

# Ol' Tex Lau Learns You All a Little History

By "Tex" Lau

Happy San Jacinto day!

Now ah don't reckon heerin' that'll make yore gizzard dew eny speshul jumpin' aroun, but down Texus way hits enuf to make a man plumb weepy wif pryde. Y'all up heer in Oregon mought be intrested, cause if'n ther hadn't bin no San Jacinto, y'all ud be speekin Spanish sted uv Yankee.

Yessir, a hunnerd and three yars ago to this vary day the dangdest bunch uf fytn men u ever seed, out-numbered for to wun, kiked the daylightes outa Santa Anna's Mexicun army. Wen the &lb<sup>o</sup> dust had cleared, the independence uv the Republic uv Texus wuz a shure enuf thing.

Mebber ah'd best recollect a mite fer ye. In 1821 ther wuz only three tradin posts in the

hul, blamed wilderness, San Antonio, Goliad and Nacadoches. Ther wuz 7000 pepul besydes a hul passel uv assortid varmints. Wellsir, pepul frum the Unyted States kep cumin down frum places like Noo Yark, wher they couldn't raize nuthin, until by 1836 ther wuz 50,000 uv 'em.

Wal, them Mex got awl wurried an skeerd, so they ups an passes a bunch uv damfool laws, atryin to skizzle good onest folk outa land they bin squattin on fer ten, fifteen yars. Like as if the warn't enuf, they tried to keep more Americuns frum cumin to Texus. Now most uv em waz nice enuf pepul, tard uv starvin and freezin in Noo Yark, an whin a feller wants to cum to Texus, ain't no 12 star Mexicun general gonna tell him he caint.

Out Nacadoches way, bout '26 believe it wuz, a feller naymed Heyden Edwards got up on the rong syde uv bed wun mornin an began thinkin bout wat scoundriils thoz Mexicuns wer. By damm if'n he didn't go owt before breakfast an organyze the

Republick uv Fredonia. Didn't dew much good cuz ol Santa Anna sent an army up an them 16 Texans had to hi-tail it outa Nacadoches pronto, but it gave pepul the idee enyhow.

Wellsir, things went frum bad to badder until them Texuns wuz maddern hornets. The lid bloo cleen off at Gonzales, Texus on Ocktober 2, 1835. Seams that a bunch uv the boys wuz sittin aroun Derty Gert's saloon playin a hand uv Red Dog wen sum leetle varmit cum screechin in a tellin bout a rejamant uv Mexicun soldiers thet wuz movin into town.

Now them boys wuz all peaceable fellers, but they wuz shore powerful riled up bout havin ther game bustid up like thet. So, by hell if'n they didn't sashay owt an take awl the guns away frum em, sent sum uv em home, an beried the rest. Aftur thet, ever-boddy got into the spirit uv the thing. They got a few mor ga-loots colleckted an capshured San Antonio on Desember 8, 1835. Ol Santa Anna wuz fit tew be tied.

He got ever Mexicun soljer in the cuntry together and headed fer San Antonio.

Wal, bout two munths latur they bloo into town, a carryin cannon an everthin. Most uv the boys hadn't payd eny mind to stories bout Santa Anna's army, an ther wuz only 187 uv em on hand to say howdy. Then 187 Texuns holed up in the Alamo an danged if'n they didn't hold off the hul Mexicun army fer fyve daze. Fack uv the mattur is, they wuz gettin reddy tew charge whin ther amyounishun gave owt. On March 6, 1836 Santa Anna stormed the Alamo wif might nigh to 3000 men an killed them Texuns ever last wun. Hul bunch of nice, soshahul hombres like Big Jim Bonham, Bill Travis, James Bowie and Davy Crockett, kilt plumb dead.

Santa Anna figgered he had things beet, an he spred that army owt, fan-like, tew look for eny stray Texuns that mought have excaped. He cleen forgot bout old Sam Houston, who'd bin off givin the Injuns hell. Sam collected bout 700 men, armed em

wif Bowie nives, an they lit owt aftur them Mexicuns. They found em, takin a siesta, at San Jacinto. A hootin an hollerin, them Texuns swarmed ouvr thet Mex army like a bar at a hunny tree. They tried ever which way to escape. Bout 1000 did. Bout 2000 didn't. Santa Anna hissself wuz capshured. He got a fare an proprur trial.

Most folks in Texus, bein Americuns lyke they wur, figgerd to dew the relayshuns bak home a favor an jine the Union. So, they did, an Texus becum the 28th state in Febrooary of 1846.

Lyke I sed in the beginnin, San Jacinto wuz importunt to yew folks in Oregon too. Wif the swift charge akross the batul-feeld, the boundrie lyne of Anglo-America wuz shoved west and south to the Rio Grande. Without San Jacinto, Texus, the Roky mowntun rejun, an the Pasific coast mite have stayed a purment part uv Latin America. As fur as the boundries uv the United States goes, San Jacinto wuz as decisiv as the wintur at Valley Forge.



## Honorable Honoraries

As inevitable as the flowers that bloom in the spring are the tappings for the honoraries, each accompanied by its pomp and circumstance.

During the past few years visitors on Junior Weekend have had occasion to note that each girl tapped for membership in Mortar Board, the senior women's honorary, has been clad in the navy blue of Phi Theta Upsilon, the junior women's honorary. Naturally the question comes to their mind of whether it is necessary to wear such a blue uniform in order to be considered for Mortar Board.

The answer is, no.

