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## No Encore, Please

The tempo of events is increasing already. If the rapid-fire decisions of Dr. Newburn on the athletic board's resignation and the release of that information is any indication of future action there is cause for hope.

The very nature of their organization means that boards are slow-moving and cumbersome. Generally the only purpose they serve is to approve the proposals made by their chairman or some other executive whom they serve.

The neat and tactful liquidation of the athletic board should indicate that a recommending body of this type is no longer necessary in our present set-up. We respectfully suggest that Dr. Newburn would only be inviting an encore of the recent upheavals if a new board was appointed to advise the president. Inevitably, students and alumni will insist that they have a "right" to make their wishes known concerning the University's athletic policies. In recognition of this justifiable claim, it would be wise to appoint a student, an alumnus, and a faculty member as ex-officio advisors to the new director.

If Oregon's new athletic director moves as swiftly as Dr. Newburn has in the past two days, chances are the whole situation will improve. Dr. Newburn should be commended for his official release of the Board's resignations at a press conference Wednesday. This action certainly dispelled any further public speculation and suspicion.

## Eyes East!

U. S. Foreign policy emphasis shifted from the West to the East with the announcement Tuesday of the choice of former General of the Armies George Marshall to replace Jimmy Byrnes as head of the State department.

Whether or not this will mean that there is to be further shakeups in the State department remains—probably a process of evolution. While conjectures bounce from side to side on the course of U. S. foreign policy under the directorship of Marshall, one thing seems certain. The State department will be run much more efficiently under the capable generalship of Secretary Marshall. There has been constant criticism of the State department under Byrnes for its inconsistency. Especially has this been so as regards the far east and more especially China. Now Marshall, with the experience of close contact with the China scene, should have the remedy for some of China's ills.

Marshall has been more than an ambassador to China and the Kai-shek government. He has also been in the position of arbitrator between the Kuomintang party government on one side and the Communists on the other. Especially on the latter has a consistent policy been desired. Marshall has felt that there should be some middle-of-the-road policy within China itself to bring the two opposing forces to conciliation. The next twelve months should prove vital to Chinese solidarity. On January 1 the new constitution was adopted. By Christmas day this year it will go into effect.

Marshall moves up to the crown prince position in the government, and China moves into the limelight as Number One importance on the foreign policy docket.

While listening to the symphony the other evening, Herb Blatz of Northwestern was disgusted with the static caused by a razor next door. When a hut-mate asked which selection was playing, Blatz snapped, "Razor Concerto by Schick."

All history is a record of the power of minorities, and of minorities of one.  
—Emerson.

## Deplorable Delay

Regular readers of these columns have doubtless realized by this time that the Emerald is not sold on Grades—with a capital "G", that is. There would be a feeling of real achievement around the Shack if students suddenly ceased to care about their grades and became interested, rather, in what they learned from each course—what they got out of it. Gayer yet would be the day when the faculty and administration took a corresponding attitude, and began throwing people out of school because they weren't learning anything, instead of because their grades were not up to a certain standard.

But there is no denying that this dream condition will remain a dream condition for many moons. The accent today is definitely on grades, and we may as well face it. But how about those grades?

Tomorrow, three weeks after exam week, students can trudge up to the Igloo and learn their grades. Time was that fall term marks were mailed to the student's home, arriving between Christmas and New Years. Increased enrollment has made this less feasible.

Many students already know their grades. They were anxious, and with the accent still on grades, there is little wonder. They went from department to department, asking their professors or the departmental secretaries. Other students don't have their grades, because the departments or professors wouldn't give them out early, because the professor forgot his grade book, or because the students couldn't run down the right man.

If it is really impossible for the university to pass out grades before the beginning of the new term, we recommend that some channel be set up whereby all students can learn them quickly and easily by going to the departments. Posting of a list on departmental bulletin boards might cause some embarrassment, although grades above "C" could be published decently enough.

If we must have grades, and it seems patent that we must, then let's have 'em, and have 'em as soon as possible.

Idleness is only the refuge of weak minds, and the holiday of fools.  
—Lord Chesterfield.

The modern girl adores spinning wheels, but she wants four of them and a spare.

God is more truly imagined than expressed, and He exists more truly than He is imagined.  
—St. Augustine.

## Telling the Editor

### About Marty Pond

I am writing you so that the Oregon student body and faculty may be kept informed of the present political situation at this University. This may be considered as a news story in advance. Here it is:

Marty Pond, vice-president of Druids, junior men's honorary, and newly appointed Dads' Day chairman, will be president of the ASUO for the 1947-48 school year, according to the decision of political "leaders" on this campus. The student body was not consulted in making the decision.

Pond was given the nod for the post during the last school year, but he received his largest boost from "the boys" Tuesday when he received his appointment as Dads' Day chairman. This grooming however, is somewhat off schedule, as it was originally intended that he should hold down the 1946 Homecoming chairman post. These plans were joggled off the track by the independent attitude which ASUO President Tom Kay formerly possessed when dealing with campus politics.

