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On the Air

No Approval

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Racial discrimination can take many forms and it has raised its ugly head in one of the worse ways here in Eugene.

- A young matried couple was recently evicted from their rented house because friends they had visit them were not white Americans, but were of other races and other nations.

To add insult to injury, the landlady told the couple that they could remain for the next 30 days, but that their friends would have to enter the house by the back door.

University officials say that no action will be taken against the landlady other than warning future prospective tenants of the situation in that apartment house.

The University should go further and take the house off its approved list—it shouldn't recommend the house to anyone connected with the University.

A University's purpose should be to educate people in democratic ideas and principles. To sanction such practices as racial discrimination by approving such an apartment house is in direct opposition to what should be one of the University's main objectives.

Action by the University is not the only solution to future annoyances and effects of discrimination. Any landlord or landlady who has such convictions or feelings about minority groups should post house rules and regulations in a conspicuous place in the house or apartment so that tenants will know the situation there and can act accordingly.

Monday, May 29--A Killjoy

May 29 should never have been born. Or-at best-it should have been born on a different day.

Just look at the dirtywork it's doing: Instead of a well needed three-day holiday (May 28 through Memorial Day, which is May 30), students will have their vacation broken by classes on May 29, (Monday). The U. of O. will have Sunday off, attend classes Monday, and return to their slumbers on Tuesday. It would seem much better if they could just sleep from Sunday straight through until 8 o'clocks Wednesday morning. And with Saturday a non-class day for most students, the weekend would become, in effect, a four-day holiday.

Elimination of Monday as a school day would seem desirable in view of the fact that attendance in classes will be spotty anyway. Will the same old bugaboo that existed when classes were held during registration crop up again? Are they classes or informal shop-talks? And do they actually do the University, the faculty, or the student body distinguishable good? We doubt it.

Cancellation of May 29 classes would, furthermore, enable students to work on term reports and other similar projects that are so prevalent during that period. It would be a final breather before the last big push—final exam week.

The administration would do well to consider the cancellation of May 29 classes. For, not only do classes held under such conditions accomplish little, but a 4-day holiday would be some compensation for the lack of vacation between winter and spring terms.—T.K.

Passing the Roadblock

To a great many people, the rejection of the Constitutional election by the judiciary committee may stimulate memories of the little dog who chased his tail around in circles until he realied how futile it was. Or it may seem like student government is operating under the theory that the shortest route between two points is an arc with double-loops and triple-detours. But such assumptions also are misleading. The proposed Constitution will come up again on May 22, 23, and 24—and the fact that voting will last three days has been announced before—not after—the election. It has a good chance of passing. We hope it does. It would be a genuine shame—and also a roadblock in the way of progress—if it didn't.

Judging from the returns of the last few days, I should say the KDUK drive is going to' make its goal. When the campaign began, I heard that a sum of \$2,000 would be needed to put a campus station in operation. About \$1,000 in pledges has been accumulated so far with good prospects of the rest coming in within a short while. If this does happen, many students will all read the results sometime next week and say, "Well, that does it. Next year a radio station."

It sounds good, but as I see it the situation dóesn't look as good as it reads. A good sum of that money will go for an engineer who will plan the technical end of the station. Good engineers cost money. If the radio studios fiddle around with anything less, the students will gef



the same set up as last fall when U. O. broadcasts cut in on commercial stations and got in bad with the Federal Communications Commission. They say that the drive will net enough money to insure the carrier current station. If it is a successful drive, it will get SOME of the money needed to set up the FM system. The rest of that money will have to come from some other source.

The funds of the speech department for the current year are virtually depleted. A lot of its money went to the University Theater. Dr. Roy McCall, head of the speech department has been in close contact with the drive, and has expressed the willingness of the department to aid financially in the establishment of an FM outlet. Any action on his part will depend a lot upon the appropriation granted him by the powers that be for 1950-51. Success of the KDUK campaign will show that a lot of people have more than a passing interest in the station. People in the radio honorary, the speech and drama departments, and the student body itself hav worked and contributed to KE UK. Local radio stations gav freely of their time and advice Now, what have the Universit and the officials above and be yond it done? So far they hav patted the project on the head approved of it, and have don almost nothing.

As some practical soul suggested, "It would be nice if the University and/or the State Board et al would agree to match the funds subscribed by the drive."

How Large is the Elephant?

The funds of the drive will be handled jointly by University faculty and a student board of directors. The students will have power of the purse-strings over the money collected in the drive. The faculty will lend their experience and assistance. The combined efforts would be aided

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by assurance of adequate funds.

To prove this point with statistics, it would be a graphic gesture if they would print an estimated cost of station expenses along with the result of the drive. Then all concerned would see how much money is needed, and they could plan where it will come from.

It's going to take a lot of peanuts, maybe more than they've collected to feed the elephant.

Unbelievable, But True

The Oregana will be out by Junior Weekend!

It's almost too good to believe. For three years we've heard, in the Fall that the book is delivered about Junior Weekend. The first year we believed it; after that we just nodded, and said "yeah."

Having the yearbook delivered this week is almost enough to make us think that normalcy has returned. Just exactly what having Oreganas to look at during Junior Weekend festivities and preparation will do to the weekend is something for conjecture. But if they managed before the war we guess it can be managed now. So what if persons on the floats Saturday are all reading the Oregana?

Editor Larry Davidson and his staff deserve all the praise they will surely receive today, Friday and Monday, when the book is distributed.

Each year's book improves over the previous year's, and the 1950 Oregana picturing "a year to remember" carries on in this tradition.

An Act of Faith

The books come off the bookshelves this Saturday.

It's the annual Library Day Contest in which students submit their collections of between 20 and 50 books for prizes ranging up to \$50 apiece.

This contest serves a worthwhile function for the University. By encouraging the collection—and thus the reading—of books, students today prepare themselves better for the future they face tomorrow. For, in the tomorrow, many of them will have neither the time nor the opportunity to devote attention, to one of the world's greatest sources of learning.

The competition at Oregon is indeed a healthy one. Last

But—the point is that in circumventing from the shortest route between two points, the student government was made to circumvent within the orbit of the technical restraints of the law.

This is commendable—despite the fact that progress has been delayed in the student government framework for one year.

For, while progress has been delayed there—progress has taken larger strides elsewhere—namely, in the Student Government's adherence to the laws which it makes.

And, too, this raises the question of just who was at fault in the failure of the Constitution to receive approval.

No—it was not the student government. Yes—it was the student body, whose apathy at the polls forced extension of the number of voting days after balloting had begun. For it is fairly obvious that the same student body actually is receptive to the Constitution.

The student body will have a second time at bat soon—May 22, 23, and 24. May it not strikeout so miserably as it did before. —T.K. year there were approximately 80 entries. By comparison, Oregon State had 12. This year the totals may even be higher—for both schools, we hope.

In any event, the securing of a broad education through knowledge assembled by others serves an invaluable purpose. A man like Victor Hugo was fascinated by it. To him, a library was "an act of faith."—T.K.



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