

## Some Suggestions

Home sweet, sweet home! I wonder where it is today? Probably home is moving down the middle of Kinkaid street if you can't find it on the spot it rested last night.

Eugene is becoming a great monopoly board. A turn of the card, and you move a house two blocks east or two blocks west. We're waiting to receive three free shares of B & O railroad stock.

But in lieu of something lucrative like that, we'd be entertained to see the University buildings shifted around the board a bit.

The skeleton of the new women's dorm could be toted off to the graveyard, and the Eugene hotel, a ready-made dormitory, put up in its place.

McArthur court, the Igloo, we'd put on the glacial ice sheet down by the highway.

As for quonset huts, we'd string them end to end down thirteenth street to see how far they would extend, and—it's your move now. B.H.

## Raising Kane Campus Liberals--East and West

By Hank Kane

This column is straying from the safe field of attempted humor and good-natured satire to the ruckus over the discharge of the three University of Washington professors on grounds of Communist party membership.

Let's look at the problem from the student's viewpoint and leave the issue of academic freedom to the pundits.

When a professor participates in minority organizations the community associates his views with the institution of which he is a member.

The community does the same

when students turn their campus into a political battlefield, using the prestige of the school for their private ends.

The outstanding example is that of the City College of New York. It has the unenviable reputation of having the largest or at least the most vocal Communist student cell of any college in the nation.

In the past the issue has split the campus, with many of the best students transferring to other schools when they learn that because of the college's reputation prospective employers often refuse to hire CCNY graduates.

If a student ignores the odor of campus politics, his parents who think a college is a place to study and not a forum for Marxist dialectics, prevail upon him to exchange his school.

The result is that with the weakening of the majority through transfers the leftist minority is no longer controlled by the conservative element.

This doesn't help the publicly supported college when it asks the legislature for appropriations.

The University of Oregon doesn't receive unfavorable publicity of this nature because campus leftist groups are so small that they don't dare to show their colors because of the conservative majority's probable retaliation.

Transfer students from other sections of the country, especially the East, note with surprise this lack of political activity.

Students don't riot and hold "protest demonstrations" when

an anti-Russian picture like "The Iron Curtain" was exhibited downtown.

They did in New York City.

One reason for the predominantly conservative views of the University student body is that it is composed of predominantly recent eastern European origin.

Thus a University of Oregon student may enroll for a course in, say, American governments, and discovers that the professor is teaching socialism instead of American government. It is all right with him until he learns that the tests are based on the lectures instead of the textbook.

Our student quickly cures his incipient case of high blood pressure by simply changing his section to that of a professor who is old-fashioned in believing that a professor should teach and not preach.

The same principle applies to the OSC leftist group which allegedly wishes to "investigate" the "Daily Barometer's" editorial policy. It is assumed they dislike the present policy and want to change it to fit their views.

They forget that, even if they succeed, if the readers dislike a paper because of its slant they either will not read that paper or will take steps to change the editorial policy.

It's true even on a "free" campus newspaper.

This columnist was a staff correspondent on the "Pacific Stars and Stripes" in Tokyo about three years ago when two of the editors were removed because they followed

## From Our Mailbag

### Letters to the Editor

(All letters to the editor must bear the writer's signature. Names will be withheld at the writer's request. Because of space limitations the editor reserves the right to withhold such communications as he sees fit. All letters should be concise and to the point. The editor of the Emerald solicits opinions and constructive criticism from both students and faculty members of the University of Oregon.)

#### "HYPOCRISY"

To the Editor:

The dismissal of the three Washington professors has elicited well-deserved publicity in the press. The reports have been fair; yet, so far, no paper—with the exception of the Emerald, which has been remarkably noncommittal—has ventured to comment editorially on a matter that affects every American who values his freedom.

The issue is whether a man has the right to hold any opinion under the sun, or whether he is limited to certain opinions—the one held by the government of his country, or opinions not too different from them. Furthermore, if a person holds a position of responsibility, in that he must teach others how to form independent judgments of their own, does that limit the nature of opinions he may hold?

These questions are loaded, I admit. But judging from the conclusions arrived at by the faculty and president of Washington university, some people need more than just loaded questions to see the difference between straight and crooked thinking.

It is a shame that the president of an institution of higher studies should sink to the level of such hypocrisy—I refuse to ascribe his actions to sheer stupidity. He claims that his reason for dismissing the professors is that they had not come out in the open with the fact that they believed in the communist doctrine.

I hasten to tell the public, therefore, that I am a member of the United World Federalists. Or is that a type of organization that one need not disclose one's mem-

bership in? In other words, the fact that they believed in communism, as opposed to some other doctrine, did have something to do with it after all.

Sincerity cannot possibly hurt any state. If it does, there must be something intrinsically wrong with that state. If professors anywhere are forced to teach what they themselves do not believe, there can be no progress. President Allen is very far from the truth himself when he says that "a communist is incompetent to teach the truth." A communist with his tongue in his cheek, however, is as incompetent to teach the truth as is President Allen to speak it.