Kay, however, has now lost his independence, as evidenced Tuesday when Dave Fortmiller, staunch Greek, was appointed to replace Ted Hallock, resigned Independent, as secretary-treasurer of the ASUO. Hallock resigned because of other outside activities and apathy on the part of the Independent party.

This apathy was shown at the Tuesday meeting of the executive committee when Fortmiller and Pond were recommended by Kay for their new posts and no Independent members of the committee presented other names. Pond's election when he is nominated by the Greek party spring term is assured because of this Independent apathy. Fortmiller's appointment presents the University with an all-Greek body of ASUO officers.

Herb Penny

### About Athletics

I have been alarmed by the newspaper reports of the resignation of the athletic board. Especially when I read "Greg's opinion that this would permit greater alumni voice in Oregon athletics. If the state legislature had not passed a law that enabled the school to make an athletic fee compulsory this move of the athletic board would not be so startling. But since this fee has been made compulsory, student participation in the control of athletics has become mandatory. The end of this student voice brings back immediately the cause of the American Revolution, "Taxation Without Representation."

I am extremely alarmed by such a course. It would mean that great gains brought to athletics on the campus by efforts of the board in the past decade could be obliterated and financial chaos would again reign.

When the present athletic board took over, our athletic funds were in the red to the extent of thirty thousand dollars. In the decade since then they have removed the deficit and put aside a small reserve of one hundred thousand dollars. This has been accompanied by a new grandstand section, field lights, a substantial turf field, and a grass practice field. If the board does resign, this alone will stand as a fine lasting tribute to their conscientious effort.

There has been much talk of replacing the athletic board with a director of athletics. I think we should have a director of athletics. He should work with the athletic board, not replace them. He should be a voting member of the board and represent the school administration and faculty on a board made up of students and alumni in proportion to their support.

Fred Samain



## SIDE PATTER

BOB WHITELY

From the looks of the various publications up and down the coast the administration is playing the old W. C. Fields shell game when it comes to Oregon's athletic mumbo-jumbo. Somebody has the pea in their fingers, as the shells are obviously empty. The habitués of Marcus Winkler's wine cellar are booming Kilroy for coach. For further news watch the AP-UP wire releases. Here's the latest SOP on the gal gets boy situation: Larry Lau, who was busily scrubbing his tub last term, couldn't stand it any longer, and hung his Phi Psi book end on one of the cutest girls in Hendricks Hall, Joan Lothead. After beating his brains out writing about other nose rubbers all fall term, Lau has lept. The price of hard coal is going up when the Theta house announced that Barbara Patterson got a piece of that hard stuff in a ring from Phi Delt Don Mac Collum. Another engagement seeps out of the Chi O house when Betty Householder and Beta Paul Stamm swear they can't see anyone else in the room. If you read the Journal, big headlines announced the engagement of Pi Phi Kit Ritter and Frank Rei. Back to the Patterson street gang, Bob Moran and Pi Phi Gloria Montag are huddling over marriage signals. A quick trip to the Emerald booby hatch finds Gloria "Dinky" Smith sporting a sparkler from Jack "Cyclops" Billings. Not to be outdone, the Pi Phi's bounced back in the win column when Mary Lou Welsh filed honorable intentions with a Spee from Corn Valley. The price of pie is going up also, as the other half of the Hick's combination, Janet, has additional weight to carry around as Ted Griswald planted his Phi Delt pin giving both twins a 1,000 batting average. To top off all this engagement poop, Chi O Janet Fitzmaurice and Beta Hal Fredericks were married Saturday. Congrats to you both. Speaking of the ovoidoor men, George Alexanders Beta pin has taken off for warmer climes. I guess it is warmer at Stanford at that. In a beyootiful candlelit ceremony, Alpha Phi's Aldine McNott and Molly Clair had to chop their men out of the Phi Psi box. . . . not to be confused with "T". The Fee's tallied two points when Cliff Wilcox and Glenn Kennedy were dumped on the Fee lawn and the gals had to crowbar 'em out, for the double feature of the week. The jolly Taus finally got their head out when Jim Morrell hung his cross on the Chi OH's "Beautiful Beast." Mickey Brophy journeyed to Corn Valley to put a big hole in Pi Phi's Retha Rendahl's cashmere. The Pi Phi's have had a field day this vacation, but even the pigeons were scared off the roof last night when Dorothy Davis announced her engagement to "The Beak" Burnett. All they've been doing over there is eating cookies and pie. The ring ching girls might as well have a "closed shop" sign over their door as 23 out of 53 are all sewed up. Smooth two . . . "the ears" and Neet Young. Remember Oregon Saturday night . . . KOAC . . . remember the Side . . . always.

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