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Serenade Etiquette . . .

A book of old Spanish etiquette might give the best form of behavior for a young lady who is being honored with a serenade, but a glance at Oregon custom is more enlightening on etiquette when a campus living organization is being serenaded.

A true serenade is one which has been scheduled by the men's group at the dean of women's office. The unscheduled variety is frowned upon by the administration and is supposed to be greeted with stony silence. This type usually is easily distinguished by the more-than-mellow voices of the singers, and the informal serenade falls into the category of "conduct unbecoming to a University student."

When a girls' living organization is serenaded, the coeds are expected to answer the singers with one song. Personal comment from the listening ladies is strictly unnecessary. The answering song is a signal that the serenade is being heard and appreciated although the coeds remain out of sight. Applause after each song or at the end of the serenade may be substituted for the answering song if the living group is large.

The identity of the men's group does not remain a secret long. Besides singing songs which are linked with their organizations, they announce the name of their group and also any dedications.

The etiquette of serenades is not University law, but it makes the occasions enjoyable and memorable both for the coeds and the singers.

When the men's groups spend the bleak morning hours paying vocal compliments to the women's organizations, they appreciate and expect a fitting reception.

Colds in Season . . .

When colds and flu are in season at Oregon, it's the smart Webfoot who isn't sporting either one.

The "No Visitors" signs at the infirmary indicate that both common illnesses are too prevalent and that visitors are carriers who endanger both the infirmary inmates and the rest of the students.

There's no rule to keep students with colds out of the classrooms, but there's a rule of etiquette that calls for covering the mouth when sneezing or coughing. The let-the-germs-fall-where-they-may attitude is hostilely regarded by all classmates of offenders.

The infirmary is not large enough to handle any widespread epidemic, and it cannot take in all students who have colds. But even students with minor colds should consult the University doctors or nurses for advice on checking them before they become serious illnesses. A simple gargling tablet, cough medicine, or nose drops may help to stop a cold in the first stages. A delay in treatment and careless living habits may mean days in the infirmary and valuable time lost from classes and studying.

Obviously, the student health staff is busy this term. But the members would rather be rushed with cases of a minor nature than be faced with a number of patients who waited to seek medical advice.

"Veterans will not desire to be treated like psychiatric cases as so many pseudo-advisers suggest, but individual differences must be considered now as never before. The trivialities of college life—such as freshman hazing and fraternity life—will be odious to these veterans. Careful guidance will be needed as never before.

"These men will have to be reindoctrinated in methods of study. Most of them will have a definite goal in mind."

Your Government . . . Top Student Organization ASUO Executive Council

This is the first of a series of articles designed to meet the demand of new students for an explanation of the various University boards and committees. In order to make these articles more authoritative, they will be in the form of statements by the several committee heads. The first is from Ed Allen, student body president, and explains the formation and functions of the executive council.

The executive council of the Associated Students of the University of Oregon is composed of 10 elective student officers, two non-elective officers and an advisor. The elective members are: president, first vice-president, second vice-president, secretary-treasurer, two representatives from the senior class, two representatives from the junior class, two representatives from the sophomore class, and the yell king. The non-elective officers are: the editor of the Emerald and the president of the A.W.S. The dean of men, a non-voting member, is the council advisor.

The council is responsible for the management of all student affairs and interests, except those delegated by the president of the University to other sources, this includes the appointment of all important committee heads and chairmen, and final approval of the educational activities board's major

spring appointments of publication editors. Affairs involving the expenditure of University funds, other than A.S.U.O. donations, are not handled by the executive council.

Meetings are held in the basement of Johnson hall on alternating Thursdays. Problems of student administration that come under the council's jurisdiction, are discussed, and the council is responsible for all the classes and service organizations on the campus. The council also has the responsibility of conducting and supervising all elections.

Here, in brief, are outlined the principal duties of the students' chief governing body. There will be a statement by Earl M. Pallett on the composition and function of the Educational Activities Board.

A Duck At the Dial

At last Mr. Hush on Truth or Consequences was revealed last Saturday night when a swabby guessed him to be Jack Dempsey. Dempsey, who broadcast each time from a different spot, kept the secret from even his closest friends and family. The sailor's good guessing brought him prizes that had piled up from preceding programs in which the contestants had failed to answer correctly. They included a 1946 Mercury, \$1,000 diamond ring, \$1,000 Bulova watch, combination radio-phonograph console, Bendix washer, \$1,000 silver fox coat from I. J. Fox, a round trip plane ticket to New York and a reservation for a week-end at the Waldorf, and a summer vacation in the Rockies.

Your writer can't remember any more for by that time everything had gone black. When asked if he had a girl to give the ring to, he replied tersely, "Maybe." His father is a professor at a university in Arkansas.

