

Quintuplet Queens?

Probably nobody suspected that both hands would have to be raised in a salute to royalty Friday night. A dual monarchy is something new to Oregon—we thought that such an event would have to wait until the advent of set of glamorous Siamese twins to rule Junior Weekend festivities.

Yet, everything seemed to go off amicably. No trips to Avignon; no tussles over crowns.

With compliments to the two lovely queens, we submit, however, that this twin business isn't the best idea ever.

The clumsy phenomenon probably came about through the voting method. In an effort to remove the Junior Weekend queen from the realm of politics, it was decided that every voter would place the name of five girls on the ballot. None was given preference. The five with the most votes would constitute the court and the girl with the plurality would be queen.

Udoubtedly politics was sidetracked this year by this voting method—its hard to be political about five persons. But neither did students have a direct say in choosing the girl they thought most queenly. Additionally, there's more chance for ties in this voting method.

We suggest, then, that the old system by which each voter expresses his choice for queen is re-established. Additionally, the court could be voted for.

In lieu of this, a method had better be figured out for breaking a tie—next time we might have quintuplet queens.—B.H.

Thanks, Jupe!

Old Jupe has come through again for another year.

Responding cheerfully to another plea through the Emerald for bright and dry weather over Junior Weekend, Jupe Pluvius obligingly put off the forecast rains to come again some other day.

According to the weather man the rain-filled clouds halted their journey somewhere between the Pacific coast and the International Date line. Might it be that they hovered gently over the head of Buck Buchwach, the author of the plea? At last reports he was in Honolulu, which is certainly with the prescribed area.

If such was the case and Jupe left his liquid sunshine at the bright islands in the Pacific, then our thanks go out doubly to Buck, not only for writing the plea that so touched the director of rainfalls, but also for playing host to him while the Class of '50 put on their show. J.G.

From Our Mailbag

Letters to the Editor

PURGE NEEDED

To the Editor:

Tradition, although constituting a formidable part of this University's past and, among other things, providing colorful copy for the yearbook and your paper, would seem of late to have accumulated an alarming balance in its "disadvantages" account.

Reflection leads one to believe that the original tradition of this institution was one of learning. Today, that obscure, almost "peculiar" tradition represents to the freshman or prospective student no more than a small, dark, and slightly foreboding shadow upon a glorious background of social tradition.

It would seem that our intellectual tradition (if any) had been wallowed up in the wake of our hypertrophic social juggernaut.

In anticipation of torrents of abuse from our intellectual indolent though socially vigorous "country club" elements, I protest the emasculation of our University as an institution of learning through the efforts of "social chairmen" to maintain a plethora of unreasonable and antiquated social traditions.

I assert the need for an enlightened social program . . . one which will recognize the possibility and desirability of traditions complementary rather than antagonistic to one another. Would it be completely absurd to suggest that not all social traditions need have as their object the disparagement of learning?

It is my sincere hope that an enlightened "purge" of our many unreasonable and unproductive

social traditions will free future students of the perennial necessity of resisting the noxious temptations of social Chauvinism.

Thomas G. Stapleton
Herbert A. Spady

P.S. We are not crochety old veterans.

BAND EXPENSES

To the Editor:

Having read Rod Smith's letter in the letters column of May 3rd, in which he apparently was so astounded by the Emerald's article concerning the name-band situation, may I enlighten Mr. Smith somewhat—his "mathematical angles" leave much to be said.

What the University paid for Jurgens, and what Jurgens made on the date are two entirely different items, as I will point out. In the first place, on one-nighters, the Music Corporation of America (Jurgen's agent) gets 20 per cent, or in this case, \$400.

Chartered buses, which are cheaper than paying sixteen rail fares, and indispensable anyway for making connections, nevertheless cost 46 cents a mile (or did at the time Jurgens was here). This, for a round trip from San Francisco, where Jurgens was, previous to his one-nighter here, is approximately \$525.

So the \$2,000 is reduced to \$1,075 before a horn is removed from its case. Secondly, it would be practically impossible to drive from San Francisco in one day and get here in time to play a dance, hence, Mr. Williams' mention of "bread and butter dates" in between, because the band's payroll goes on just the same.

Thirdly, if Smith thinks \$2,000 is too much to pay for a name,

let him investigate the profits (and losses) of name-leaders on location stands such as the Hollywood Palladium, which are played many times at a loss in order to get the nightly T.C.'s (transcontinental broadcasts to Mr. Smith).

