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## The Bookman's Choice

Our co-op operative—the one who hangs around the book store—has been keeping tab on the winners of last weekend's library contest. He has noted carefully what books the winners of the prizes chose. There is, he reports, no pattern. As readers the campus bibliophiles are individuals.

Bill Wasmann, junior in journalism and Emerald contributor, won first prize among the "general" contestants, which honor probably qualifies him as the No. 1 boy of the group. Significantly enough, one of his choices was Christopher Morley's "Parnassus on Wheels," truly an excellent choice for a lover of books. Reader Wasmann may now travel with Andrew McGee and Mr. Mifflin, through the good reading that is available to persons who scorn not reading for pleasure. He went hog-wild on the Modern Library, choosing the Giant selections of "16 Famous British Plays," and "12 Famous Plays of the Restoration and 18th Century;" and Modern Library editions of Butler's "Erewhon and Erewhon Revisited," Defoe's "Moll Flanders," Suetonius' "Lives of the 12 Caesars," Faulkner's "Sanctuary," Faulkner's "As I Lay Dying," and "The Sound and the Fury," Morley's "Parnassus on Wheels," "The Decameron," and "The Best Short Stories of Bret Harte."

Arline L. Meyer, second place winner in the "General" contest, displays varied tastes. She got Utter's "Parliamentary Law at a Glance," "Liebman's "Peace of Mind," "Wisler's "Indians of the U. S.," the "Rubiyyat," and the "Best Known Novels of George Eliot." Truly a scrambled selection. We also hazzard the guess that Miss Meyer, who now has a copy of the "Rubiyyat," was the only person in the contest who did not display a copy of the work. Fitzgerald translation, of course.

Tamara Varm, first place winner in the graduate student division, picked out Webster's Synonyms, a complete Spencer, and the Dictionary of World Literature.

Robert Williams, second prize winner in the graduate division, made quick work of his \$10 book prize by picking up a copy of the "Treasury of Art Masterpieces."

Third place winner in the graduate contest, Robert F. Shelley, picked poetical works—Housman and T. S. Elliot.

Our operative reports that the other winners have not yet called for their prizes. But when they do, our man will be there with an open eye for the unusual.

## He's Twice a Man

The man who can speak two languages is in a class by himself, for not only may he express himself two ways, but he has open to him sources of knowledge that remain closed to the man of but one tongue. This is the gist of the remarks of Dr. Quirinus Breen, associate professor of history, who spoke this week to members of Delta Phi Alpha, national society of students of German.

"To praise foreign languages," he told them, "is to say good things of what is inherently excellent. The old saying is that to be bilingual is to be twice a man."

Dr. Breen defended the system of awarding a special degree (the B.A.) to students who demonstrate their command of a second language. "It is a peculiar excellence to know a foreign language, and it must be protected by a peculiar honor," he said.

While admitting that translations were often excellent as "bridges over the stream," he pointed out that the man of one language is at the mercy of translators, and that all streams are not bridged.

Dr. Breen's remarks are all very true in this age of rapid transportation and communication. Foreign language study certainly should be protected and encouraged and recognized as a special skill. Yet, there are bugs in the system as we know it here.

In many cases the only difference in the B.A. and B.S. de-

# PNCC Pro and Con

By VINITA HOWARD

In answer to Warren Miller's assertions in yesterday's Emerald that the Marshall Plan aid should not be placed on a political basis, Bob Allen, Oregon's other delegate to PNCC, today states his reasons for opposing the portion of the resolution which advocates giving all nations aid regardless of internal politics.

According to Allen, this resolution would make it impossible to exclude from Marshall Plan aid such governments as Franco Spain or countries known to be dominated by Russian influence.

By changing present policies, Allen continued, and giving aid to all European nations regardless of politics, we would help destroy what is now the western block and would help further the Russian sphere.

The realistic approach that the powers of Western Europe have taken, such as the mutual aid pact, cannot be helped, Allen said, by giving aid to nations which are known to be Communistic and uncooperative with the rest of Europe.

"Too many jump to the conclusion that if you do not have appeasement, you have war; that I can't go along with," Allen stated.

"No European or Russian has any respect for a weak nation and appeasement to them is a sign of weakness," he continued. "To change our policy now would indicate appeasement." Czechoslovakia fell, Allen said, because the United States took no strong, forceful measures to keep her from falling under Communism.

