

A Decisive Stand

A decisive student stand has finally been taken on the semester-term system controversy.

The ASUO executive council voted unanimously Monday to reject the proposed change and to send the rejection to the University president for his consideration.

The executive council wanted to take no stand on the issue until it had carefully considered the change relative to the student. It decided that students would have little gain and much loss from the proposed change.

Until Monday, no decisive opinion had been expressed except by small groups of faculty or student body members. Then the student council opposed en masse—the first group to counteract the “it doesn’t make too much difference attitude.”

After considering the expense which would be involved in making the change, the time and work involved in changing the University curriculum, and the prospect of finals after vacations, the student voice decided that it would be better to preserve the status quo and concentrate on furthering needed improvements. D. D.

Business firms say that the sale of electric blankets to Indians in Oregon has gone up 75 per cent this month. Salesmen are unable to account for this—but we can.

The University is distressed because only two out of five speakers scheduled for the assembly series have come. Officials should compare notes with a town in Alaska that has had a concert series for the first time this year. The performers came—but they didn’t stay. One was snowbound, the piano came apart in the middle of another’s performance, and one singer walked off the stage in the middle of her song. Things are rough all over.

The Emerald’s Women’s page contributed its bit of cheer and encouragement to a decadent and tired world Saturday when it announced that “strapless formals are still holding their own.”

George Sand’s mother sold trained birds on the streets of Paris. How strange.

William S. U’Ren, father of the initiative and referendum in Oregon celebrated his 90th birthday this week in Portland.

“In MY Opinion” ...

To the Editor:

Is the Emerald filler-poor?

For the past four issues you have run “Poverty is the common fate of scholars” as a two-line fill. This can mean several things, good and bad.

1. You are trying to raise the salaries of the University faculty by a process of slow pounding. Perhaps marked copies are being sent to the State Legislature. This is known as editorializing in your news columns.
2. You are intimating that the poorer the professor, the more scholarly he is. This will interest the majority of the faculty of the lower-income brackets, who need encouragement.
3. You are trying to get more students to try out for intercollegiate sports by pointing out that scholarship doesn’t pay. This is probably against the PNCC Code.
4. You are issuing a “sour grapes” statement on receipt of grades from last term. This is highly probable.
5. You have not received your weekly filler sheet—it was held up in the mail by heavy snow. This is for shame!

Sincerely,

M. S.

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Lau of the Press Pretty Little Southern Belle Captured Hearts of Webfoots

(Editor’s note: The following is a reproduction of an article widely printed throughout the state of Oregon. Between December 2 and January 7, our Mr. Lau made the Texas trip and sold 41 such feature articles on the Cotton Bowl activities to eight different Oregon papers and one in Texas.

By Larry Lau

There’s a little girl named Diane Sutherland in Dallas that is getting enough attention right now to last her a lifetime.

Diane is an 18-year-old brunette, pretty as a picture, with a bathing beauty figure and the cutest southern drawl you’ve ever heard. She works at the magazine counter in the Melrose hotel where the Oregon football team is making its headquarters.

Just between you and me, I think she has a crush on the whole Webfoot team... and the feeling is mutual.

When I first met her, she looked my rather sparse frame up and down and asked anxiously, “Are y’all a ballplayer too?”

Somewhat on the defensive, I explained that I was covering the Cotton Bowl activities for a chain of daily newspapers’ back home.

She looked immensely relieved and said, “Oh” understandingly. She looked away and smiled, then sighed daintily when one of the football players waved hello as he crossed the lobby.

“Diane,” I asked, plucking her sleeve to get her attention, “what do you think of these Oregon boys?”

She kinda dimpled at the question, “Ah like ‘em a lot,” she said, “they’re all so nice and friendly and polite.”

While I was jotting down this statement, she added fiercely,

“and I don’t care if’n they DO beat SMU!”

After this burst of heresy she retired in blushing confusion to the other side of the counter and pretended to be busy with the cash register.

We talked some more after a bit and I found that Diane knew the first names of almost all the Webfoots, what position they played, and whether or not they were married or had a steady girl friend.

“The bellboys don’t like ‘em so well,” she confided, “they’d rather have a lot of old people who can’t carry their own luggage. They get more tips that way,” she explained.

“When the Oregon team arrived one of the bellboys asked one of them if he should carry his bags upstairs... and d’you know what happened?” She paused dramatically.

