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ALAS--THE OREGON OATH LOST OUT

Oregon education is smiling today. And well it might. A bill requiring teachers to sign statements if they were ever Communists has been defeated. At one point in its short-lived career, the bill contained a clause including university professors in the proposed statement signing. The entire bill died in the House because of failure to get a two-thirds vote to put it on the calendar.

That means Oregon can throw out its chest and shout for freedom of education and educators . . . ours is a state as yet uncrippled by such backward steps as loyalty oaths.

It does our pride no good to know that the bill was ever introduced in the state legislature. And it hurts even more to remember that the Senate passed it 25 to 5.

Pressure Makes Some Proponents Some of its proponents were proponents because they were too weak to stand the pressure of the American Legion and similar organizations. Others must have thought that a vote for the bill was a vote in their pockets two years hence.

But even more disturbing were those senators and representatives sincerely supporting this measure. They feared for the future of our way of life, and saw in such statements a method of throttling Communism's throat.

Such men have won out in other states. There's the famous case at the University of California where 18 professors were fired because they refused to sign a non-Communist declaration required by the Board of Regents.

However, early last month the state court of appeals declared the oath unconstitutional, and the professors were to be reinstated. Their reinstatement can hardly erase the damage done.

President R. L. Stearns of the University of Colorado was bragging in March because "it appears that there will be a 100 percent return from the faculty" in signing the Colorado teachers' loyalty oath.

In February the Colorado Board of Regents ruled that all faculty members had to take the oath, and that the administration must engage someone to investigate reports of subversive persons on campus.

Would an Oath Sway a Commie? Well, why not the loyalty oath or non-Communist oath? First, if the intent of such an oath would be to ferret the Reds out of our education system, what a failure it would be. A signed statement means nothing to a follower of the Communist party. He could sign an oath daily, and it would do nothing but drive his beliefs in a little deeper.

Second, such a measure is an insult to an independent American. It declares that we have no confidence in our system or in our individuals within the system. It shouts that we're afraid, that we're afraid because our way may not be the best. And so we resort to those tactics against which we have always fought. How can we expect to build confidence in others when we lack confidence in ourselves?

That's a question Oregon does not have to answer. Those who would leave our state system unshackled have won.

Pick a Number---You Lose

We punched the wrong set of buttons on the Student Union juke box the other night. And were we lucky! Because in the true tradition of the Student Union juke box, the number didn't play. Thus we were able to retrieve our nickel from the main desk and spend it on something more sensible.

However, during the last few months, we haven't been so lucky. Neither have the students who have put a quarter in the machine and have heard anywhere from zero to five songs, depending on the disposition of the machine.

Sunday evening we put a dime in the juke box and heard only one of the numbers punched. Monday night we put in a nickel. Nothing happened. About three months ago we put coins in the juke box with approximately the same result.

It is unthinkable that the Student Union should keep such an exasperating contraption around all this time without having it repaired or replaced. Perhaps this and the quality of the doughnuts at the soda bar are two ingenious steps in a master plan to drive the student trade somewhere else.—K.M.

THE DAILY 'E' . . .

to stunning Bob "Roberta" Jones, elected queen of Law School weekend, and his devastating court, who reigned over festivities in the two day celebration.



In A Smog

Moon Ball, Rocket Parade Emerge From Smog for Future Weekends

with Norm Anderson

It's Junior Weekend in the year of our Lord, 1999.

Things are really getting hot. The rocket parade to New York is being readied. Many of the houses are having trouble hijacking atom power for propulsion, but things will work out.

Nearly everyone is getting ready for the "Moon Ball," but tickets on the rocket ship are beginning to get scarce. Of course, not everyone will make the "Ball."

There will be a cocktail party here and there and a lot of people may find themselves enjoyably entertained on the Stratolite Lounge, that new place that opened up 23,000 miles above Portland, just off the main line to Mars. (There's a local rocket that stops there, on the way to Mars. Slow, takes nearly fifteen minutes, but it's not so bad if you take it easy in the lounge.)