Answering Miller's question of yesterday as to who would decide what nations were to be excluded from Marshall Plan aid, Allen said such a question should be left up to our department of state. For that reason, he continued, the state department should not be handicapped by any change in policy that would prohibit their right to choose those to receive aid.

Allen also favors the U.S. policy of giving military aid to certain of the European nations. "The nations to which we loan money," he said, "should be able to protect themselves and the investment the United States is making in them." "This is not a hole," he concluded, "this is a sound business investment."

## Let's Forget It

When five University students read Life magazines during the Dewey speech here a week ago, they probably did not realize the tempest their act would stir up in the state. The Portland papers have carried irate letters nearly every day, attacking the sophomoric behavior of the students. The Emerald has been swamped with letters, most of them anonymous (therefore unprintable). Responsible Republican organizations and Stassen groups have disclaimed any connection with the scheme.

Now the Emerald holds no brief for the five students. Plainly the act was rude, and cannot be looked upon as a mere college prank. It was just plain bad manners, and thus ceases to be funny.

But we cannot see the point in all the fuss. The kids did wrong. Do the irate letter writers expect the University now to boot them out of school, to put them on the rack, to banish them to some foreign shore? There isn't a great deal that can be done about it now, save to forget it. The soreheads who are writing the letters are plainly interested more in discrediting the University than they are in seeing good manners prevail.

Why not drop the affair where it is, and hope the students will mind their manners a little better when the next speaker comes?

## George Hall's New Job

News of the appointment of George Hall as Dean of Grays Harbor junior college in Aberdeen, Wash., will be regarded as recognition of true ability. In the short time Mr. Hall served here as acting dean of men, he won the respect of all the students whom he met—even those whose business with him was not altogether pleasant.

He combines that rare ability of "softening the blow" with the equally valuable knack of being tough. At the University his door was always open, and rare was the student who didn't feel he could drop in and talk with the dean.

Grays Harbor junior college stands to benefit by the choice.

## A Seal for I.S.A.

The Interfraternity council has adopted a new seal. That is good. Every outfit ought to have a seal.

Now take the Independent Students' Association. That organization doesn't have one. We suggest a committee be appointed to decide on color scheme. The design is obvious: a back with a knife in it.

grees is the presence of "two years of a foreign language" on the candidate's record. Nothing is said about how well the student must know the language. Nothing is important save the amount of time the student spends in grubbing it out.

In many Universities the criterion is satisfactory passing of a language qualifying test. If the student who studies one year is able to pass the test, well and good. If it takes him three years of study to make the grade, then he spends three years at it, or contents himself with the B. S. degree. It seems to be the wiser system.

Proficiency in language can be measured only in proficiency in language. It cannot be measured in time spent with the language books.

## Meat Strikes Defy Court Injunction

SOUTH ST. PAUL, Minn., May 13—Gov. Luther W. Youngdahl tonight threatened to call out the national guard after club-swinging CIO pickets beat off police in a pitched battle at strikebound meat packing plants.

The pickets defied a court injunction limiting their numbers and blocked the entrance to the huge Swift and Co. plant. When police attempted to break up the mass picketing, all 21 officers were knocked to the ground by strikers, some of whom were swinging wooden clubs.

Youngdahl said in a radio address tonight that "if local officials with the assistance of such additional help as they can procure under the statutes make a sincere attempt to enforce the law but are incapable of doing so, then law enforcement breaks down and anarchy exists."

"This cannot and will not be permitted," he said.

"In the public interest there would then be no alternative for me under such circumstances but to call out the national guard to restore law and order," Youngdahl added.

## Smith to Discuss Near East Tonight

Guest "conversationalist" at the Friendly house conversation hour this evening will be Dr. Warren D. Smith. Dr. Smith, retired head of the University department of geology, who will lead a discussion of "The Near East Situation."

The meeting will start at 8 p.m. and formally close at the end of one hour to allow those who wish to leave for other engagements. Friendly house is open every day except Monday from 12 noon through the afternoon and evening.

## Panhellenic Offers Two Scholarships

Panhellenic is now offering two fee scholarships for women students for the coming year.

Awards will be based on scholarship, need, and service to the school, and will cover tuition for three terms. Any woman student, regardless of year in school, may petition.

Scholarship forms will be accepted at the office of Mrs. Golda P. Wickham until May 21.