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Gradually the necessary steps to clear up the 13th street traffic situation are being taken.

ASUO President Tom Kay has requested heads of Greek living organizations to ask their members to keep their cars off the campus during rush hours.

The Emerald has published pictures, cartoons, and editorials, as well as news stories, covering the problem from every angle and urging students to cooperate.

The administration has uncovered their hole card by recommending a three-step plan to the city council. Dr. Newburn, taking a personal interest in the problem and realizing his weight as president of an institution which has helped make Eugene one of the finest cities in the state, has discussed the problem with the street committee.

The matter is now up to the city council.

We realize that the council will hesitate in approving the proposed plans. As City Manager Deane Seeger has indicated, logging interests in the community object to further restrictions on their trucks. And naturally the city council is somewhat influenced by the attitudes of an industry economically responsible for the growth of Eugene. However, the suggestion that through trucks be ruled off Thirteenth is valid. These heavy rumbling trucks constitute a hazard to the student crossing the streets, and no one who has had classes in Condon or Oregon halls can deny that the shifting of gears on the corner of Kincaid and Thirteenth disturbs lectures.

As a representative of 5600 students the Emerald adds its voice to the requests by University officials.

As citizens of this community we demand that the city council consider favorably Dr. Newburn's plans.

If some student is killed by a logging truck on Thirteenth we can indirectly blame the city council for their indifference.

If University officials are forced to prohibit student-owned cars on the campus because that is the last resort, then we can directly blame the city for their indifference.

The traffic situation on the campus has been a long time coming.

It must be corrected NOW.

German Honorary

During the war the activities of Delta Phi Alpha, the German honorary society on the campus, were disrupted. If this was caused by the same kind of feeling which banned the playing of music by German composers during the first world war, this disruption is doubly regrettable.

Literature, music, art—any cultural product of any people, produced because it expresses some truth or something beautiful—cannot be bound to one nationality or confined to one time. Anything that is truly good or beautiful must belong to all people capable of appreciating its value.

For this reason an organization such as Delta Phi Alpha, designed to promote appreciation of the cultural achievements of some nation or people, should never be influenced by the irrational feelings fermented by war. The fact that the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor does not cancel out of existence the fact that the Japanese art is beautiful. The existence of Dachau in Germany does not taint the poetry of Goethe or the symphonies of Beethoven. The color of Marian Anderson's skin does not change the excellence of her voice. Steinmetz was a cripple but he was a great scientist. Some of the greatest medical scientists were Jews.

The tendency of most persons to generalize in their judg-

Letter to the ASUO

7 October 1946

ASUO, Executive Council

Dear Sirs:

I have been delegated by the executive council of the ISA to submit the following proposal to the exec council for your thorough and impartial consideration:

"Moved that the executive council of the ISA go on record as endorsing the following proposed procedure for voting in all ASUO elections:

1. Establishment of polling places in each of the following buildings:

YMCA
McArthur court
Music building
Library

2. That a committee composed of an equal number of Greek and Independent students be present at each polling place while the voting is being done. The duties of the committee will be supervisory, and to safeguard against election fraud at the polls.

3. That at least two days be set aside for ASUO elections in order to accommodate the increased number of voters. It is desirable that Monday and Tuesday of election week be designated as the days for ASUO spring elections.

ments of the good or evil, or rightness or wrongness, of any given subject is responsible for much of the injustice in discrimination by nationality, race, or religion.

Now, when so much, so infinitely much, depends on tolerant understanding and unbiased appreciation, the reactivation of groups such as Delta Phi Alpha must be encouraged. If an appreciation of German culture is all that this group accomplishes, its existence is justified.

Tonight, Delta Phi Alpha begins its reorganizational meetings. Advance news indicates that any University student will be encouraged to join the group as a prospective member. This, then, is one opportunity for students to broaden their outlook.

The Emerald hopes that many other such opportunities will arise on the campus. There is a definite lack of appreciation of the world's achievements because war has overshadowed so many of them. Now there should be more organizations eager to bring them to the fore.

'The Letter'

This afternoon the ASUO executive council will debate action on ISA proposals to enlarge polling facilities and extend the number of voting days.