Nearly every wire recorder in the University's Special Aids Section is rented out. No one is going to class, but everyone is recording the lectures from the records

made by professors earlier in the week. After all finals come right after Junior Weekend and those eight hour deals aren't the simplest things to handle.

Eugene's 31 hotels are nearly completely reserved, including the new 23-story, block-long, Eugene Plaza. Every plane-port in the city is reserved. The Republican National Convention is also going to meet here the week following and this city of 207,000 will be filled to the gills awaiting to see who the next President will be. (The Republican nominee is always the next president.)

Without doubt, excitement reigns supreme in Eugene, the '99 Junior Weekend will probably be the best ever seen in the over-hundred years of the occasion.

Of course there is some grumbling about having to observe the traditions during this week. Imagine, an All-Campus Sing in that antiquated McArthur Court, (the old building now being used to house the University's mouse collection).

And that stupid picnic. We have to take the subway under the river, go over into Old Eugene, leaving this beautiful new area of 128 acres set in the middle of the new section of the city, and hold a hot-dog party on that dirty old lot. Imagine that being part of the University at one time. Thank God it's now a state park, opened only during Junior Weekend, so that we can crown the Queen.

Oh, well, that's the least we can do to remember those who made this great new university of 15,000 students. They fought so hard for us, keeping us in the Pacific Coast Conference so that now we go to the Rose Bowl year after year. "Cotton Bowl" day is a memorial of that.

We don't really understand why they celebrate all those things, but Junior Weekend is a time when we remember what made our university great and we ought to show some respect to those who did it, even those way back in '04.

Colleges From Coast To Coast

Riots in Syracuse; Freedom in Seattle

Water riots are on the way to becoming an annual spring term event at Syracuse University in New York, where 34 students were arrested by police after a water battle in which over 1,800 students were involved.

"Less water and more arrests," was the *Daily Orange's* comment on the "repeat performance of last year's aquatic free-for-all." Both years the riot grew from a spontaneous battle between two hill fraternities and slowly spread to the lower part of the Syracuse campus.

Everything was rather harmless until the police arrived on the scene, and started making arrests. At that point more students gathered and it turned into a student versus police affair.

"The crowd began hazing the police with jeering and booing," reported the *Daily Orange*. "On-lookers complained about unnecessary roughness by police, and students continued throwing buckets of water wherever the police were standing."

"As more police cars and patrol wagons entered the scene the crowd moved up and down the streets in pursuit of police, screaming 'let 'em out' and 'so long, it's been good to know you.'"

The Second Cup

And with students taking time out from spring term activities for rain and midterms:

It is good to rub and polish our brain against that of others. Montaigne.

One cannot know everything. Horace.

Study until twenty-five, investigation until forty, profession until sixty, at which age I would have him retired on a double allowance. William Osler.

Either do not attempt at all, or go through with it. Ovid.

What government is the best? That which teaches us to govern ourselves. Goethe.

Education is the process of driving a set of prejudices down your throat. Martin H. Fischer.

Comments from University officials were exactly what you would expect from University officials.

A New York Times correspondent visited the University of Washington last week to interview students and faculty members to find out if there is freedom of expression on the campus.

Opinion of the interviewees as to the objectivity of the reporter was varied. Some claimed he apparently had no pre-determined opinions; but one student said he got exactly the opposite impression from the man's questions.

The reporter got different answers to the same questions, too. When he asked if the UW Daily editor had been fired for political reasons, his answers were 1) Yes, 2) No, and 3) partly. The fired editor, interviewed by the Times, was the most outspoken

in his criticism of the lack of freedom of expression on the campus.

A color film of life on the University of Texas campus will be used next fall as part of the school's freshman orientation plan. The film was made by the University visual instruction bureau.

Students at the University of Idaho who live year round in Moscow (Idaho) got irked by the city's decision that they couldn't vote; went out and supported a write-in candidate. After elections the students gloated when their candidate won by a 3 to 1 margin.

The OSC Barometer ran a small item about "Oregon Politics Broil," which is news to students here who found the elections quite cool this year.

It Could Be Oregon



"I understand he flunked all his mid-terms . . ."