

Offhand Observations

Now It's Equal Rights for Men

by Bill Rogers

Way, way back before 1920 and the 19th amendment, there were some vociferous women clamoring for equal rights with men. Finally Susan B. Anthony and her crew secured those rights, and the flappers went to the polls.

Just as an index of how items have changed, the senate Wednesday approved another amendment to safeguard all the special rights, benefits or exemptions given women by law, now or in the future. All this as easy as the women could wish, without any public prompting by a modern Susan B. Anthony.

Now the point is, when will a constitutional amendment be put through to safeguard men against the special rights, benefits, or exemptions of women? It's too rapidly becoming a woman's world when a bunch

of crusty old congressmen start handing out constitutional amendemnts to women without a struggle.

Unless they're out to make it a woman's world, what other rights could women want than the ones they already have? For instance, they now have the right to vote, have usurped smoking to the detriment of the boy-friend's pack, drinking beer to the detriment of the boy-friend's pocketbook, and swearing to the detriment of his hearing when things don't go along as they should.

In addition, they have taken up wearing pants (trousers), once the jealously-guarded and sacred prerogative of the male. There is in fact only one privilege that men now enjoy and women do not or never will, but it wouldn't do to mention it here.

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'Shouldn't Be Missed'

For the cultural minded individual, Wednesday night posed something of a stumper. There were any one of a number of activities that he could attend in the University vicinity.

William Shirer was billed for McArthur Court—something that shouldn't be missed. There was "Ten Days That Shook the World," extraordinary silent movie of the Russian revolution at Chapman Hall—something that shouldn't be missed. There was "To Live in Peace," superb Italian film, presented by the Foreign Film Club at the Mayflower—something that shouldn't be missed.

Now this latter film could be put off until Thursday, since it played two nights. But that still left a choice between the other two important events (plus any small items like studying, club meetings, seminars, night classes, etc.).

The particularly "anxious-to-sop-up-everything-in-a-hurry-man" might have pre-timed it to hear Shirer, then rush down to Chapman for the 9 o'clock showing of the silent film. But his plan would have been frustrated, as he would have been, when he discovered that the 9 o'clock showing began at 8:40.

So what to do in cases like these?

One must just suffer; or set up a pool with roommates whereby each one attends a different function and then makes a complete report to the others, but this seems hardly satisfactory.

So one must just suffer.

A Rose is a Rose

Recommendations About Cheating From Senior Women's Honorary

Second Column by Mortar Board

Who do college students cheat? And what should be done about it? Hundreds of articles in national publications have had a great deal to say about the subject in the past few years. The Emerald hashed the matter over rather thoroughly in its editorial columns, various campus organizations have come forth with solutions to the problem. Yet cheating at Oregon during fall term was probably worse than ever before.

Apparently an honor system is not the right answer for us at the moment. Such a system just can't be put into effect at once at a school where large classes necessitate objective tests, and where grades have become all-important. Under such circumstances, certain students are going to cheat whenever they have the opportunity. Therefore, Mortar Board feels that it is up to the professors to make cheating as difficult as possible.

We have talked to a number of students and faculty members in order to get their opinions on present conditions. Here are some of the questions the students asked.

1) Why do certain professors continue to give the same test year after year? Don't they realize that many students have access to these old tests and use them for studying?

2) Why are tests allowed to fall into students hands before they are given? Isn't there some way to make sure that typists and graders who see these tests won't hand them out to their friends?

3) Why are so many tests given in overcrowded

classrooms where it is almost impossible to keep from looking on a neighbor's paper, and where anyone can easily keep a pony out of the professor's sight?

4) Since professors are aware of cheating, why don't they use more proctors during exams and thus keep cheating down to a minimum?

Some professors answered that they just didn't have time to handle tests in any other way. Others said that they had no desire to police college students who should be able to act like adults. Most professors, however, were more realistic, and agreed that under existing circumstances, the only practical solution is to do everything they can to make cheating impossible.

These are the measures we advocate and they are measures which will be approved by most students, who are tired of watching the classroom grade-stealers at work:

1. Professors should make up new tests each term the course is taught. We realize that this will take more time, but the whole purpose of testing and grading is destroyed when professors use old, invalid tests. We also feel that make-up tests should be different from the original, since students frequently obtain sick excuses in order to miss an exam, then get that test from their friends and pass the make-up with flying colors. Past tests should be used as study guides, not as answer sheets. In some schools, files of past tests are kept

Crotchety Old Vet

A Number of Ways To Use Your Head

by Steve Loy



Think I've got myself another problem. I went to hear William L. Shirer speak Wednesday night. There weren't very many students there, I'd be surprised if there were 300. The problem is, why not? The guy is pretty well informed and he wasn't hard to listen to. He was free.

Sure I know midterms are here. Still it seems to me that you have missed a good chance to learn something outside of class, and you passed it up. The same thing happens when we have concerts. Many students don't go to those because they say they don't like classical music. If you have a reason for disliking a concert artist or a speaker okay, don't go, but if you kiss off with a story of having to study I think that's a poor example of using your head.

There are a lot of ex-quartermasters and taxpayers watching the efforts to get the "Big Mo" out of the mud. Thursday's Oregonian says she may stay there for good. Know how much she cost to build? One hundred million skins, plus. I still haven't heard who put her up there, but you can bet your life if it was a quartermaster or an admiral, someone is going to read him off like he never heard before. Maybe the old gal ran aground of her own accord. Perhaps she felt that she didn't deserve to be put in mothballs. Can't say as I blame her.

Someone sure dropped the ball when they put out the Pioneer. The thing was ridiculous. The next step will be obscene accusations written on the wall of the Oriental

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