



"Better watch that Chem student—last time he went around sayin' he found sawdust in the potato salad!"

Let's Use What We Got

We sit around and scream and holler for more responsible student government; we yell that the administration (perennial doer-of-no-good-to-students) doesn't give the students the responsibility we deserve. This happens every spring.

An then, six months after the election hub-bub is over, some students write letters to state newspapers complaining about things which could best be handled through responsible student groups.

If vet-dormers think the food served them is bad, then they have every right to complain to and expect answers from the persons in charge.

But the indirect method of reaching these persons through news items in state papers brings nothing but bad publicity to the University.

No one is deliberately trying to kill off the dormitory by malnutrition. Perhaps the director of foods is pinching pennies in the wrong place.

At any rate, the University business manager, the director of foods, and representatives from the office of student affairs intend to meet with the Inter-Dormitory Council and discuss the food situation.

The complaint registered by the 397 men in the vets dorms should properly have gone to the Inter-Dormitory Council in the first place.

One way to get more responsible student government is by using the agencies which have been set up by the students. One way to turn things completely over to the administration is to ignore the student agencies.

This seems to be the season for ignoring—or ignorance.

For students who complained about the method the administration used in presenting deferred living, the students themselves certainly did not select the best method to obtain an investigation of the food at the Vets' Dorms.

Perhaps it was just a matter of following a bad example.

Most unintended insult of the week: A network program Sunday saluted west-coast universities. The band waltzed through the school songs of Washington, Washington State, omitted Oregon altogether, and raised the baton for the Oregon State salute. How many Oregon State students lost fillings gnashing their teeth as they heard the chorus sing "OAC our hats are off to you . . . ?"

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Crotchety Old Vet Sentiment, Schmentiment Who's a Rah Rah Boy?

by Steve Loy



It is evidently necessary to explain something that I thought was understood. Yours truly does not represent all the veterans on the campus. Sometimes I yak as the voice of the vets I do know and sometimes it's only my own opinion. Perhaps it hasn't always been evident which was which.

A fan letter I received yesterday is the reason for the above. "S. Loy, Regarding your article published Tuesday, November 22, 1949: In the future, please use first person

To Vote Or-- Not to Vote

Standing of University students on voting in Eugene has been clarified by statements of M. L. Wadman, Lane County Registrar of Elections.

Following are excerpts from a letter from Wadman to Jack Sollis and Charles Zulauf, members of the Lane County Young Democrats, who requested the clarification.

"As you know, this office cancelled the registration of all students living in and giving a University of Oregon dormitory as his or her legal residence."

These students were notified by mail; fraternity and sorority residents' registration is now being checked and will receive similar action.

Article 2, Section 4 of the Oregon Constitution provides that no person shall be deemed to have gained or lost a residence for the purpose of voting by reason of his absence as a student at any seminary of learning.

"In an attempt to clarify further a student's voting status, we requested an opinion from the District Attorney of Lane County, which reads in part as follows:

"The presumption is that a student coming to Eugene to school retains his former domicile unless there is some reason to believe that he has established a domicile here. This presumption is particularly strong if the student is single, or if he is still supported by his parents, or if he lives in University housing facilities, or if he goes home for his vacations.

"On the other hand, the presumption might be rebutted if the student were married or if he remained in Eugene during vacations, or if he owned or rented a house or apartment.

"The question is entirely one of trying to arrive at the individual intent, by examining the circumstances.

"It is important to note that . . . if it is the student's intention upon finishing school to go where his opportunities seem best, that fact would not defeat his domicile in Eugene, providing other circumstances were sufficient to show that, at least until a better opportunity arose, he would make his home in Eugene."

In other words, being a student in Eugene does not prevent one from establishing a domicile here, but attendance at the University is in itself no indication of his having done so.

"It is not the purpose or intention of this office to deny any person, student or otherwise, the right of voting in this county, but we are taking a precautionary measure to prevent any future elections from being contested as an illegal election."

Wadman told the students that he would be glad to discuss the situation with any student or students at any time and will do all he can to straighten out the situation.

singular while drooling on your bib. There are still a few members of the old guard who cannot stomach your enthusiasm for either the rah-rah spirit or the joy of being a member of one great groups of 'heroic defenders of Democracy.' (Signed) Even More Crotchety."

My unknown friend didn't sign his name so I'll have to reach him this way.

Sir: I had a hunch when I wrote that last column that someone would challenge the sentiment I displayed. That's why I said, "some of us are catching on." I meant it and believe I can prove it. Your feelings are your business. It doesn't matter to me whether or not you will even admit that you're going to the University. I don't care whether or not you go to athletic contests, but, I do think that if you are going to school on the GI bill that you have a lot of gall making light of any other veterans pride in the fact that he is a veteran.

Whether or not you did five years or five months in the service, I don't believe that Uncle Sam owes you, or me, or any of us, a nickel for that service. (My opinion). Anyone who came out of the war in one piece should be grateful for that fact. If not, be grateful for the help that you are getting. Somebody won the war, if you feel that you didn't and don't want to be proud of the guys who did, don't spread it around.

You don't like my stuff so why not skip it? Suits me.

Who's in Charge Here? Friars and Light

by Rod Smith

During intermission at the Homecoming Dance, a very old tradition was observed; Friars, senior men's honorary, tapped its new members for this year. Accompanied by solemn music, which recalled to many of us the nostalgia of high school graduation, the long line of distinguished, black-robed Friars, past and present, arms folded, slowly threaded its way among the crowd. As the new members were tapped, they joined the procession. This ceremony is certainly impressive and it is therefore regrettable that most of the people sitting in the balcony were not able to see it.

The inability to see was not caused by alcoholically dimmed refractory processes. Lack of proper lighting was the culprit. Many people remarked to me, "Its too bad there were no spotlights on the Friars when they marched." They followed up the remark with, "I would have liked to have seen what the boys that were tapped looked like," or, "I know some of the alumni Friars, who marched tonight, but it was so dark I couldn't spot them in the line." I doubt if such a reaction was expected or desired. It should be remembered that even though most of the students know the men tapped, most of the alumni do not, and since Homecoming is essentially an alumni weekend, the alumni should be considered.

Friars began at Oregon in 1910 and only an outstanding few of each year's senior class are honored with membership. They deserve public recognition. They would have a better chance of receiving it if more light were cast upon the Friar's march.

(Our columnists speak for themselves. We, too, would like to see some light cast on Friar tapping—for other reasons.

The editor and his associates.)