

Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make ye free.—John 8:32

A Dream Nears Reality

Saturday was a happy day for students and alumni of the University, for it was then that the state board of higher education gave final approval to bids for constructing the student union building. Thus the project which sprang up spontaneously more than 25 years ago will become a reality by January, 1950.

In the spring of 1923 the need was seen for a place for students to gather in their spare moments. The Class of '23 undertook the project. By the end of the year nine campus groups each donated \$1000 to the fund. The seniors voted to pay \$10 each for ten years. Computations based on building costs at that time indicated that the money could be raised by the end of the ten-year period. But ten years later the country was deep in depression, and the necessary funds were not forthcoming.

Still the dream persisted. Each year saw the building a little nearer reality. Individual gifts swelled the total, but building costs also rose. Students donated Co-op receipts and breakage fees. Then last year the executive council of the ASUO gave its approval for adding a five dollar building fee to the regular tuition. The students were polled on whether they were willing to pay the costs themselves, even though most of their college generation would not be on the campus to enjoy it. The students approved the action, and the state board made it official.

With the assurance that money would be forthcoming to finance the structure, the state board was enabled to float a bond issue. But headaches accompanied this move, too. No Oregon firm was willing to handle the bonds for a low enough interest rate, but a Chicago firm agreed to do the job. President Harry K. Newburn, who had been spending much of his time on the student union problem, helped with the details, aided by J. O. Lindstrom, University business manager, H. A. Bok, comptroller of the state system of higher education, and Stanley R. Darling, attorney for the University. Still the state board, in the interests of economy hesitated to award the bids, which were slightly higher than was expected. After a tense moment, they decided to award the bid.

Now the work is ready to begin. Plans have been changed from time to time as the dream grew, but the present ones are designed to provide for every student need. Buildings on the Student Union site will be moved beginning this week, and excavation will begin shortly.

The Class of '50 will be able to enjoy the dream of the Class of '23. It's been a long struggle, but future college generations will be able to testify to its worth.—J. G.

Activities or Grades

At the beginning of every year, many students become frantic trying to find the time to do the things that will make college not only a spring-board to gracious living, but also in itself four years of enjoyment.

Knowing this a student has to strike a happy balance between the scholastic considerations, and the activities which are of subtler values. Both are necessary; both are time consuming.

In attempting to build a personality many students see the grade vs. activity controversy in black or white. Certainly college offers the student more than a scholastic program. Activities make for an education in living and are also an education in giving—giving one's time and talents to the University community, and receiving in return a memory. It's a matter of getting as much from school and still not jeopardizing the future.

It's an unfortunate requirement that students have to have grades to graduate, but the system being as it is, a student has his head under his arm if he doesn't watch his GPA first, and worry about his activities later. Many potential activity "wheels" have been knocked out because of a low GPA.

Activities are necessary, but a student might just as well forget about them if he's going to select his activities indiscriminately.

An activity must fill a specific need and a student can do no better than to decide which facet of his personality demands most developing. And there is no more painless way of filling a deficiency than by finding the proper activity and working at it.

So, a controversy over whether or not a student should be an activity student, or a grind, becomes a laughable bit of table talk. No student need be one or the other, but should do the things he wants to do, he knows he must do, and those which will be most valuable to him later.—D. D.

The Green File

By Brubeck



Freshman Weak!

Lau of the Press Columnist Goes Behind Scenes Of a Fourth Estate Sanctuary

By LARRY LAU

I've decided it's about time to do a bit on the pressbox, one of the most important cogs in any athletic machine. A shed-like affair, it sits high atop one of the grandstands at almost every stadium. In these super-reserved enclosures all over the nation are written the stories that splash across the sports pages of a thousand and one daily newspapers. It is no secret that Bowl contenders and All-Americans are made or broken by decisions made in the "box."

In this sanctuary of the fourth estate sit sportswriters, telegraphers, publicity men, scouts, photographers, a few selected students and an occasional visiting fireman. Saturday both the San Francisco Chronicle and Examiner had men covering the Webfoot-Gauche tilt. The affable Don McLeod covered for the Oregonian, pint-sized George Bertz for the Journal, and the slow-smiling Dick Strite for the Register-Guard.

At either end of the "box" are the radio rooms where sit the sportscasters and their assistants, knee-deep in name boards and other necessary informational data needed to give the radio listener a complete picture.

It's a long-standing tradition that no women are allowed in the pressbox. Whether this is due to the distractive power of the female figure or because the scribes enjoy cutting loose with an occasional oath, I don't know, but the rule applies equally to Mrs. Harry K. Newburn and ordinary Molly Poots. Atop the pressbox at Hayward field is an open, railed-in section reserved for the photographers. At rare intervals the wife of some biggie will make the alpine climb, but never to the pressbox itself. Of the PCC schools, Stanford alone, whose pressbox is a reserved section of the stands, violates custom.

