of the good seats had been reserved ahead of time by faithful members of the sororities who had taken their box lunches and arrived early to snare a couple of rows in the front for their house sisters.

There is something particularly disconcerting to see a whole row of empty seats, attempt to sit down, and discover that the girl sitting on the end isn't there because she was too lazy to move to the middle, but as a guardian so that the members of her house who come late will be able to get good seats.

How's about a policy of first come, first served? Let's let everybody who comes to the assemblies have a chance at sitting in the first ten rows.

Evidence indicates that Adolf Hitler suffered from hysterical blindness for six months after the last war, says Dr. Victor A. Genda of the Loyola university (Chicago) school of medicine.

## Letters To the Editor

To the Editor:

Out of curiosity's sake we were wondering whether it was an Oregon State Barometer or an Oregon Emerald writer that did that BEAUTIFUL job on the editorial entitled "rules of the game" that appeared in the February 7 issue.

We would like to know if the writer was in school when spirit between Oregon and Oregon State really was at a high pitch. Has the writer ever had the urge to tear down the goal posts after a football victory over the Beavers, or the desire to grab an orange rooter's cap after we beat them in basketball? That's not orneriness, it's just an outbreak of the type of spirit that Oregon and Oregon State have been carrying on for the past 50 years.

The rivalry between the two schools has never been exactly an old maid's tea party, and we see no reason why it ever should be. Don't misunderstand; we aren't anxious to have a massacre, but are we trying to build up school pep and fight spirit, or are we trying to see if we can reach a junior high level of enthusiasm?

What if the basketball team comes out on the floor Saturday night, bows politely, and says "pardon me" every time they get in the road of a "misplaced" Beaver elbow or knee?

The writer talks about outbursts during wartime. Are we to understand that the boys will want to come back to a University that stands up and listens intently to their arch rival's alma mater—not that we expect OSC students to return the gentlemanly attitude—or will they want to come back to the best school in the country and yell "MIGHTY OREGON" in everyone's face.

Sincerely yours, with the hope that we can have a successful bridge party at halftime Saturday night.

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## Heart Race

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Coed Capers he was the topic of public discussion. The record also reveals "Chic" was described as a popular social light at fall term's men's smoker in the following manner, to wit: that curly-haired, bronze-colored Oregon wine baron . . . any newspaper story describing Mr. Cecchini's visit to a sorority house would read like a Frank Sinatra appearance at Times Square . . . at any time of the day Mr. Cecchini, without using cigars as a lure, can surround himself with a human wall of squealing, shoving, even fainting coeds.

A special meeting of journalism students was called Thursday when it was discovered that the school was without a candidate for the position of "King of Hearts." The outcome of the caucus was the unanimous election of Bill "Brother" Lindley, rotund, fluent, apple-cheeked "errand boy for Mr. Tugman" as representative of the press in the race.

## Stamp Sales

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house, \$5.45; Alpha Delta Pi, \$5.25; Kappa Kappa Gamma, \$4.95; Gamma Phi Beta, \$4.85; Delta Delta Delta, \$4.65; Alpha Xi Delta, \$4.60; Zeta hall, \$4.20; Alpha hall, \$3.00; Hilyard house, \$2.30; Sigma Kappa, \$1.80; Mary Spiller hall, \$1.80; Rebec house, \$1.50.

## Globally Speaking

By BILL SINNOTT

The resistance of General Yamashita's forces on Luzon has been amazingly weak. The Japs are as apt at psychological warfare as the Nazis. Thus one can explain the Nipponese stories relative to their determination to defend the Philippines at all costs.

We can be too optimistic in regard to the length of the war in the Far East after V-E day. Japan occupies a strategic position off the coast of Asia similar to that of England off Europe. The attempts of Napoleon and Hitler to invade England show how very hard it will be for our forces to invade Japan.

Invasion is only possible from Korea and the East China coast. Japan has been barely touched by the war so far. Over one million men come of "military age" each year.

### After the War . . .

The Japanese government has been successful in introducing potato cultivation to supplement the staple rice diet of the people. Few realize that Japan is now a continental power. Industries have been transferred to China. The recent Japanese victories over the Chinese have severed China in two and prolonged for years the final victory in East Asia.

The approaching defeat of Japan raises the question of her future government. One school headed by Joe Grew, our last ambassador to Tokyo, believes that the emperor should be kept to preserve a rallying point for the defeated "Honorary Aryans." An imperial rescript from his majesty would set up democracy in the empire overnight.

The other school believes that Shintoism is so ingrained in the Japanese that only by the overthrow of the imperial house, its focal point, can eventual democracy be inculcated in the Japanese.

### Dynasty of Sun Goddess

Shintoism is a recent development in Japan. It grew up after the Meiji restoration in 1868. The Japanese think that their emperor is divine; of a "line unbroken for ages eternal." Hirohito is believed to be the 124th descendant of the first emperor of Japan, Jimmu Tenno, who was the grandson of the sun goddess, Amaterasu O Mikami, the great deity of Shintoism.

The imperial house depended on adoption and concubinage to preserve their race. The present emperor's grandmother was a Korean concubine of Emperor Meiji. The father of Hirohito went mad and was confined in a strait-jacket until his death in 1926.

The emperors of Japan never ex-

ercised absolute power. They held a shadowy court for over 1000 years in Kyoto. Government then as now was carried on by the men behind the arras who ruled in the imperial name.

### Democracy, In Name Only

The opening of Japan by Commodore Perry caused the revolt against the Tokuwaga Shogunate that led to the Meiji restoration in 1868. This revolution was led by the two great clans of Satsuma and Chosu that ran Japan until recently. The Satsuma's special preserve was the navy—the Chosus' the army.

Japan enjoyed a democratic government in the twenties. It was a democratic government in name only as the Mitsuis and the Mitshishis each enrolled one of the two major parties.

Japanese Chauvinism was led by the late Mitsuru Toyama of the Black Dragon society. His influence was paramount in Japan from the start of the invasion of Manchuria in September 1931, which was the start of World War II.

The militarists gained control of the government by a series of assassinations that so scared the members of the Five Families that own Japan—the Mitsuis, the Iwasakis, the Sumitimos, the Yasudas, and the Okuras—that they backed the army's expansionist policy that was to set up the "Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere."

### What Now, Stalin?

A fascist government was set up and an official party, the Imperial Rule assistance association, was founded. The army believed that Hitler had conquered Russia when the wehrmacht had reached the Volga at Stalingrad. December 7, 1941, was the result.

The Japanese are worried. The Russo-Japanese non-aggression pact expires April 25. Stalin has given no sign that he wishes to renew it. The Kremlin is believed to have demanded Manchuria and Korea as the price for making war on Japan. Whether Russia will enter the Far Eastern war is anybody's guess. Churchill has termed Soviet foreign policy "a riddle wrapped in mystery and enclosed in an enigma."

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