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The Word Ledger's Other Side, Some Activities OKed

From Stan Turnbull

Emerald columnists in particular—this corner not excepted—and campus non-believers in general seem of late to have been getting tremendous kicks out of kicking activities and "activity girls and boys" about. The word "petition" is acquiring all the lovely associations of "leprosy" and such. . .

For the record, there's another side to it.

Without activities and activity-folk there would not now be, and never would be, a Student Union building. It was begun in 1923 under leadership of ASUO President John MacGregor and was in large part pushed through by "activity people", not excepting Dick Williams, the present director.

Nor would we have achieved 1 o'clock closing hours for Friday nights, a small point but something we'd dislike giving up now that we have it. And there would be no all-campus dances, no Homecoming celebration to return to, no nothin' at all, almost hardly.

Beyond the physical achieve-

ments, even in the most trivial of activities it is possible to meet people. For every no-good you'll meet there'll be a number of truly fine people, that will be remembered with pleasure for years to come.

All this isn't to say that some of these activities-for-their-own-sake aren't pretty silly. Our vote for the most-dispensable project of this or anybody's year is that of—no fooling—a group known as the AWS scrapbook committee. The project: to "compile a scrapbook depicting life on the Oregon campus, to be sent overseas." Imagine the international squabble that'll arise when it comes time to decide what one country is to be privileged with this priceless volume.

Another project that was probably worth trying, but that certainly hasn't panned out, is the "draw on the walls" scheme for the small lunchroom off the coke-bar at the Union. The place has rapidly taken on all the elevated tone of the men's powder room at some of the lower run of beer joints.

Campus Critic



'Storm Warning' Strong Drama of KKK Skirmish

By Don Smith

"Storm Warning" a powerful, action-packed thriller at the McDonald, pulls few punches.

From its beginning—the murder of a free-writing reporter by a mob of half-crazed Ku Klux Klaners—to its end, a mass meeting of the KKK's, the film keeps its drama at a high peak of suspense.

The drama, produced by Warner Bros., is of a dress model who witnesses the Klan slaying while looking for her sister. The county prosecutor subpoenas the model to testify at the inquest, realizing that this is the one chance he has to get an indictment against the Klan, which controls the small southern town, taking the law in its own hands. The model, being an outsider, can testify because she has no kin to protect; no fears about the Klan getting back at her.

But the woman saw two men at the slaying, and one of them is her brother-in-law. She is then faced with the problem of whether to tell the truth and wreck her sister's marriage; or to withhold the truth, and let her sister keep the happiness she has with her murderer-husband.

This leads up to a climatic court-room scene. But after the model's testimony, the picture has only added suspense and action—because then she has to live with the decision she's made. This last part of the film—with

The Second Cup

While there is a lower class I am in it. While there is a criminal class I am of it. While there is a soul in prison I am not free. —Debs.

As in all things, drinking in moderation is not evil. The coldness of social inhibitions can be withered and in their stead, a warm companionship can be born—Anonymous.

In these days of strife and strain, and misunderstandings between men, perhaps we can still cherish a few words on a subject like brotherhood.

Letters

The Campus Answers

Millikan's Address
Emerald Editor:

For the benefit of those students not privileged to attend Dr. Millikan's expedient address presented at the Student Union Sunday, I wish to give you my interpretation.

Dr. Millikan let us know that we have a malady upon our hands which is far worse than any yet communicated by germ or bacteria. Science is able to cure physiological disease or at least halt its spread. In the few years which comprise the past century scientists in every field, medicine, physics, chemistry, and biology, to mention only a few, have been able to aid mankind no end in advancing our culture on a technological basis.

But for tens of centuries, going back to the earliest advent of man upon this earth, we have contained within our minds and now within our hearts a malignant disease which the greatest of scientists have not been able to cope with. It was known to the Romans as "Bellum"—to us as "WAR." Whether it stems from a body containing a good mind but possessed with a bad heart, as Hitler had, or be it the adverse, a good heart but bad mind found in Stalin, still it spells war.

The scientist can not combat it. All he is able to do is quote what his experience has taught him as being infallible, "Do unto others as you will have them do unto you." Sorry, science is not able to construct a machine to force us into line; it is up to each and every one of us, both you and I, all of we 150 million Americans along with the other three billion individuals comprising this world to live up to the "Golden Rule."

Let's start this moment, trying it out on the campus; perhaps it will be contagious enough to spread.

R. G. Seebach.

Military Pauses for Education

The befuddled situation regarding the status of students in the selective service boils down to three definites:

1. Students in good standing will be able to complete the present school year. Even if Congress enacts legislation to the contrary, the legislative process is a slow one and would not go into effect until sometime spring term. Even during the darkest days of World War II no student was ever taken out of school during the middle of a term.

2. Those who receive their routine induction notice and get a postponement may volunteer for whatever branch of the service they choose.

3. Spring term or sooner a quota of freshmen and sophomore students taking the basic ROTC course will be deferred if approved for advanced ROTC. The University has received notice from the Association of Land Grant colleges saying the deferments may be granted immediately. That has been clouded, however, by the university military science department which has received no such notification from the army or air force.

On the indefinite list is a bill introduced into the last session of Congress and re-introduced into this one which calls for an expanded ROTC program.

The bill would divide the ROTC program into three divisions: (1) the present system where an ROTC graduate accepts a six-year reserve commission, (2) an augmentation program requiring two years of active duty after graduation, and (3) a career officer procurement program where graduates serve three years active duty and remain in an active reserve unit after completion of duty. The two latter programs pay student fees and expenses.

To date there has been no active opposition to the ROTC expansion bill. Presumably it would be incorporated into the universal military service and training act proposed by General Marshall and Mrs. Rosenberg which is now in the hearing stage.

These enactments and proposals are not designed to exclude college students from military service. But they do postpone the term of service until after education is completed—K.M.

Student Court--Scratch to Success

The student court has done a whale of a job this year in dealing with student traffic problems.

It has received the praise of the office of student affairs, of the student executive council, of the campus cop, and most important of all—the praise of the students themselves.

The court, under the competent leadership of Henry Adams, has been businesslike and fair in its handling of cases that come before it Wednesday evenings. Though each student has the right to appeal his case to director of men's affairs Ray Hawk, very few appeals have been made. And almost all of them have been appeals on grounds that the student could not afford the fine, rather than that the decision of the court was unjust.

The court has also been effective in getting traffic and parking conditions on the campus in working order. Rules and regulations are available in mimeographed form and maps of student parking areas are available.

Starting from scratch, the court, with all new membership this last fall, has raised itself up to a position where it is respected by the University.

At present there are two vacancies in the court membership to be filled by the executive council. May the two members be as conscientious and efficient as their predecessors and the three remaining members of the court have been.D.S.

THE DAILY 'E'...

to the many Oregon students wearing the small blood drop pins on their lapels... a pint of blood is much to give. And to Donna Mary Brennan and Herb Nill, campus co-chairman who worked so hard to make the blood drive a success.



"A nasty little rumor has gone around the department. Seems that one of the instructors slipped up and gave a student an 'A' last term."