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## About Football Tickets

This page has carried two letters this week in which students lament the sad ticket situation for the Oregon State game next weekend. The feeling has been that the athletic department has gone commercial, and has "taken the game away from the kids."

The greatest complaint was that seats belonging to the Oregon student body had been snatched away and sold for American money to people who had no interest in the game, save as an afternoon's entertainment. The charge was that this has resulted in veterans' wives not being able to sit with their husbands at the game.

There also has been strong objection to the "voluntary" Olympic contribution.

Underlying all the letters was a resentment of what one writer called "professionalism" or "big business" in athletics.

Friday's mail brought another letter, which the Emerald is not printing because it offers no new ideas, save one criticism of the Oregon Daily, which we paraphrase here. This letter charges the Emerald with avoiding the issue by its "realistic" outlook, which the writer defines as a "stubborn refusal to recognize and condemn an existing evil."

There seemed to be a demand that the Emerald take up the cudgel in behalf of students whose best interests were being sacrificed on the altar of the Yankee dollar.

This the Emerald will not do. We said before, and we say again that we are a little realistic about these things. We realize how nice it would be if football worked as it did in high school, where there were a bunch of guys going to school because they wanted to or because they had to. Some of these boys wanted to play football, so they went out for the team and played other high schools.

Well, things are different now. If we play with big boys we have to play with big boys' rules and with big boys' ethics.

Any campaign to return to the old high school system would go over like the lead balloon we spoke of two days ago. Our bloody head will try something of that type only if there is a chance of getting somewhere.

About the wives: The athletic department has no objection to wives sitting in the student section, if they have general admission tickets. The objection here comes from the Order of the O, which is trying so desperately to keep the "no piggin" tradition sacred. The Order has already set aside a few seats on the north side of Section L for veteran students and their wives, providing their wives are also enrolled in school. If the Order of the O can be persuaded to enlarge this section, to depart this much from the sacred "no piggin" tradition, then this will be cleared up.

If not, the vet who would sit with his wife will have to join her out in the rain in the uncovered bleachers to the south of the rooting section.

About the Olympic fund, which was allegedly forced down the throat of everybody who bought a ticket: The Emerald stands by what it said two days ago, when it remarked that "All the citizen had to do was insist, and he could get his ticket without the contribution—if he insisted hard enough."

All of which does not mean that the Emerald condones campaigns to raise money in this manner. We don't.

Now about the number of seats left to Oregon students after the reserved seat bloc had been subtracted and sold to people with money.

Section K, normally in the student section, was sold. K is the section at the north end of the rooting section. It holds 368 people. The athletic department reports that at no game was

# World Club Views Chinese Situation

By ONE WORLD CLUB

The present Chinese situation has been underrated by the American press as "civil strife." This is an understatement for China is actually at war today.

The 1,000,000 Chinese Communists, backed by the U.S.S.R. have taken over what is left of China's industry in Manchuria and so have an advantage. The Nationalists have been able to equip 2,500,000 men with American material, but neither side can ever be victorious without concentrated help.

The Communist leaders travel periodically to Moscow. Yet there is little comparison between the Chinese and Russian parties. Information about the Chinese Communists is difficult to obtain since it is so hard for an outsider to break the inner circle and elaborate precaution is taken to prevent seepage of news.

The Nationalists have set a free China as their purpose, but have started from the middle classes. The Communists claim the same goal but have begun with the masses.

There still is no Chinese constitution. This is a major reason why the chaotic conditions cannot be controlled.

Last week, the Democratic league, a middle-of-the-road movement, was outlawed. Many observers feel that with this ban the last flicker of hope for a reconciled China died. However, there is still another similar organization—the Young China party. Though small, its mem-

bers are the intellectual leaders of China and may prove to be influential especially among the students.

Inflation, a huge problem in China, has long been out of hand. The present American exchange rate is now 82,00 Chinese dollars to our one. To show how inflation has taken over, in three months, the Shanghai telephone book added three pages of nothing but new bank-speculators.

The industry left free today is necessarily left to those few in government circles who can afford to play with foreign exchange. Smuggling is big business with headquarters at Hong-kong. Black market income at this port averages \$7,000,000 monthly.

It can be concluded logically that such conditions offer the psychological and sociological motives for the lost morality of China. Hunger and disease, agitated by strange and crowded conditions, have forced many to live by morals which they never could have accepted under ordinary circumstances. How can we expect teachers to work for \$7 a month? Or full generals for \$17?

