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Demonstration by Druids

Many readers assume that Emerald edits forever attack, and/or criticize. We hasten to point out their error, by commending the Druids for one of the most spirited political moves witnessed in several years.

As of five p.m., last night, Marty Pond's junior honorary had netted five hundred registrants for voting, doing business at their Co-op stand. Druid men, deputized to accept registrations, worked in shifts through the day, and will re-open their booth this morning at 8:45; accepting registrations until noon.

We all talk a good game of politics, but few of us manage to do anything about it. Druids, with mouths shut, have rung up a record for good citizenship that will be hard to beat. Though official figures were not available at press time as to the total number of legally-aged students on the campus, Pond did set the near total of eligible veterans at 1850, of which Druids have signed almost a third.

Unless veterans, and students in general, have registered elsewhere, now is the time. All it takes is one minute at the Co-op, a pen, and a little will-power. If you are registered elsewhere in the state, you may change your precinct to one in Eugene, by filling out a change-of-address card at the Druid booth.

Remember, you can't help elect, or defeat, come November 5, unless your name is on the official list. You have until noon today. DO IT! DON'T TALK ABOUT IT!

To Marty Pond, and all Druids, our sincere commendation for great Americanism.

With Sympathy

Complaints from veterans who are missing their third meal on Sunday have reached the Emerald. No Sunday evening suppers have been served them in the John Straub dining hall for the past two weeks, it is reported. The men, understandably, are a little unhappy about it.

Women living in the dorms have also been wondering why the traditional Sunday evening "teas" have been discontinued. The situation becomes more complicated when the fact that several of the campus restaurants are closed on Sunday is considered. This means the cafes which do remain open find it difficult to handle the number of customers, and students who are hungry enough are forced to go downtown Sunday night.

The tendency in a case like this is for the victims to immediately think of the \$36 monthly board fee and to blame dormitory authorities. This, of course, is not quite accurate.

The cost of food in this inflationary period makes \$36 a month look ridiculously low. One small packing box of groceries at retail comes to about \$15 and wouldn't feed two persons for a week, as married veterans certainly know. But \$36 takes a big chunk out of a single veteran's minuscule \$65 monthly allowance.

Not only is food expensive, but meat and other food for a varied and healthy diet is scarce. In addition, help is almost impossible to find—as evidenced by the high wages being paid for waitresses and cooks everywhere. The facts are common knowledge, but few hungry students on their way downtown Sunday night to catch a hamburger (for 30 cents) stop to consider them.

Mrs. Turnipseed has pointed out that employees must be given some time off... Sunday night is the obvious time because many students do not stay on the campus for meals then. The director of dormitories also assures students that the situation is

temporary. Every effort is being made to secure help and continue the Sunday evening meals. It should also be noted that many school dormitories never serve more than two meals on Sunday.

No amount of comforting words from anyone will fill an empty spot in a man's stomach. And students can't eat explanatory Emerald editorials—yet. Maybe the time will come...

Plea for the Defendant

Among the problems facing the administration as a result of a greatly swollen student body is the inadequacy of space and services at the University library.

Since more students have greater contact with the library than any other single campus institution, criticism of it is loud and prevalent. Yet if the facts were known the criticisms would become expressions of sympathy.

The greatest bone of contention is lack of service in the reserve and circulation departments. Students wishing books are often forced to wait from thirty minutes to an hour. The cause is obviously traceable to a dearth of student workers—a dearth which is not difficult to explain.

The library is serving 5600 students with a staff no more sizeable than that in the years when enrollment figures were between two and three thousand. Yet the urgent plea for employees has not been answered for a very good reason.

Applicants for library work are confronted with a prospective salary of forty cents per hour for the first six months. At a time when national and campus living expenses are mounting rapidly, the inadequacy of this wage is unpleasantly apparent. Who can be found to work at the library for 40 cents when salaries are considerably higher elsewhere?

This condition cannot be remedied by the library management alone. Funds for the maintenance of the institution are appropriated far in advance of the school year by the state board of higher education. Since the library budget is limited, an increase in salaries is impossible without additional funds. If the library's need is evident, special appropriations can be made by President Newburn through the traditional channels.

To the students whose constant use of the library is imperative, there is no doubt that the need is evident. If a "living wage" were offered, it is doubtful that librarians would find themselves in their present situation.

Existing plans for additions to both wings and the library stacks cannot materialize quickly enough to relieve the space pressure in a building built to accommodate only 700 students. But with additional workers, the problem of space would be decreased in part, at least. Dr. R. C. Swank, head librarian, has revealed his intention to keep the browsing room and other study rooms open continuously during library hours as soon as supervisors can be found.

Until the administration acknowledges the urgency of the library situation, until salaries are raised and adequate service obtained, University students will have to remember the source of the trouble—and show consideration for the efforts of well-meaning but over-worked employees of the library.



By SUDS CHANEY
and BOB MILLER

Squirrel Cage

Ellory Riem, Ki-Si, dates only Al-Fees. Don't be shy, El, the other girls like you too. Give 'em a break. Wheatie kid Walt Donovan and Vitamin kid Diane Mead. Gam FI, have gone into a huddle. Hope you score, Walt, the opposition looks weak.

Joe and Robbie Burr Courtney's recent housewarming proved also heartwarming for Sig Nu Don Shaeffer and Ki-O Elaine Taylor. Another good man on the bench.

Woodman Spare That Tree

There is a big drive on to cut down the old apple trees between the SAE house and the Ki-O house. It seems they interfere with the binocular range. Suggestion to SAEs: another two weeks and the leaves will fall off anyway.

I'm a Big Man Now

Mr. Renny Young ATO pledge nods politely to ex-past high school steady June Clayton. Good B.M.O.C. material.

Elementary school attendance in the United States reached a peak of more than 23,000,000 in the early



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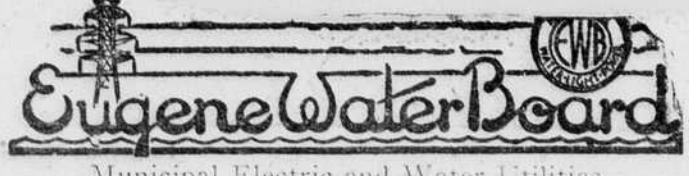
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