

It Would Take Time to Develop The Seal Steps Out

No doubt about it—the honor system is a corkin' good idea.

But—is it good for Oregon? If not—what would make it so?

Two things: Students would have to be honest enough not to take advantage of the convenience of the setup, and—students would have to perfect the habit of "squealing" on others who did take advantage of the system.

That's a large order. It's too large to be foisted upon a student body unexposed to, or unaware of, traditions necessary to the proper functioning of an honor system. Therein lies the key to the matter—without suitable spadework beforehand, the system would be certain to fail.

For professional (or professorial) opinion on the subject, we approached a number of faculty members. Consensus was the honor system would not be practical at U. O. The reasons cited were essentially the same as above.

However—some interesting commentaries were made on the matter. Such as—

"The best way to install the system would be to formulate an orientation program for freshmen. A select student body composed of the pick of high school graduates would expedite the process greatly. But to institute the system without prior preparation would prove foolhardy and successful."

The question was also raised as to whether students would actually want it. Thus: "Many students, especially the better ones, would be wholeheartedly against the honor system. For them the present policing is sufficient."

And a different point of view: "I don't care about cheating. Let them settle their conscience if they're tempted too much." (This, naturally enough, comes from a philosophy professor.)

Also: "The attitude of students on this campus would wreck the ethics of the plan. Cheating would flare up even more than it does now. The

students would have to have the proper indoctrination—namely, start them out when they're young, in the primary and secondary schools."

Said a law professor, commenting on the fact that the law school employs the honor system: "Law school is different. Students have one exam a term and cheating is of no real help. As for the rest of the University, I don't believe cheating helps on essay tests."

And another: "Tradition is the main ingredient, and tradition would be hard to form

Wild Notes

Beware

by Fred Young

Amidst the grovelling cries to "beware of the welfare state," another co-op has been designated to save the desperate student a few more pennies. Conveniently located in Springfield and Eugene, these drive-in co-ops should make pigging a paying proposition.

Musically, it's suggested that the Crystal Room be



visited and the Don Palmer trio be heard. The star of the show is the very versatile Eddie Shu. Recently of the new Charlie Barnet band and with Lionel Hampton last summer, Shu has recorded with the brilliant Barbara Carroll and played with George Shearing. Shu blows a very modern tenor, that is, when he isn't playing clarinet, trumpet, harmonica, or piano. A rare treat you shouldn't miss.

at a school this size. The system would be neither practical nor worthwhile."

Another: "Professors themselves, by their lack of proper relationships with their classes, are responsible for cheating in many instances. In any event, students simply will not tell on one another. I was told by one instructor that 50 per cent of the student body cheated. Although I don't believe this is a true figure, nevertheless, the honor system would not work. For the desire to cheat will be prevalent as long as there is so much emphasis on grades. Moreover, I wonder whether the honor system is desirable. I studied under it and wasn't satisfied.

Thus—the honor system is impractical for Oregon. If it ever develops, it will be a long time in coming.—Tom King.

After One Year

Not Everyone Has a White Telephone

Views of a Foreign Student

(What does a foreign student think of one year at an American University? The best answer to that question can be given by the students themselves. In the following article, the first of several, Gisela Schmidt of Finland comments on her year at Oregon. Miss Schmidt lived Fall term at University House, and is now living at Alpha Phi sorority. Living organizations which wish to be host next year to a foreign student may make application this week to J. D. Kline, foreign student adviser.—Editor.)

By GISELA SCHMIDT
Foreign Student from Finland
Living at Alpha Phi

The first sensational thing about America that I am going to launch when I go home to Finland is that life over here is not a copy of that rosy dream the Hollywood movies make it out to be—everybody does not possess a white telephone, and very few American girls find a "guy" whose father is a millionaire. No, Americans are hard workers; they know what they want and they take out all their energy in order to reach their goal. This I would not have found out so soon if I had not had the wonderful opportunity to study at an American University and live the life of an American "coed."

There is something unique in this country and that is the friendliness one meets wherever one goes. People don't lock themselves up in an ivory tower. A foreigner is not forced to spend weeks and months at making stiff, impersonal conversation. People are candid and informal and the foreigner can soon penetrate to the core of the American way of life.

Coming from a country upon which the events of the last ten years have set a stamp of austerity, I have been very much impres-

sed by the American optimism. Here I have learnt that to be gay, to make the best of things, to have faith in life, is the normal way of living. This attitude I shall try to import to my country.

A feature in American life that appeals very much to me is the lack of an engrained class-distinction. Neither a pedigree nor a title makes people get carried away with awe. Everybody talks to everybody else as if he were his equal. One need not look up to one's professor like to a semi-god; but can speak to him as a human being. I wish I could do something for less complicated social living when I go back to Finland.

People in Europe often think of America in terms of national isolation and disinterest in universal political affairs. The best proof against this is the fact that the U. S. is willing to take foreign students and show them such grand hospitality. Again and again I have been impressed by the good will Americans feel towards my country, and their serious concern about our situation. One year in America means breaking out of a long isolation; it means broadening of one's outlook. It is the best encouragement a small country that has had a rough time can receive.

Two weeks at an American college means learning and using American slang, that is not to speak like an English grammar book. And now I know all about the mysterious terms like "dating," "necking," and "getting pinned." Though these things are less serious, nobody could deny their importance in the development of humanity.

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Who's in Charge Here

Too Late: The Horse is Stolen

by Rod Smith

Looking over the recent letters in the Emerald directed at the columnists, I noticed that all of them carried one similar characteristic: they all tried to have the barn door closed after the horse was stolen. The law students, in both their gripe against the traffic court and their complaint about the constitutional election, might have been far more beneficial to the University if they had done something to correct the difficulties in the beginning.

At present, the whole set-up seems more

humorous than serious to the average student, and even appears to some as just plain "hammy." The same could be said for the squawking of the "crow" (KRO) which was sent in by my friends, the "radio-rowdies."

Either a lot of the gals have been making weekend trips to the coast or they still are trying to dope out the hidden mechanisms of that treacherous weapon, the sun-lamp. Remember, three minutes is the limit! Four is one too many; ask the girl who seems to be always blushing.