It has been suggested by some that the dismissal was due to the general incompetence of the professors and other reasons that had not been revealed. If this is true, the University of Washington is all the more to be censured. That would be hypocrisy of the highest order. In that case, what have the professors been doing at the University for the past twenty years?

Finally, the president of the University of Washington cannot differentiate between communism and being a Russophile. Or else he is deliberately confusing the two. This, too, is inexcusable. He states that the philosophies of Eby and Ethel "were honestly held and divorced from the communist dogma." Does that make sense? Communists who do not hold the communist dogma!

No, President Allen, something is obviously rotten in the State of Washington. You are afraid of the truth. There are many sincere students of politics who do not consider communism the answer to our political and economic problems. There are others, just as sincere, who believe communism is.

I do not agree with the latter.

Yet I will say with Voltaire: "I disapprove of what you say, but will defend to the death your right to say it."

L. John Martin

#### DANGEROUS PRECEDENT

To the Editor:

In the past several days, considerable controversy has been aroused by the suspension of three University of Washington professors and the placing of three others on probation by the board of regents of that institution, for alleged Communist activities.

When our universities begin exercising thought control, we can fear for our cherished academic liberties: in our headlong flight from communism, we fall into equally dangerous fascism.

Although I am unequivocally opposed to communism, I feel compelled to protest this curtailment of our freedom of thought and of speech. Such thought control is diametrically opposed to the ideals on which this country was founded, as expressed in the Bill of Rights, and more recently in the Atlantic Charter.

When a student has reached college age and is mentally fit to attend a university, he should be able to make up his own mind—when presented with all sides of a question. But if he is to be sheltered from communism and liberal ideals, why should he be exposed to the fascist theories which are apparently agreeable to the Washington board of regents? This is a dangerous precedent to set.

George Dorris

### Guatemalan School Has Summer Work

The University of San Carlos of Guatemala is planning a summer school for North Americans to be held in Guatemala City this summer.

Spanish and Latin American language, literature, and institutions will be the principal attractions while classes in Mayan civilization and Guatemalan folklore will also be available. Classes are to be on both graduate and undergraduate levels.

The faculty will include professors from both this country and Guatemala. This will be the third annual session, and will be held from July 1 to August 19.

#### CORRECTION

The program "Suspense" will be heard at 6:00 p.m., EST on CBS Thursday and not on ABC as was listed in yesterday's American Airlines. "The Jo Stafford Show" is heard on ABC at 6:30 p.m. PST, Thursday.

### Footnotes

## Reds on the OSC Campus-- -- 'So What?' Says Callahan

By MICHAEL CALLAHAN

Today's footnotes concerns a small dose of college history, an immoral book, three political parties, and a large question. All wrapped up with a few brickbats, it is addressed to the president and student body of Oregon State college.

According to the latest word from our downriver neighbors, "certain OSC students are on that campus for the sole purpose of converting students to the cause of Communism." That was from student body proxy Tom House. Further, OSC President A. L. Strand declared that "we undoubtedly have some ((red activity) . . . hence it is gratifying to see the responsible student leaders recognizing the situation and thus taking steps to guard against."

OSC must be a regular hotbed of revolutionaries.

About this time I begin to get a little skeptical. If there are neophyte communists on that campus, I say "so what?" It would be more dangerous if there weren't. A few pages of recent history bears me out on this.

Back in the late 1890's, when stolid old Queen Victoria was laying down the rules in England, the British people were about as moral as poor humans could be. Stuffy prudism was the code of the day, and only gay young blades would think other than along the straight and narrow. So what happened? Conspicuous on every Oxford dressing table were illustrated copies of the "Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam," a most wicked book. Further word has it that the more pro-

gressive young gentlemen at Eton and Cambridge read Oscar Wilde every night before bedtime.

That was dangerous radicalism if ever there was such a thing, and aroused no end of comment.

Now take the matter of the three political parties. After the first Big Unpleasantness, England was rocked by the news that certain Oxford students had formed a party, not to investigate student newspapers, but rather to openly preach traitorous disloyalty to King and country.

This Student Peace movement held mass meetings, posed for newspaper photos . . . and served quite honorably in the government and armed forces in time of national emergency.

Or, with a short hop across the Atlantic, consider American colleges as hotbeds of student radicalism from 1919 to 1940. Everything from black anarchy to Nazi fascism and goldfish eating was preached with great sincerity. Quite an odd mixture, but it was to be found on almost every campus. Yet today, very few of our fathers today keep big red flags folded neatly away in their attics, waiting for The Dad.

How does all this relate to OSC and "red" activity on that campus?

President Strand, as long as there are dissatisfied, liberal-minded students on your campus, you can consider your administration successful. As long as young men and women keep a skeptical eye on "classic" truths and open-mindedly try things for themselves, then they will be edu-

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