

Sophomore Wisdom

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The cold wave has, very conveniently, left us, and it will be possible for voters to swim rather than slide to the polls. This may help bring out a record vote. It seems like every new election brings out a "record vote." This may be due to the increased student interest in politics, or maybe University enrollment is going up.

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Last week we wrote about a happen-chance meeting with a robin, which to us indicated the imminent arrival of spring. We were rather nonplussed to find that there are a

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difference between a good newsmen and an average one. As for our students, they too have certain attributes that could augment a local staff. Local atmosphere is theirs via four years at Eugene, Corvallis, or other state campuses, while at the same time they retain the outlook of other parts of the country. Look at what the Middle West has done for Northwest football.

As in journalism, so in many other fields, and so in radio. Next Saturday the Oregon State Broadcaster's Association is going to hold a student forum. Someone of our securi-

number of persons who do not think that robins have anything to do with spring. They say that the robins stay here all winter, living off the country and making loud noises early in the morning.

This may be, but soon after we saw our first robin, we came home one day to find about twelve robins in the front yard. That was Thursday. On Friday the weather broke, and spring is here, as any fool can plainly see.

Science or no science, we attribute all this to the robins, particularly the twelve who were sitting in the front yard.

So there, you scoffers.

ty-minded seniors is bound to mention jobs and job possibilities.

That "local folks only" idea is on the right track. But they'd be wiser to include local educated people as well. What's the use of four years at one of Oregon's colleges when your own state snubs you? So far Oregon radio has done all right by its own. With the University now stepping up its radio program, we hope they will continue to do so. If they don't we all have one consolation. The Army is taking men without consideration of state boundaries.

New Modular Library Planned for Use in August

By JAMES WEAVER

When Gutenberg invented moveable type, making the mass publication of books possible, he thought he was doing a very admirable thing.

But he did not take into account the plight of the average college student.

Not knowing which way to turn when he arrives, some students stumble into the vast library south of the quadrangle. Bewildered by so many books, and not being quite sure what they want, they stumble out again, and to the utter dismay of the librarians, haven't read a thing.

'Open Up Those Stacks'

To give the undergraduate a chance at the more meaty reading contained in the stacks, a place well known to graduates, the library administration is going to throw open to all students almost 80 per cent of the books, and allow the students a free hand.

This revolutionary procedure will go into effect in August, when the new addition is completed.

A new system comes into being upon the completion of the library addition. Called Modular, it facilitates the handling and allocation of the various sections by being of a transitory nature. A freshman may begin studying in the corner of a large room, and awaken to find himself walled in. Or a sophomore, who has by this time mastered the art of reading with both eyes closed, may rest his head on "Spinoza," and revive to find that the library staff has decided his spot was ideal for the science section. He would be much alarmed to find his pillow the "Atom Bomb."

This plan gives the entire curricula of books "availability," and together with the divisional plan, should prove a stimulus to student reading.

Three Main Divisions

The three main divisions—which are Social Science, Science, and Humanities—will be separately maintained, and each headed by an expert. Bibliography and reference will be the main tasks confronting the three newly created positions. Devoid of administrative duties,

they will be able to apply their efforts directly, giving personal aid to the individual students. The indexing or card catalog will still be utilized, but with the shelves made "easy to get at," the student may see for himself, and pick out exactly what he wants by going to the division he is interested in, and looking over the selections.

Several schools throughout the country are using this divisional plan. Colorado University has a slightly modified plan, creating a core section for each division, in which the more serviceable books are placed separately. Princeton's system approximates the one to be instituted here.

Reserve System Stays

The librarians, realizing the desire of the great majority of students to follow their professors' instructions to the letter, are retaining the reserve system intact. All books assigned as class reading will be kept on reserve, in readiness for the masses that will clamor to get them.

The reference room remains, and with the new system, produces a desirable equilibrium. C. W. Hintz, head librarian, thinks that the one will "give breadth, while the other will provide depth."

The new addition will also contain the audio-visual department in a modern and roomy setting, the Douglas Room, and several of the other sections now housed in the old part, while the Browsing Room moves to the Student Union.

The basic idea behind the entire venture is to render more and better service to the student. The library administration will welcome students to make use of the open stacks, reference service, and reading tables.

March of Dimes Brings \$400

Over \$400 has been turned in for the campus March of Dimes campaign, Kay Kuckenberg, co-chairman, reported Sunday night.

Ten living organizations still have not turned in their money, and Miss Kuckenberg urges them to do so immediately.

Forsenics Club Bills Impromptu Talks

Preliminary competition in extemporaneous speaking, sponsored by the University Forensics Club, will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Room 201, Villard Hall.

"Foreign Policy of the United States" is the topic for the speeches. Winners of the preliminaries will meet in final competition at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Room 104, Villard Hall.

First, second, and third place awards of \$50, \$30, and \$20, respectively, will be made from the Jewett Fund.

E. R. Nichols, professor of speech, is in charge of the two meetings. Both are open to the public.

Weather . . .

Considerable cloudiness and showers Monday and Tuesday. Possible sunshine Monday afternoon. Little temperature change. High temperature Monday 45 degrees; low, 35.

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Oregon Alum to Discuss U.N., Foreign Service Work Tuesday

How does the United States Foreign Service work with the United Nations to rebuild the backward corners of the world?

Robert R. Schott, '45, who served four years in the Foreign Service, will give the answers Tuesday at an International Relations Club meeting in the Men's Lounge, Gerlinger, at 7:30 p.m.

Titled "The Foreign Service Today and Article Four of the U. N. Program," Schott's talk will explain what's being done to rehabilitate the underdeveloped areas of the earth.

After six months training in the Washington, D. C., Foreign Service school, Schott served a two and one-half year assignment in Basra, Iraq. For the last 18 months he was attache in charge of councilor

affairs for the American embassy in Teheran.

Schott, who was graduated in Business Administration, is back on the campus to audit courses during his home leave from the State Department. Next month he will leave for Washington and from there return to Teheran.

While at Oregon, Schott was a member of Delta Upsilon, Alpha Delta Sigma, and Friars. He was secretary-treasurer of the ASUO.

Sponsored by the International Relations Club, Schott's lecture is open to all students.

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