There is no such thing as heat in a pressbox. To a sportswriter, exile to Siberia is no worse fate than having to cover a game at WSC or Idaho where it really gets cold. Multnomah stadium is no better than any of the rest. For the Oregon-UCLA squabble of

1946, half-frozen scribes had great There is a nasty rumor that on the cold days newsmen are prone to take a wee nip of spirits to maintain body temperature; I wouldn't know about that.

Boss of Oregon's pressbox is Art Litchman, a one man wave of good public relations. His hard-working assistant, Bill Stratton, aided by sports veteran Johnny Kahannanui, keep detailed statistics on every move made on the field. Within 90 seconds after each quarter, each sportswriter is handed a mimeographed copy of all that transpired. This means "the boys" can do less note-taking and more spectating. The game becomes less of a chore, difficulty in guiding stiff fingers (Please turn to page seven)

"In My Opinion"

— From Our Readers —
To the Editor:

It is with regret that I find the Emerald following the lead of the Oregon daily newspapers in falling for the "Rose Bowl fever." Generated by smart sports writers who know the surest way to ruin a team's championship chances is to make them think they are champions before they have yet won a game.

Since this is my first year at the University of Oregon, and my first year in Oregon, I probably have no right to express an opinion yet on your policy. But I like the U. of O. very much, and I hate to see our chances of going to the Rose Bowl ruined by unwise journalism.

Last year I was in Louisiana. Louisiana State was picked by all the experts to be tops in the Southeastern conference; but they got the old swell-head and ended up pretty near the bottom. Rice institute was selected to be tops in Southwestern conference; the same fate befell them. And so it goes. So please be cautious in what you say until our team has proved itself. Thank you sincerely, Foster Provost, Jr.

Once Over Lightly

JEANNINE MACAULAY

Rumor has it that some of you kiddies might be interested in hashing over campus gossip, so here goes, once over lightly. It is hoped that this will be your column, with a fair and square representation of all campus organizations. Any tips on "luff and stuff" are appreciated and the phone number is 1780. Let's hear from all the co-ops, dorms, houses, and off-campus students.

The deed is done,
The deed is did,
The news and views
Below are hid.

To add to the excitement of the Saturday football encounter the Kwamas discovered a small bonfire in their rooting section during the second quarter. ADRIAN NELSON, fireman first class, equipped with a pitcher of ice water, put a damper on the situation. CAMELIA POT, from the Florentine Gardens, Cal., was present also.

Diamond rings blew into Eugene like the autumn leaves of fall. The DG house reports PEGGY DYE'S engagement to OSC FIJI, JERRY HEWITT. Alpha Gam CAROLYN WILLIAMS and JIM CASTLE, Phi Kap Sig, passed out announcements through the mail in late August, and GUSSIE JOHNSON, Alpha Gam, started rush week off with the flashing of her sparkler from DAVE CASTLEBERRY, ADPI MIDGE HARRISON and Sigma Nu STAN WILLIAMSON followed suit.

Other engagements between Oregon Ducks and Drakes include: Sigma Kappa BERNIECE JOHNSON to KIRK ROBERTS, Kappa Sig from North Dakota; DOROTHY CHAPMAN, AOPI to TOM DRYDEN, Sigma Chi; DZ BARBARA KIRSCH to BRUCE HAMILTON from SOCE; GINNIE NIKAND, Tri Delt to DON CASTLE, Phi Kap Sig; BARBARA SUNDETT, Pi Phi to BOB BARRETT, ATO; BOBBIE FULMER, AOPI to Theta Chi TOM COLLIE; DONNA MAE LYONS to PAUL KUNKEL, Fiji; EL-DENE BALCOM from Suzie to DICK, UCLA student; KAY MARTIN, Suzie hall to PAUL LANSDOWN; Alpha Chi PAT WEBER to Kap Sig ED WALTERS; LIZ KELLY, Alpha Chi to WARREN RICHIE, SAE; and MARGE CHANDLER, Alpha Chi to Phi Delt STU NORENE.

Summer pin plantings seem to run close competition to the engagements, as fold and silver metal flew in all directions. Plantings that are still pinned include: ZTA ADAH MAE TEEL to TKE BILL NELSON; ELAINE SHERWOOD, Gamma Phi, to PETE HOAR, Phi Psi; Chi O MARGE RAMBO to AL THOMAS, Phi Sig; Kappa DI BAILEY to Sigma Chi BOB DAGGETT; DG MARTY PIPER to Fiji GORDON WILSON; SHIRLEY MASON, Sigma Kappa to GEORGE BISCHER; Kappa GRACE HOFFMAN to Kappa Sig PHIL PATTERSON; Alpha Gam ANN JORDAN to Lambda Chi BILL DAVIS; Pi Phi JOAN MIMNAUGH to Phi Delt WALT BANKS; Theta MARY LOU CASEY to CHUCK McDONALD, Sigma Chi; Theta DEBY COLTON to Fiji STAN HARGRAVES; Alpha Chi BEV GRACE to DICK CRAMER, Theta Chi; Alpha Chi DOROTHY CASEY to Fiji BOB MATHESON; and Alpha Chi NANCY BEDINGFIELD to SAE GUY MOUNT.

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