I assured her that I did not and she continued, “Why, that big ole Oregon boy just laughed, put the bellboy under one arm, and carried HIM upstairs!”

Just then about a dozen team members stopped to say hello to Diane, and I stepped back resignedly in the face of this superior competition. The whole group was laughing and talking and telling Diane how pretty she was.

She blushed furiously at all the banter and stamped her foot in exasperation. “My goodness, y’all are so silly!” she scolded... but pretty soon she began to smile and giggle delightedly as the Webfoots continued to shower her ears with compliments. I turned to leave.

At the desk across the way, the desk clerk held his head in his hands and smiled patiently. As I passed by he commented dryly, “Wal, looks like them Oregon boys will have at least one conquest in Texas even if they don’t beat SMU. We all think they’re a fine bunch of boys... they just don’t pay as much attention to us as they do Diane.”



With the Legislators

By Associated Press

Salem

University of Oregon junior college would be created in Portland by a bill introduced yesterday by Senator Richard L. Neuberger, Portland Democrat.

The measure appropriates \$2,000,000 for the new institution. It also provides that no more than \$100,000 could be spent for building at any state higher education institution until the Portland junior college is completed.

Neuberger said this would mean no higher education building program could be accomplished until the junior college is built. The junior college would be completed by September, 1950. Courses would be for freshmen and sophomores, and would be the same as those offered at the University of Oregon and Oregon State College.

The bill also provides that Vanport college in Portland must remain open until the proposed junior college is opened.

The legislature, making much more rapid progress than usual, had enough hot issues before it yesterday to keep it busy quite a while.

The session was only in its third day, but it already had bills to prevent employers and unions from discriminating because of race or religion; repeal milk control, provide for election of a lieutenant governor, add a cent to the gasoline tax, tax persons who take bets on horse races, and use income tax funds for state expenses.

The two key committees of the legislature—joint ways and means and the house tax committee—held their first meetings late Monday. These two committees hold the answer to how long the session will last. When their work is done, the legislature can fold up.

Washington

American Federation of Labor officials yesterday insisted anew that congress repeal the Taft-Hartley law and restore the Wagner act before considering new labor legislation.

Three members of the AFL legislative staff told senate and house Democratic labor chiefs the federation is vigorously opposed to so-called “one package” handling. Under that plan, Taft-Hartley repeal and Wagner act re-enactment would be wrapped up in one bill with the changes President Truman wants in the Wagner measure.

The approach the AFL and CIO are urging calls for two bills. The first would wipe the Taft-Hartley law off the books and restore the old Wagner act. The second bill would deal with the Wagner act “improvements” Mr. Truman is seeking.

Neither the AFL nor the CIO has endorsed the changes proposed by the president.

A strong combination of Republicans and Democrats was taking shape yesterday for a drive against the \$4,000,000,000 tax boost requested by President Truman.

Senator Byrd (D-W. Va.), a long-time economy advocate, predicted the president will get less than half of what he asked for—if he gets any increase at all.

Political Front Columnist Tells State Legislators To Cut Down on ‘Partying’

By Vinita Howard

Oregon’s 45th legislature got underway in Salem this week and operating on the old theory that people would rather read about local news we’re going to leave the national scene alone and present a brief resume of what has happened thus far at the state session.

Oregon’s new governor, Douglas McKay, in his inaugural address, made 20 recommendations to the joint meeting of the house and senate. Some of the more important suggestions are:

1. Placing future receipts of corporate excise tax in general fund to balance budget.
2. Consideration of state school and institution building program to be financed outside of 6 per cent limitation.
3. A highway modernization program with higher gasoline taxes and registration fees if necessary.
4. Increased facilities at state institutions.
5. A comprehensive building program for higher education.
6. Financing of old age assist-

ance from the general fund and the placing of liquor revenue in the general fund.

With all the preliminary work done the legislature is now ready to settle down and act upon McKay’s recommendations as well as some of its own. Most members are hoping that the work this year can be completed within the 50-day limit. Last time they met the session lasted 84 days and the members don’t get paid their usual \$8 per day after 50 days.

Admittedly, we are rather naive on affairs of the state. However, having attended many of the last legislature’s sessions we have a suggestion to make which might help them adjourn within the 50-day limit. The recommendation is quite simple—merely cut down on the number of dinners, “cocktail parties,” receptions, etc., which always go along with the session.

This might help the gallery observers also. Many people waste their mornings when the legislature is meeting because they want to hear how debates are carried on in the senate and house. When they arrive in the

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