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Thought for Spring

The executive council of the ASUO will have four new members this week—four members who were appointed by the group itself. Four who were elected last spring to serve the students were declared scholastically ineligible by the dean of men, since the book requires a "2-point, 2-point," meaning a 2-point minimum cumulative GPA, and a minimum 2-point on 12 hours the previous term.

It is unfortunate that this business came up. It will take a lot of time belonging to the other members of the council—the ones who made the team—and it weakens student government and the democratic ideal. But it does bring up a matter that might be kept in the minds of the students who vote next spring.

A look at the academic ability of the candidates might be a wise thing. Students who elect a person who can't carry the load are doing the new officer no favor. Nor are they creating a sound student government. Nor are they working for the good reputation of the school.

By the same token it might be wise for the candidates to look into a mirror pretty intently to see if they honestly feel they can carry the additional duties. They are being unfair both to themselves and to the student body if they bite off more than they can chew.

The activities themselves take time, but not so much time that they, alone, could keep a student's grades that far down. Else how can we explain the appearance of the names of the president of the AWS, and the editor of the Oregonian (two very busy people) on fall term's honor roll?

The Beavers Know How

Oregon State College, our very good neighbor to the north, demonstrated last weekend a type of college public relations that should be more widely adopted. As host to the ninth annual convention of the Oregon Federation of Collegiate Leaders, the Beavers entertained student body, AWS, and class officers, publications chiefs, and sundry "wheels" from virtually every college and university in the state. They did a wonderful job of it.

The Beavers go to school just as we do, yet many of them took their valuable time to give the neighboring students a royal welcome. The visiting delegates were "given the campus." It is safe to say that every delegate who left the conference, left with a warm spot in his heart for what the Beavers call "stater hospitality."

Of course it is significant that the Beavers had certain odds on their side, what with the memorial union building offering a central spot for activities of that type. It will be a couple of years yet before the University can match that. But what the University can do is to show the next group that visits here that we, too, are nice people.

We don't pretend to know the answer, but here is an interesting bit of reading. We found it the other day while looking over the shoulder of a friend who was burrowed in her logic text. It's a problem, and it goes like this:

There are three musicians: a violinist, a cellist, and a pianist. Each is the father of a grown son. The son's names are Brown, Town, and Gown. The cellist and Town Jr., are 6 feet tall. The pianist is 5 feet tall. Gown, Jr. is 6 inches shorter than Town, Jr. The violinist is 5 feet 9. The violinist has exactly one third as many phonograph records as that man (among the other five) who is nearest his own height. The pianist's son has 313 orchestral records and 409 vocal records. Brown, Jr.'s father has more false teeth than the cellist. What is the name of the violinist?

The Hopeful Note

A resolution passed by the ninth annual convention of the Oregon Federation of Collegiate Leaders last weekend called for more emphasis on the basic liberal arts program in the professional and "training school" curricula in Oregon colleges. The University delegation voted to accept the resolution, although members stated that the problem was not a serious one at this institution.

The Emerald would like to think that this represents a trend in student thinking, that perhaps a return to the liberal arts—the arts that set men free—will come out of student demand. But we are not too hopeful of such a plan working, because we see the inevitable conflict between these liberal arts and the concrete subjects a 20th century technician must master, ere he is to ply his profession.

America expects a great deal of its physicians, its engineers, its CPAs. By the time they commence practice, they are to have mastered a mountain of practical, useful information—all of which they will doubtless be called upon to use in their fields. It is difficult for mortal man to absorb all this material in the four or five or eight years now allotted to it. To ask that the man also be conversant with medieval philosophy, the classic poets and European governmental systems, is to ask perhaps too much.

Yet it is a need that must be apparent to 20th century man as he reads his daily paper and learns of the scientists who created this wonderful atomic bomb. Well may the sober citizen wonder about the great electorate in whose hands it now rests. Well may he ask how it is that the civilization that created the bomb could develop without also creating the moral and ethical concepts that teach what to do with it.

If there be an answer at all, it will probably be found in the colleges of America. That the students in the colleges are worried about it themselves, is a hopeful note in a dismal symphony.

Words of One Syllable Dept.

(From the Daily Californian)

Gerald L. K. Smith has been mentioned by the house un-American activities committee, headed by Representative J. Parnell Thomas, as a possible witness in the committee's investigation of fascist activities. Thomas stated that Smith may be asked to answer questions about his racial pamphlets and his financial support.

And from Tulsa, Smith said:

"If my financial backing makes a fascist, then it makes . . . Mr. Thomas a fascist, because the same sort of people—in some instances the same people—who gave money to the political campaigns of . . . Thomas have contributed money to be."

Need we say more?

Prize something or other of the week goes to the week goes to the KASH announcer who opened that station's broadcast of the Washington game Friday night. As the band finished playing "The Star Spangled Banner," the announcer announced "That was the national anthem."