"Playful" Cub

A stunt on the Erskine Johnson show wasn't as successful. Johnson, a male Hedda Hopper, had apparently run out of movie stars so he had a four-month-old lion cub as guest. In a short period of fifteen minutes the cub playfully tried to tug a carpet out from under the announcer, crashed into and knocked over the microphone, chewed a mike cord in half and nonchalantly masticated the end of it. The program went off the air for a full minute.

In sheer desperation, the director shoved him into the control booth, where the cub promptly charged the engineer and producer who took to the top of the control board and finished the broadcast at a safe distance. That'll I'arn 'em.

Lucy Ann has replaced Georgia Carroll as songstress with the Kyser clan while Mrs. Kyser awaits an heir in May.

Latest blossoms on the corn market: Gordon Jenkins' latest ditty entitled, "It Don't Mean a Thing If You Don't Pull That String," dedicated to the paratroopers.

This will be a big night with the
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Telling the Editor

About the Congress . . .

The proposed student congress has provoked comment from both Greek and Independent students, some of the discussion being favorable and some adverse. Much of the discussion has centered around the question of representation. Under the plan as set up, the representatives from the campus will total 20 Independents, and 33 Greeks. The small number of Independent representatives will, according to the congress committee, be enlarged by congressmen chosen by unaffiliated students. Each group of 26 unorganized students can, under the plan, form an organization "for the sole purpose of obtaining a voice."

Obviously then, the burden is placed upon Independent students to get unaffiliated Independent student body members organized so there will be equal representation between Greeks and Independents in the congress. If the Independents do not meet this burden, they will be outvoted on any issue which may arise in the congress. We are told that the congress plan is to secure a more democratic form of government, that it is not a political issue, and therefore I assume that the Independents are not to be disturbed if they are in the minority in the congress.

Keep Political Parties?

However, in order to have a true democracy should not the congress obviate both the Greek bloc and the Independent party? If this were done, the matter of representation would not be such an issue, and such a stumbling block in the way of proponents of the congress, but thus far, no student has suggested the abolition of political parties on the campus. As the situation stands now, would not the congress be the logical place for campus politicians to ply their trade?

Those in favor of the congress plan have bemoaned the lack of interest displayed by students. If this inertia exists now, what assurance do we have that the student body will become so enthusiastic over the new regime that they will make sure the most capable person from their organization is elected to the congress, and become so interested in student government that they will present problems affecting the student body to their representative? If
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Powder Burns

By Rex Gunn

Deep sand . . . lava rock . . . bare, taut-fibered tents; tired light . . . fitful air . . . wan omniscience . . . Fort Kamehameha.

Wind blew sand that day . . . it rattled like gusts of waste on tent tops. . . The sun set pale and shot no color into clouds.

Across the sand, dame Hickam sprawled, runways streaming to the hills . . . hangars loomed; huge, metallic bins spewing wings on asphalt.

Off the Runways

War—war—no more of it . . . out of the sand . . . off the runways . . . up from the lava . . . a million men of it . . . ten million dreams of it . . . ten million grains of it tapping on tent tops.

Fort Kamehameha was an end . . . air force gate to the Golden Gate, they said, platform for the eagle's leap . . . but it was an end.

Men talked of hope and home and a beginning, but when they went silent they thought of an end.

And they were afraid. I remember the fear in their faces and it startled me against the bluster in their words.

In the pits of their stomachs,
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About Representation . . .

In reply to Miss Sage's letter concerning Voice in Congress, it appears that she misinterpreted the letter concerning representation and has the idea that it was Independent Representation. I am sure that everyone is interested in knowing that organization is the basis of representation and not on the basis of numbers, as stated in her article "What's Going on in Student Government" in Old Oregon, January issue. Please note also that by basing representation on organization, a problem has been shifted to the Independents with no attempted solution. That problem is the organization of the students living off the campus. A very perplexing problem!

"The three-fold purpose of establishing a greater degree of active student representation in student government providing for the conveyance of student opinion to the University faculty and student body officers, and promoting a greater interest in the familiarity with the workings of a representative government" (refer to Old Oregon), cannot be accomplished if those 1800 or more students living "off the campus" are not organized. It appears that the old slogan "No taxation without representation" has been changed slightly and has become "No Representation without organization!"

As to the reference to the statistics and the plan of the constitution which appeared in the Thursday edition of the Emerald, I feel sure those figures would not be far wrong in practice, due to lack of organization of the unaffiliated. The interpretation of the constitution used was my own, which is based on the constitution as printed in the Emerald and Miss Sage's own article in this month's Old Oregon.

True, a more democratic and efficient form of student government without consideration for factions or party interest is a fine goal, but this plan which you say "is a matter of governmental progress, not politics," does concern politics since it was a campaign platform. A more democratic and efficient form of student government can and probably will be gained by the revision and consequent submission to the ASUO; I am sure that all of us sincerely hope so.
Harry J. Waggoner.