This is done so that when the band does one-nighters in hick-towns the turnout is good because the "hicks" have heard the band "on the raddio" nightly for six weeks or so. Here is one example of such "profits":

In January and February of 1946 Krupa did six weeks at the Palladium. He received \$5500 a week. MSA's cut (only 10 per cent on locations) was \$550, the band payroll was \$4900, and Krupa's employer share of the Social Security was \$49. Add this up to see what Krupa made—for six weeks, too; Where does Smith think Krupa would make up the loss?

And if Smith thinks the side-me nare overpaid for their three hours of work nightly (it's usually four hours, by the way—is it the band's fault if the University has a midnight curfew on dances), I suggest that he join a band as a bandboy, leaving a town about 8:00 a.m., riding all day, sometimes getting to the one-nighter too late to even shave before the job, piling into bed at 1:00 or 2:00 a.m. (occasionally piling into the bus for an extra long jump) after the job, and up in time to leave (with or without breakfast) at 8:00 or 9:00 the next a.m. for the next one-nighter.

It's a great life, Mr. Smith—you should try it. I did.

A Musician

Code Of Traffic Court Established Last Week

The Executive Council of the ASUO, having had this action under consideration for six months, hereby crats th Studnt Traffic court.

Article I

Section 1. The Student Traffic court is empowered to act on violations of traffic regulations occurring on University of Oregon property. Thirteenth a venue, which must be regarded as city property, is not within the court's venue.

Section 2. Cases involving loss, risk, or injury to life or property must be handled by municipal authorities.

Section 3. Municipal authorities may, however, refer traffic cases involving University stu-

dents to the court, and the court may also consider any cases brought to its attention by student complaint.

Article II

Section 1. There shall be three student members, one sophomore, one junior, and one senior, to be chosen by the executive council of the ASUO from petitioning applicants. Leadership, mental maturity, and interest in student government should be criteria; it is also suggested that an oral examination be required.

Section 2. Each member of the court shall serve for a three-year term. Initially, the positions shall be by designating one member from each of the three upper classes; thenceforth, a sophomore

shall be chosen at the beginning of each fall term to fill the vacancy left by the graduating senior. Vacancies from other causes shall be fill by the executive council of the ASUA from the class in which the vacancy occurs. All members shall be subject to recall by the executive council for due cause.

Section 3. The senior member of the court shall act as chairman or head judge, retaining his vote. The junior member shall act as the recorder, keeping records of all court proceedings and fines.

Section 4. A faculty member, non-voting, shall be named for a three year term, to provide stability and continuity in an advisory capacity.

Article III

Section 1. Decisions shall be based on th evote of two of the three members.

Section 2. Disposition of fines shall be left to the discretion of the court, for operating expenses of the court, and for improving parking and traffic facilities.

Section 3. Cases in which the violator refuses to abide by the decision of the court may be referred to University authorities.

Section 4. The court shall determine the times of its meetings, may devise a system of posting bonds, if deemed necessary, and may make such other requirements as will facilitate its operation.

Section 5. All meetings shall be open to the public.

Article IV

The executive council of the ASUO, in establishing the Student Traffic court, approves the following policies and authorizations:

Section 1. All students should be required to register their cars. Such registration should be conducted at regular class registration. Each student would fill out a separate card for the use of the traffic court, and pay a nominal fee for such registration to cover expenses and a numbered sticker for the windshield of each registered car.

Section 2. Registration fees should cover expenses only, and may be discontinued at the discretion of the court whenever sufficient funds are on hand.

Section 3. Compilation of a list of standard fines for violations would facilitate the operation of the court.

Section 4. University-owned student parking lots should be restricted to registered cars.

Section 5. It is the hope of the executive council of the ASUO and of the office of student affairs that a student traffic court will so conduct itself as to merit the respect and confidence of the students of the University of Oregon, University authorities, and the municipal police and court, and that its work shall serve as evidence of the maturity of student self-government and as proof that responsibility for student affairs may safely be entrusted to students.

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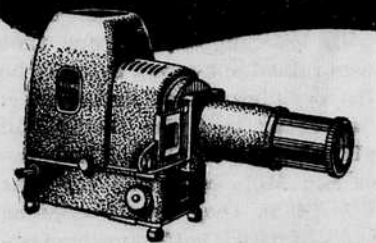
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