The ISA letter, printed on this page, is well thought out, on the whole. It is true that establishment of polls in the Igloo would enable students to vote conveniently. It is evident that everyone is beginning to realize that convenience is the most important factor involved in voting.

Too bad that students will avoid trekking a few blocks to register their approval, or disapproval of student administrations, but that is the case.

Howard Lemons, ISA president, and letter author, asks for an equally partitioned supervising committee to be present at the polls. Good idea. Then no one could complain about the outcome. Lemons further mentions that the committee's presence would be a safeguard against fraudulent voting. That statement contains a serious insinuation, especially when no evidence of fraud has been uncovered within the past few years.

All students should have at least two days for voting. With this suggestion we agree. Often class schedules, or other activities, prevent the mass from sandwiching in a vote on the one appointed day.

Lemon's suggested presentation of activities card at the polls is a good one. Previously registration list-checkers have accepted any identification. Such procedure is fine elsewhere, but in no way proves that the voter is actually a registered student at this university.

The I.S.A. letter ends with a plea for "impartial" action. The only grounds for such a plea are that the current executive council balance is now unbalanced. Greeks can out-vote independents on any issue.

The letter, on the surface, is a request for quite ordinary changes in our voting set-up. Actually it can, and probably will, become the subject of another heated political battle. The suggested changes are good ones... ideas which would improve our system.

The executive council today can decide that the letter is out of order. They can decide that the suggestions will be accepted and made official. Or they can assume that, since the independent faction is large and unwieldy, it would be to Greek advantage, to defeat the changes.

Let's hope that there IS impartial action this afternoon.

4. That each student at the time he or she votes will be required to submit an educational activities card (University of Oregon registration card). After presentation of the card to the polling officials, it will be checked against one of the four master lists of qualified and eligible voters. If the individual is an eligible voter his name will be lined out and the above mentioned card will be stamped with a rubber stamp thus: "Voted: May 20, 1947. Poll No. 1".

It is to be hoped that this proposal will be adopted. It seems that college students who are above average citizens can be trusted to vote a simple ballot in a simple and expeditious manner.

In recommending the location of the polling places consideration has been given to the centers of student living and daytime activities. The music building would be of convenience to the veterans of Hudson and to the sororities above 15th and Alder. A polling place in the Igloo would accommodate the men and women's dormitories. The library would be an ideal place for off campus resident students, and the YMCA would serve students living near the lower campus.

We solicit speedy and impartial action.

HOWARD R. LEMONS
President, ISA

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"Whereja' dig up that ratty ole housekeeper, Dad?" Morphine asked.

"Hush, son," I remonstrated. "The lady has an illustrious past. She was a big wheel once at a great university, but times got tough and when they cut expenses, Gilda went out with the free erasers. She's a little down at the hub now." . . . Morphine wept.

"My girl is coming over tonight," he blubbered. "Think she would mind making a few bread sandwiches?"

"I threw up my hands. "Gilda," I said, "isn't socially minded; she thinks young girls should only be taught half the alphabet. Let us not ask for sandwiches. She picks up a lot of dirt around the house and that's good enough for me."

"Looks like she puts most of it under the carpet," Morphine observed. I looked at the little bumps in the rug and decided he might be right. There came a demanding knock on the door, and Morphine lumbered over to open it.

"Father," he said, leading a weird creature by the hand, "May I present Lena Snerd. She's a big activity girl on the campus."

She was indeed big enough. "So nice to have you," I lied, "won't you sit down?"

"No thanks," she rasped, "I'll just lie on the floor."

"Lena is sophisticated, father," Morphine explained.

"Would you care for a swim?" I offered, "we have a nice drainage ditch running through the back yard."

"I think not," she drawled, "water gives me the hives."

"How about a drink," I asked. She brightened immediately. "Got any tobasco sauce?" she asked.

I was not a little perplexed. "Not right on hand," I said, "but perhaps I could rustle some up."

"Don't bother," she said, chewing reflectively on a corner of the rug, "I brought my own."

"Well, perhaps you two would like to take in a show," I suggested desperately. "And get up off the floor, son!"

"Lena is bored with life," Morphine said, wiping his lips.

"I don't blame her," I said, "what an abominable publication."

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