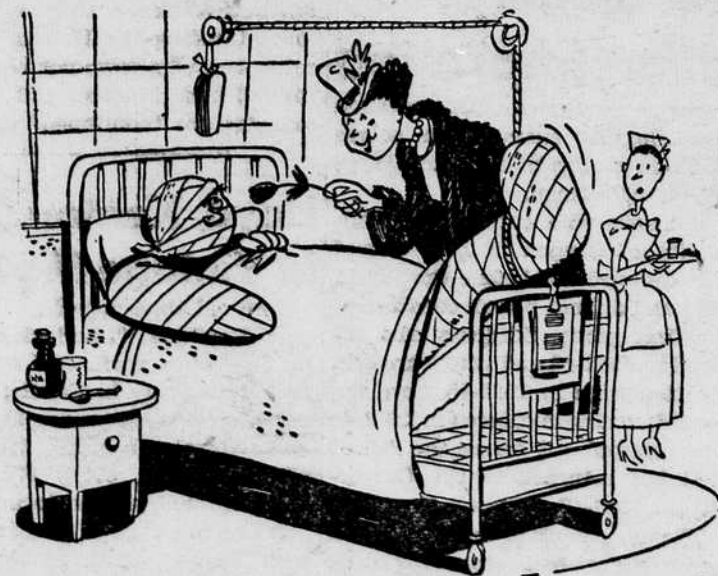
Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

The officers and cabinet of the Young Women's Christian association of the University of Oregon wish to make public apology to the students from other lands for the headline covering a story about one of our meetings which appeared in the Oregon Daily Emerald for Saturday, December 6th. While we were not responsible for the writing of the "head," nor we believe was any University student (the paper was the work of the high school editors conferring on the campus) we do feel the responsibilities of hosts to students who are guests in our country. We apologize for this evidence of misplaced humor which is not humorous. We trust that we, the American students of the Y.W.C.A. and of the University of Oregon, may show in more concrete ways than "headlines" the warmth of our appreciation for what you bring to our common experience at the University.

Bjorg Hansen, president, Campus YWCA

Editor's Note: The Emerald regrets any offense that may have been taken by a foreign student now on this campus.



"You look so much better today, Dear, I'm sure the rest is doing you a world of good."

Side Patter



By SALLIE TIMMENS

No bromides, no salutary hangovers of trite phrases from the Christmas stay of execution. Just welcome back, people, to the old grind.

Two of the festive occasions over the holidays were two California weddings. The first, which took place in Los Angeles, was that of Chi O blonde Nancy Fitzhugh to Sigma Nu Merc Brown. The couple are now happily settled in an apartment on the campus.

San Francisco was the scene of a gay, three-day celebration honoring the marriage of lovely Mary Ross Kingston, formerly of the pink palace, and Fiji Frank "Dad" Robbins. The groom seemed more nervous than the bride, but possibly that was because his Fiji brothers were there en masse. Oregon was well represented at the reception, and everyone had a wonderful time except the bride and groom who grew tired of smiling on an empty stomach. Looking very attractive in a red velvet bridesmaid's dress was Theta Mary Jean "Reefer" Reeves.

Also from the Bay area comes the announcement of Gamma Phi Averil Foster's engagement to Cal lad Howard Koch. Both are now attending the U. of C., and plan to marry in August. From Long Beach comes the announcement of another Gamma Phi's engagement, that of former Rally Squader Diane Mead to Sigma Nu football man Walt Donovan.

At the Phi Psi house there are three more men now on the ineligible list. DG Allse Bynon is wearing a rock from Bob Bloodworth and likewise for Alfafie Jerry Fraser and Lou Robinson. Gamma Phi pledge Janet Powerfull Paulson spent the other evening removing Phi Psi Bob Scoppil from a box so well sealed that it could have held the secrets of the atom. The trials of new love!

Pi Phi Janet Hicks looks especially happy these days, because she and Phi Delt Ted Griswold will be married come October. University of Michigan boy, Mac Bosch of Portland, and brother of Sally Bosch, will marry Kappa gal Nancy Baker in August. Gamma Phi Marilyn Rowling, a Eugene lassie who graduated last June, announced her engagement during the holidays to Sigma Chi Dick Curtis. Charming Alfa Xi Delta Adelaide Scholer told her big plans for the future with Jack McLeod at dinner the other night in her sorority.

This great wave of pre-spring term engagements is amazing to say the least. Alfa Chi Ann Pekarman, who was pinned to Kappa Sig Kemp Russell last spring term is again sporting the pin. Nyla Phyllips of Gamma hall is wearing Sigma Nu transfer Ha Okholm's pin.

A former "platonic" friendship that seems to have developed into the real thing is the pinning of DG activator Barb Johns to Beta Bill Cobb. The Betas are really tying themselves up this term with the DGs, for Isabel Young is

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