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City of Roses--and Riveters

Ex-Emeraldite Richard L. Neuberger, writing in the current issue of The Saturday Evening Post, takes the city of Portland to task as a rather crowded conglomeration of citizens, with a goodly share of moss on the back, fighting their way through an impossible traffic system. The city is faced, says friend Neuberger, with a choice of being a little New England, as it was before the war, or with being a new Pittsburgh, as it well may become, what with all those kilowatt hours of cheap power humming in from Bonneville.

Knowing Portlanders as we do, we foresee a great deal of criticism of the Neuberger portrait, which The Post ran as one of its "Cities of America" series. Portlanders love that town with a fierce loyalty, with a loyalty that leaves them open to charges of "provincialism."

Remembering childhood days at Fernwood school, the picnics at Laurelhurst park, waiting for the Burnside bridge draw, standing in theater lines along Seventh avenue, which Portlanders insist upon calling "Broadway," we confess to a certain degree of nostalgia in our own appraisal of the old home town.

Nonetheless there is more than a germ of truth in what Neuberger says.

The old town is at the end of the pavement. That it can turn around and again become a slightly moribund old folks home, where the drivers of trackless trolleys vie with lumber barons each year in the Rose show, is just wishful thinking.

The idea of becoming a new Pittsburgh, of a new "golden triangle" forming in their own front yards, is not a pleasing one for the old-line Portlander. We don't blame him, but feel he may as well face the situation for what it is. The town will grow, and either the old line citizen will grow with it, or the town will grow without him.

The huge shot of new blood that was pumped into Portland during the war caused much dismayed comment, much muttering about "out-of-towners," and black looks at the "Okie" with the \$75 suit and the big Oregon Shipyards badge. But the new blood, which, as Neuberger points out, is going to stay around a while, will make the city. In 20 years these 105,000 new citizens will also become old-line residents.

Maybe they can't make the streets any wider, but they can wake it up and help keep the city of Portland in the 20th century.

Let's Have a Picnic

This is all a plot to keep us in school another term. We mean all this blue sky and sunshine and daffodils coming up as big and bright as you please. Here it is not even March yet and already we've got picnic weather.

You know what? We think this is all caused by pre-registration. The local weather man got all fouled up, thought that registration activities meant it was spring-term time and gave out with the traditional meteorological balm.

This is not only good weather for raising daisies, lowering incentive to study, and ironing cotton dresses. It is particularly good weather for fostering plans for picnics.

Spring term at the U! Of course the first thing everyone thinks about are picnics. Nothing is so much fun. Someone just says "Let's have a picnic" and there you are with a carful of coeds and fellows headed for the Fiji meadows or the McKenzie river. The requirements are simple: a car, a couple of blankets, some food (potato chips, hotdogs, olives), and a lot of whatever it is you like to drink.

Not only does this preview of spring encourage picnics, it makes rumors about picnics flourish. We heard, for instance, that someone "close to the whitehouse" had decreed that two persons could constitute a picnic and that all picnics must be chaperoned. What could be more disheartening than that?

Apprehensively, we called the dean of women's office for confirmation. Happily, we relay the glad tidings. Only picnics which are official house functions must be scheduled at the dean's office and properly chaperoned.

The traditional spontaneous Oregon picnic will, it seems, go on forever . . . and, personally, we're glad we've got another term to go.

Telling the Editor Scholarship Statement

Another public statement about what the scholarship committee has done and is doing may help students to find their way through the tangle of rumor that has sprung up on the campus.

At the close of fall term we had a list of more than one thousand students whose scholarship was unsatisfactory. Some of them were here for the first time and others had been here many times. Some were almost up to the required standard for graduation while others were very far below it. There were as many explanations as there were students.

In attacking the problem the committee worked from the top downwards. That is to say, we identified a certain number (about 60%) whose records seemed to justify allowing them to continue in the University for at least another term and "cleared" them for spring term registration.

Individual Cases Judged

This left us with a list of some 400 cases to be examined in greater detail. They were at the lower end of the scale but we thought it all the more important that each should be treated in terms of its own peculiar circumstances since the decision might have to be to exclude them from the University. To carry out this policy we not only felt that each case should be judged on its own merits, but that some personnel officer must interview the students and become as familiar as possible with his entire situation.

Registration Held Up

We recognized that this would take a long time as well as great patience and so we asked the registrar to hold up the spring term registration of these students until the actual opening of the term on March 31. We then determined for each the minimum standard which he individually would have to meet in order to satisfy the graduation requirements, and in some cases made his registration for the spring term conditional upon the record of the present winter term's work. After the students had been notified of these actions we had, as we expected to have, many petitions for reconsideration.

We have now reached that point in the program and are considering cases brought to us in which the student, or someone else, thinks that some injustice has been done. We have already found some cases in which it appears that the students should be allowed to register either because some mistake was made or because new evidence has convinced the committee that the student should be allowed to continue for at least one more term.

