

## A Crisis? And How!!

Final examinations start in less than four weeks and the students are entering into a period of crisis. It happens every year.

Time is running out and still the work piles up. Good intentions are a component part of every mind but academic accomplishments are as few and far between as ever.

After a long hard year, the mind has run dry and it's awfully hard to squeeze any more studying out of it. That research paper is due next Monday and all the shows in town are good. What a choice to have to make.

All the architecture projects have to be in in the next few days but the house has to be decorated for the big dance this Saturday too. What a choice to have to make.

Those chapters in American governments just have to be read but a beer at Taylor's or the Side would taste real good on a day like this. How are you gonna choose between the two?

It's reading and conference at three this afternoon and just look at those lucky bums going on another picnic. How come they don't have to work too?

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How will it all end up?

Almost everyone will make the grade. Some of the graduates will only make a 2.001 but that's enough. Some of the pegged grades will be just a little short of the mark but the scholarship committee will read their petitions next fall and vote them one more term on probation. Written finals will be weaker than usual but the curve will stay the same.

And when it's all over students from everywhere in the country, from every college and university, not just Oregon alone, will settle back and ask one simple question . . . . .

"How did I ever do it?" —Bud Hurst.

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## Another Function

Beginning next fall, the student traffic court will take on its first non-traffic duties. Any violations connected with the student athletic books will be referred to the court for disciplinary action.

The decision on this action came at the March 7 meeting of the executive council when Howard Lemons' athletic business manager, reported that at one basketball game 420 books were picked up and that there had been 32 cases of direct forgery.

Although the exchange of books may seem harmless, Lemons reported that should be collector of internal revenue catch anyone, the penalty would be severe.

It was decided that some type of disciplinary action would have to be taken and the council decided to let the student traffic court handle any violation which might come up in the future.

So even before the court has had a chance to function on parking violations, the executive council has deemed it wise to turn over one more type of disciplinary problem to it.

It is in such a manner that the court in time will be evolved into a body with considerably more power and jurisdiction..

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## Balance Your Time

The average college student faces a dual danger involving the use of his time. On the one hand, there is the temptation to look upon college life as preparation for the future entirely and to evaluate all one's activities with an emphasis on the tomorrows. There is, on the other hand, a tendency to become short-sighted—to judge everything only as it applies to today. There is merit in both philosophies but a successful college career depends upon the achievement of proper balance between them.

## Letters

### Let's Act Like Adults Not Children

To the University Students:

Let's quit kidding ourselves; students on this as well as other University campuses drink. Furthermore, no one but the comparatively small prohibitionist element objects to it per se.

Saturday evening I had another opportunity to observe the immature drinking habits of a minority of University men that cling to the "high schoolish" belief that it is a mark of maturity to appear at a house dance or other campus functions loaded to capacity. What they apparently fail to realize is the reflection not only upon themselves but on the houses of which they are members and on the University. Furthermore, it exhibits an utter lack of courtesy to their dates who are particularly embarrassed when it is their own house dance that is being spoiled by the churlish conduct of their invited escorts for the evening.

In the last three years I have played for many house dances both here and at Oregon State. My observations are therefore not based on one or two isolated examples of this type of behavior.

Unless the living organizations themselves take steps to rectify this type of thing, action may result from the University authorities which is the last thing anyone wants to happen. Let's not wait until pressure is brought to bear upon the Student Affairs office forcing them to act. We claim to be adults—let's act like it.

(Name withheld)

### LETHARGIC

Letter to the Editor:

The suicidal lethargy expressed in the editorial last week on world government is a fine example of the old American custom of "It's just so comfortable the way it is—why change it—maybe tomorrow—." This expression on the part of a journalist, supposedly versed on the points under discussion shows a deplorable unwillingness to probe into the compelling reasons for Cord Meyer's "vision."

With the admission that "there is little doubt that a world organization of some kind is necessary to world peace," the writer passes off the subject as something only remotely possible of disturbance. But for those who have known another kind of world and who have no assurance

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## "In MY Opinion . . ."

A Reader Editorial

### Defends Journalists

By Tom Brubeck

Children learn the value of having scapegoats. If they can find a "sucker" to pick on—maybe he wears thick glasses—they feel confident that they themselves are above criticism. Being allies, they would not dream of finding fault with one another.

Many University of Oregon professors are like these children, disguised only by their more subtle language and dressier appearance.

Journalists are their scapegoats, and the little pin-pricks go on continually. Their own profession is above reproach. Truth is what they are after, not cheap "sensationalism" and "distorted news." They wonder how news hawks from the press can hope to write about material that has taken them years to understand.

And having dared to talk back to scholars, I'll get down to cases: First, the English department, made up of noble gentlemen with tweed coats and a far-away look in their eyes. (I can create stereotypes, too.)

They can feel safe in dissecting Pope and Browning within their classroom walls. Their profound comments are not displayed daily before thousands of newspaper subscribers. What is more important, the backs from them!

When I see men so fanatically sold on their own field, and so persistent in their attack upon journalists, I wonder if they are frustrated writers who have trouble selling their material. If that's the case maybe they have made a satisfactory adjustment. I wish them success, but hope they will learn to be more tolerant towards those who want to continue writing.

If they cannot achieve genuine tolerance, maybe they can take a mercenary viewpoint. Newspapermen can, and have, helped teachers. In a large publicity campaign two years ago, newspapers devoted valuable space in trying to obtain better salaries for the educators. Paid advertisements could have been substituted for these features, news stories, and editorials.

Ironically, psychology professors can be just as naive as the group just described. Are their ideas on motivation confined to textbooks? One doesn't have to be a psychologist to realize that the best efforts follow reward rather than punishment.

If they would have us improve, their sarcasm should be replaced by constructive criticism, along with acknowledgment of jobs well done. Superior attitudes do not impress us. We have been through the education mill, too.

Although many history professors are also on the bandwagon, a member of their group offered one of the few fair remarks I have heard concerning journalists. He said historians usually criticize journalists because they are jealous of their writing ability. He went on to say that a combination of the historian's accuracy and journalist's skill in presentation would greatly improve the dull, prosaic books teachers force upon their students.

I would like to add that journalists can often dig up facts more efficiently than historians, since they deal in many fields of knowledge, all of them requiring research techniques.

There isn't space for describing the remarks that come from every department on the campus. It's evident that most professions are not above criticism. Some of them literally get away with murder, but there is some unwritten code of ethics which keeps their names out of newspapers. These doctors, lawyers, and so on, so free to criticize the press, are the same people who come into the newspaper office to make sure the "editor-in-chief" has the correct spelling of their daughter's name, who is visiting for the weekend. (No charge for the publicity, by the way.)

Some things to consider:

- (1) Few newspapers today hire men with less than a bachelor's degree.
- (2) Their product, but its very nature, is constantly in full view of the public's eye.
- (3) Newspaper personnel are becoming more and more specialized. The jack-of-all-trades of yesterday is being replaced by court reporters, lumber experts, and so on.
- (4) A well-written article, no matter how superficial, is more valuable to the layman than one written in technical jargon.
- (5) Newspapers are designed for the masses, not for specific groups.
- (6) Newspaper and radio are the vehicles of democracy. An un-informed population is not capable of self-government.

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