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'Lame Ducks' in Campus Politics

Both the sophomore and junior class presidents have fallen off their political perches because of spring term grades lower than the treacherous 2.

We're not condemning Vernon Beard and Joe Kiaser—the two ex-presidents—but we are condemning the system which fostered the situation of which they were part.

The faults are many:

At least one of the two didn't know his previous term's grades were considered. He thought his cumulative GPA would tide him over.

Nobody—including the Executive Council—knew exactly who is supposed to see that all office holders' grades are okay.

The vice-president of the sophomore class learned Sunday that she is to step into the presidency. Two weeks hence is the Sophomore Whiskerino.

The "who's to blame" axe falls on:

1. Campus political parties for nominating students walking scholastic tightropes.

This problem of political 'lame ducks' comes up every year. It's not peculiar to one party.

2. Candidates who take on the burden of running for campus office when D's are facing them.

3. Executive councils of past years who did not set up machinery to clarify the situation.

The Emerald's promise is not only to blame, but also to offer a solution. So . . .

Raise the grade requirement for campus officers? No, many a bookworm makes a poor gavel-wielder. And a 3. student could easily drop below a 2. one term.

Make Student Affairs responsible for checking officer's grades every term? No, it's our problem, not the administration's.

Let's try this.

Insert a clause in the constitution requiring the Executive Council (and its parallel under the new constitution) to check all officers' grades either before or during registration week of every term.

Specific members of the Council should have the job, and their positions should be listed in the constitution.

Notice that plural . . . "members." We think either the junior or senior representatives—one from each political party—should have this responsibility.

And it should be done right away. Before another grade point falls.

Will There be Joy in Philadelphia?

Between a 50-yard-run on one Saturday afternoon and a 50-yard-kick on another, baseball steps in to take its last curtain call of the 1950 season today—the World Series begins.

And while sports fans everywhere will be interested in the Ducks, Notre Dame, and Kyle Rote, they won't be too busy to stop and consider how the Phils are faring against the Yankees. It's the first pennant in 35 years for the Quakers—so they'll be used to having the odds stacked against them when they head in against the New Yorkers as 2 to 1 underdogs today.

Maybe the Phils will pull a surprise. Chances are they won't. But for the next few days anyway there may be an understandable drop in attendance at many classes—or maybe some professors will keep one step ahead of the game by either (1) dismissing class, or (2) bringing along a radio to intermingle with the class lecture. It's been done before.

The Profs. should be thankful the series isn't a year-round event. As it is, the arrival of the series means football season has arrived too.—T.K.

THE DAILY 'E' . . .

. . . Glenna Hurst and Pat Saunders, two persistent actresses who stayed in "Born Yesterday" tryouts until the final round. They were edged out by Joyce Sommerlade for the lead role of Billie Dawn.

THE OREGON LEMON . . .

. . . to Ted Saenger, recent Oregon visitor and Sports editor of the Daily Californian, who topped off a complimentary column about Oregon with the misinformation that the Student Union bowling alley has six lanes. All true Ducks know there are eight lanes.

The Second Cup

People have philosophized on many things—some good, some bad. Following are undoubtedly the "higher echelon among the evil contingent:

On communism—

The theory of communism may be summed up in one sentence: Abolish all private property.—The Manifesto.

On passion—

Passion is universal humanity. Without it religion, history, romance and art would be useless—Balzac.

On drinking—

Drink! for you know not whence you came, nor why: Drink! for you know not why you go, nor where—Khayyam.

He is a drunkard who takes more than three glasses, though he be not drunk—Epictetus.

Three may keep a secret if two of them are dead—Franklin.

News From All Over

Discrimination Hits Front Pages

The big fall term is fully under way—so let's hop on the collegiate roller-coaster and take a spin around the country to find out what other campuses from the Northwest to New England are doing these days:

On the other side of the continent at the University of Connecticut, excavations for the new Student Union building have finally begun. The structure will even contain tennis courts. . . But courts of another kind were worrying 450 members of the student body who received parking tags in the very first week of school.

Discrimination, too, was occupying much attention on campus. . . The Pi Epsilon Pi national fraternity refused to approve the pledging of a Negro student to its Connecticut chapter. . . The chapter now threatens to secede. . . And the pledge? He's a varsity football player and former president of his freshman class.

At Syracuse University, discrimination of another kind was the center of student gossip. . . The admissions office was heatedly defending itself after 6 percent of the New York high school reported that racial and religious discrimination is being carried on by colleges within the state.

Most dramatic news of the week at the Illinois Institute of Technology was the discovery that ordinary dollar bills have magnetic properties.

In the deep South at North Carolina State, vandalism hit the campus as the bell tower and coliseum were besmirched with the big, bold blue initials, "U. N. C." At Chapel Hill, where the University is situated, students painted up the place with the letters "N. C. S." The University president charged students with "complete irresponsibility."

A student from the city of the Arabian Nights, Baghdad, has become the 13th member of his family to study in the United States. . . He's at Louisiana State.

Meanwhile, at Texas Christian University, enrollment dropped 12 per cent in line with other schools the nation over.

On the West Coast, at College of Pacific, a political science professor delivered a fiery harrangue outside the doorway of the Student Union



Magazine Rack

Idea of What Not to Say When June Rolls Around

By Marge Scandling

Article in the September AMERICAN advises college students to know what they want to do after graduation and then sell that idea to the prospective employer. . . . says that one of the poorest techniques is the line, "I'll do anything to work for your company, even sweep the floor". . . . (one employer told the candidate he'd had a good floor sweeper for 35 years, but if he could do better, he could have the job for the next 35).

Map accompanying the article shows ratings of the 48 states as to percentage of employables working. . . . Oregon

ranks in the second of five categories with 96-98% employed.

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READER'S DIGEST article last month, written by Columbia University history professor, plays up neglect on part of American colleges that fail to require courses in U. S. history. . . . author says that thorough understanding of the subject is the best counter offensive to communism or socialism. . . . brings out results of a New York Times survey to which some college freshmen answered that Walt Whitman was a band leader, Alexander Hamilton invented the telephone, and Thomas Jefferson founded the Saturday Evening Post. List of state universities not requiring U. S. History, Oregon among them, goes with article.

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The movie "The Black Rose" has apparently started something. . . . magazines are full of ads for Black Rose hair tint (jet black), shoes (wine color), stockings (seams in bright red), a cocktail dress (black), compacts (black with red roses), blouses, nail enamel and lipstick (described as "autumnal abracadabra. . . a veritable chameleon of a color"), hats, gloves, hair coiffure ("moulding bewitchery that blends the storied adventure of ancient times with the fashion of today"), jewelry, a new color for the Hudson car, robes and pajamas, a sealskin coat, and a new cocktail known as the Black Rose (recipe on page 147 of September BAZAAR).

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Clamor over University of Washington's photographing of coeds culminated in a 3-column story in TIME which explained the whole situation. . . . and added that Harvard, Barnard, and Smith colleges did the same thing as a part of the work of the health and PE department.

It Could Be Oregon



"Professor Snarf should know better than lecture to engineering students after the whistle blows."