Rumors Are Not Reliable

We shall probably discover other mistakes and correct them before the day of registration for the spring term, i.e. March 31. Meanwhile, it should be remembered that a rumor of yesterday may be based on nothing better than a rumor of the day before. The committee desired to keep the public informed of its actions but can hardly be expected to issue daily bulletins or forecast its future decisions.

As for the predictions, it seems highly probable that the majority of those on the original list of 1065 will ultimately meet the required standards and therefore be allowed to register for one more trial, but it is equally probable that some will not be here during spring term. All those who are finally allowed to register in the spring term will be kept on our list and held accountable to the scholarship regulations laid down by the faculty.

Taxpayers Considered

It would be stupid to pretend that all students, whatever their record, should be allowed to continue in the University. Even the taxpayer is interested in scholarship for it costs him just as much to keep a poor student here as it does to keep a good one, and the poor students have been in the habit of staying longer. If the student is not doing satisfactory work up to the minimum standard required for graduation it is not only in the interest of the University but in the best interest of the student himself that he find it out before it is too late.

—DR. H. G. TOWNSEND,
Chairman of the scholarship committee.

AS WE SEE IT

By DALE HARLAN

The Republican party made big campaign promises in last fall's elections and these promises have about as much likelihood of being fulfilled as has the average citizen has of averting death and taxes. About all the Republican congressmen have been doing is running around the country like a group of freshmen being rushed by a lot of fraternities.

In attempting to follow Republican policies through the speeches and actions of their congressional leaders, there is no hint that they, who are counting on carrying the 1948 elections, are concerning themselves in the least with our number one domestic problem: How to prevent the next depression.

Depression

No, they are not worried if the cost of living has gone up 40 per cent in the last year. They worry about such momentous problems as proposing a special bill to free the

railroads completely from the provisions of the anti-trust laws and they pass another world-shaking bill to subsidize Senator Butler's own little alcohol plant back in Omaha. Let us not forget though the Republican party is the party of "small business," Senator Morse told us that last summer.

The Republican leaders are greatly concerned that no one should be put in control of the atomic energy commission who does not wholeheartedly subscribe to the capitalistic system. And you do not subscribe to the capitalistic system if you want to have atomic energy developed for the good of all our people instead of for a few of the large corporations.

In short, the Republican party is concerned over most everything but what they should be concerned about. They do not seem to recall the circumstance which led to the anti-Republican wave of 1932 namely, the 1929 depression. As far as one can judge from the public utterances of Republican leaders, they expect that once the relations between labor and management have been more "equalized" the capitalist system—free of even sane control—will, of itself, assure the nation uninterrupted prosperity. This will occur without either plan-



Side Patter

By BOB WHITELEY

In conjunction with the Emerald "Cover Girl" contest now being held, the law school chess team announces their candidate for this coveted honor. Beating their rooks against the boilers and ear trumpets at port arms, the committee voted USUO style, and at last reports Marilyn Sage was way out in front. The law school chess club stated "It's your move, Miss Sage" and only stipulate that Marilyn enter the contest with her hair down. Avery Combs was nonplussed when notified that he was to be prime minister, and Dumbo Mayne will carry on as usual. The U. S. Open Match-Throwing Assn. is backing the Miller Girls, printing thousands of campaign buttons which read . . . "You'll get a sure strike with the Miller Girls." Kappa's Mary Weiner is the candidate from the married girls "Saturday night poker club," and is being backed by a full house. Remember . . . this is going to be a full page picture in the Emerald . . . so campaign now. The Tau's threw Jim Beddingfield so far in the tub the other night that he emerged waterlogged. The rigors of pin-planting are rough, Sis. It's surely good to see the old Sigma Chi stocks again. They might as well chain 'em to the Side come Spring term . . . they'll need them. If any of you gals want to wear your pedal pushers in style, Gammaphi Martha Harrold is giving away a swell machine for only 30 bucks . . . wheels included. Leave your name at The Side. KUGN's Suds Chaney had a famous Marcus Winkler request on "After Hours" Monday night. He misplaced his request for the law school's Brad Fancher . . . "When the Salmon return to Celilo, I'll be Waiting for You with my Net." He's sure he has it somewhere . . . Operative Z squared at the Delt house says that Bob Lewis is eager for his initiation come spring . . . and mebbe Alpha Chi's Bev Dichler has a slight hint why. How did Alpha Nu Nu Epsilon Chi's (Theta's subsidiary) flag get on the Sigma Chi's flagpole? . . . and better yet what did they use for a flag? The Theta Sigma Phi's "Miss Vogue" contest would draw the whole school and even route F and Marcola if they would throw out all the exaggerated peplums . . . bell sleeves and octagonal bodices in their fashion parade . . . and have the 55 girls model French Riviera bathing suits. If Life says the French do it . . . can Oregon be so far behind? Couldn't you just picture Sally Timmins in one of . . . oh well, "Miss Vogue" will probably win in a metal plated union suit. But it would have been fun. Congrats to Wilbur Craig and his truck . . . they did it again.

—Pd. Adv.

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ning or policy by the government, and in disregard of the fact of business cycles. Learning by trial and error—mostly by error under this century's Republican administrations—sure can be hard sometimes.