China's predicament is serious, but shows little opening for recovery, at least until the people can be fed and given a semblance of stability.

(This is a synopsis of the talk given by Capt. Hsu Kai Yu, graduate student in journalism and member of the Nationalist army, before the One World club.)

## How Does He Figure?

If there is an Emerald reader who can explain to us the Williamson Football Rating System, we would be saved the trouble of writing to Mr. Williamson for assistance. A regular feature on Tuesday in the sports section of the Oregonian is the weekly rating chart compiled by Paul B. Williamson, who is listed as a football expert. He is supposed to have accurate information on the strength of every major college team in the nation.

Perhaps we are prejudiced but it seems that the Williamson system has a grudge against the Oregon Webfoots. He is most unkind. After winning four consecutive games, Jim Aiken and his crew are rated 71st behind such teams as Denton State. Where the devil is Denton State? And Oregon State took a beating from UCLA last week, but the Beavers continue to rank ahead of Oregon as the 53rd team in the nation.

Southern teams usually rank high on the Williamson chart, but this is understandable. We are told that Mr. Williamson makes his home in New Orleans. The problem isn't solved, however. Although he might naturally be partial toward southern schools, Oregon and several other western schools have not been given a fair rating. Egad, the man seems to forget that the Webfoots are still "smellin' them roses."

—B.S.

that section used to capacity by students—not even at the Montana State game, which was the record breaker on Hayward field this year. This section was thrown open to the public, with tickets being sold generally to Oregon State supporters, who also got Section J (horseshoe) and a couple of seats in Section I. This is an "exchange" proposition for the seats Oregon alumni and supporters were allotted from Bell field in Corvallis last year.

There are still 5500 seats in the rooting section for student rooters. If we can assume that 300 students will stay home that day, and such an assumption seems reasonable, then there should be plenty of room.

All the noise would appear to stem not so much from dissatisfaction with any of the single features we have listed here as from a general feeling of dissatisfaction with the whole college athletic program, which certainly leaves much to be desired, here and elsewhere.

If this is the true analysis of the beefs, the Emerald would welcome student comment on the more fundamental question of all college athletics.

## Items From Roundabout

By BOB REED

The man who invented the hole in the doughnut was officially honored last week. Now all we need is a ceremony for the genius who put the twist in the pretzel.

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Desperate: A college Red accepted a teaching job at \$2000 a year and turned capitalist. We would prefer to write books and make \$200,000 a year just to remain with the proletariat.

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The congressional witness testified, "I wouldn't know a Communist if I saw one," thus qualifying as an expert.

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The campus socialite never can find the right place in his tux to put cigarettes, wallet, etc., without leaving a bulge. We feel these little extras won't matter anyway since his more prominent bulges are already built in.

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Congress will meet in special session November 17 to discuss domestic and foreign affairs. Everything else is in fine shape.

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Now that the lid has been removed on bathing suits, what remains of that interesting garment.

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These new corset styles for women have been called unhealthy by certain doctors. The ladies, however, wonder what that's got to do with it?

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Modesty has grabbed at the lower extremes of the feminine garb, while leaving the top a wee bit thinner.

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These new horseshoe-shaped buildings on the campus make us wonder where the wall worker's jurisdiction ends and the roofers take over. Obviously, a case for the courts.

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For some reason November is "Go-To-Church" month. But we suspect some folks will have to die or get married to observe it.

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If we would stop serving canapes at all campus cocktail parties, we might save, say a loaf of bread a year.

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Typically Eugene—a pedestrian feeling elated because he made it across a busy street only to plant his foot squarely in a slush puddle along the curb.

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Buses for women only have been suggested, and we think the idea can be carried a bit further. We visualize something in mauve walls and chintz curtains for the ladies; a more substantial oak beamed type, hung with hunting trophies for the men; a saloon car for the sportier element, and an especially luxurious express for the rich folks who only ride when all three limousines are snow-bound.

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The Vermont granite industry is reported working at capacity. This is good news for the builders and also, who knows, they might even quarry another Republican candidate.

Industrial perfumery is a new big business. The idea is that factories are scented to cover up the objectionable odors. We trust the high tone banks will spread something around to get rid of that vulgar smell of money.

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Like a coin the world has two faces. There is reality and then there is the realm of dreams inhabited by people who make out budgets which show how GI students can live like kings on 65 bucks a month.