Naturally here is some carryover from one honorary to the next. It stands to reason that those girls who have been active on the campus and who have kept their grades up will be the ones who will keep in activities all through school.

Each year new members join the ranks of activity girls, but those who have had the most experience have the advantage when the important posts are doled out. Those who started out as members of committees work up to the chairmanships.

However, there is a substantial turnover in the honoraries during the three years. For instance, of the 31 girls who were Kwamas two years ago, only seven have become Mortar Boards. So, while there is some repetition in honorary members, they are by no means tightly-knit self-perpetuating groups of professional activity girls.

Another question that occurs to the onlookers is whether or not houses are taken into consideration when new members of the honoraries are picked. When there are several from one house and few or none from another, the critics are quick to ask whether some houses are being kept out. This criticism may arise pertaining to particular houses or to Greek vs. Independent.

Anyone who has sat in on a meeting at which the members are chosen can testify that affiliation means virtually nothing.

In some instances, the names are not even mentioned until a vote has been taken; only the list of activities and the grade point are read. Even when the names are mentioned, there is a conscious and conscientious effort to put the choice on an impartial basis. The occasional errors must be laid to human frailty.

Therefore, let the minds of the onlookers be at ease. Those Mortar Boards tapped at Junior Weekend, those Phi Thetas tapped at their dinner tables, and those Kwamas tapped at the Mortar Board Ball have been duly considered.

The outgoing groups will have made the selections to the best of their abilities. They, too, want to see a strong group, selected fairly, carrying on in the service of the University. J.G.

## Same Old Stand

By Tom Marquis

In the April 9th issue of the Emerald I made the statement that I would appreciate reader response to any subject matter of this column with which readers might wish to take exception. In the April 19th issue of the Emerald journalism major, Merrill E. Samuelson, a member of the International Typographical Union, chose to do just that.

Honest now, Mr. Samuelson—I had read the text of the Taft-Hartley bill almost entirely before I undertook to write the column which brought forth your reply. It has also been included as subject matter in a couple of the courses I have taken during the past two terms.

I still don't feel I am fully aware of all the implications of the act and because of that, and because I feel as you do that it is a subject to "engross lawyers, but only confuse the layman," I tried to speak of the act in broad general terms involving the principles rather than particulars.

That is an especially difficult thing to do with such a confusing issue and still remain faithful to the letter of the thing. Besides there are very often among the readers of such items persons whose knowledge of the subject makes it possible for them to interpret not only the spirit, but the letter as well. And trying to do justice to both segments of the readership is a neat trick if it can be done.

At the same time I felt the subject was of great enough importance that it should be spoken of regardless of its difficulty. It is a matter which concerns us all, and one which we would do well not to shy away from despite the difficulties of interpretation involved.

I do not know how much money the "little Eugene local" has to spend for advertising, but their ad was representative of the attitude and manner of pre-

sentation taken by any number of labor unions, typographical or not. I have seen advertisements almost exactly the same as the one in the Register-Guard in several Los Angeles papers, so perhaps the precedent is a well established one.

Nor am I familiar with the struggle between the Chicago printers and the publishers of the Chicago papers. Perhaps there are pending cases in which employers are being wronged by unions. I don't know.

The thing of the greatest importance to me is the establishment of a harmonious working agreement between labor and management at the earliest possible moment. I still feel that labor all too often does not act in a responsible manner. I still feel the closed shop is a vicious and undemocratic form of exclusion, and have felt so for a long time. Even before the inception of the Taft-Hartley act.

As I stated in an earlier column I feel my responsibility as a columnist demands that I attempt to present my opinion on matters as I see them in the manner I feel is most beneficial for the readers. My presentation of such matter is based on what could probably best be called my fundamental philosophy of life.

At the same time I try to remain as "objective" and as flexible toward new ideas as possible. I therefore, accept with a great deal of interest your offer, Mr. Samuelson, to show me the facts and feelings with which you back your stand. I won't promise to change any of my fundamental principles, but I will still try to see any of my mistakes you may point out to me. Ones that I haven't already been made quite well aware of.

We may never fully agree, but perhaps we will both benefit from our disagreement.

## McKenzie Elected Fraternity Justice

Dale McKenzie, senior in law from Prineville, was elected justice of Phi Alpha Delta, professional law fraternity in an election last week.

## Columnist Asks a few Questions

Bud Hurst

It has been said by a great many people that for every question there is an answer. That might be very true, so what are the answers to these?

Why, in the midst of the tremendous building program going on all over the campus, has a new science building seemingly died in the blueprint stage?

Why is the governor of the state of Oregon so dead set against daylight saving time?

A lot of people say that aid to China is a futile undertaking because of the graft and corruption that refuses to permit funds to reach the people. Why doesn't the United States send arms and raw materials instead of money? Have they done it already and found that this didn't work either?

Why is a student veteran unable to obtain such necessities as typewriter ribbon on his GI bill?

What are the hindrances that keep Hawaii and Alaska from achieving statehood?

Why is a man, Communist or otherwise, held in contempt of congress when he refuses to answer a question put to him by a congressional committee?

Why didn't the University administration allow a short vacation for Easter? They let classes out for a Portland football game last fall.

The Millrace association needs \$7,500 from the University to help fill out its matching fund for the city. Then the work can start.

Why can't each student and each member of the faculty give one U. S. dollar and one U. S. quarter? That would do it.

So there are a few questions. There are bound to be answers to some of them. What are they?

It is hard for a newspaperman to have to say that they can't be found in the paper by just reading it every day.

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