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And Our President Spoke

Students here at the University of Oregon just don't care. That's the only conclusion we can draw from your almost complete lack of interest in hearing what our University president had to say Tuesday afternoon.

Only one hundred persons, many of them faculty members, came to hear President Newburn tell us about "This University of Ours." He spoke on the things you wonder about, the things you gripe about—the athletic program, fee raises, an honor system for Oregon, student responsibility in school government. Obviously, these don't really cause you much concern.

Some of you have wondered why you don't see your president more often, why he's not in closer contact with the students. Right now he's probably wondering—and he has a right to—why he didn't see you.

But it's really your loss. That cup of coffee you drank or that magazine you read from 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday most likely doesn't compare in value with what you might have heard in the Student Union ballroom.

You've missed out on a lot of worthwhile information about things that directly concern you as students in this institution. But, as we said before, you just don't care.

Opposition an Asset

The Emerald hit the national headlines this week. But we don't take any pride in the accomplishment.

An ancient Emerald article was referred to by reaction-ridden Col. Robert R. McCormick in his noisy newspaper tirade against Oregon's heteropolitical junior senator, Wayne L. Morse. The article reported Morse's election to the Institute of Pacific Relations in the pre-Red Scare days of 1934. Now that the Institute has been branded pro-Communist—by McCormick—many GOP conservatives consider the membership with horror.

McCormick, who hates liberal statesmen almost as much as he hates the English, has picked Morse as his victim and has centered him in the editorial sights of his Chicago Tribune and Washington Times Herald.

The Emerald is only one of the sources quoted. McCormick's publications give voice to many conservative individuals in Oregon who oppose the maverick senator's penchant for crossing party lines.

It will be interesting to watch the McCormick papers in coming weeks to see the next round of this duel. There's bound to be another skirmish. Morse had the audacity to reply to the McCormick charges and the colonel isn't one to take that lightly.

Colonel McCormick's expressed opposition should be a political asset rather than a liability to Morse. Any thinking voter will recognize how often the hidebound publisher has been in the wrong and will know that no one but an able man is likely to be editorially chastised by the Tribune.—D. D.

Yep--It's Free

Date budget getting low? For an inexpensive but entertaining Wednesday night date, we have a suggestion to make. An unusually varied movie program is offered each Wednesday night in 207 Chapman—with no charge to students and faculty members.

Chapman's cinema bill of fare leans to the educational and cultural side, and in the course of the year programs are presented to appeal to persons of every conceivable interest.

Lest the student become alarmed by the terms "educational" and "cultural," may we point to the entertaining side of this week's program, which emphasizes music and features personalities ranging from Arturo Toscanini to Benny Goodman.

The Wednesday movies, sponsored by the Student Union movie committee, have become somewhat of an institution on the Oregon campus; but the large proportion of students get completely through their four years without having attended one.

We repeat—if your budget's getting low or if you're simply interested in a good evening's entertainment—where can you get a better deal?—G. G.

-- Letters to the Editor --

Masses, Arise!

Letter to the Editor:

The women were all so exhausted from a strenuous week of rushing their thick little heads off, that they just couldn't pull themselves out of their cozy little living organizations.

The men had just got through listening to the World Series and it was much more interesting to sit around in a bull session rehashing the game than to do anything else.

And then, one o'clock is such a miserable hour anyway. It's simply not conducive to doing anything constructive or worthwhile. There weren't any classes scheduled, no ROTC drill, the Side and Taylor's can't sell beer until four o'clock.

The only thing doing on the Oregon campus at one o'clock, Tuesday, Oct. 9, was an address by the President, Harry K. Newburn, talking about "This University of Ours" and answering a few silly questions that some eager-beavers had turned in. And that certainly wasn't worth the precious time of the fine upstanding average Oregon student.

A handful of numbskulls showed up for it, though. About 100 of them. They sure looked silly sitting there in the Union in the midst of eight hundred chairs

that had been laboriously set up to handle the anticipated throng. Some of them even thought hearing the president speak was worthwhile. They heard Newburn speak on things like deferred living, the "dry zone" and the beer situation, student government, the raising of student fees, the expansion of the University, the establishment of an honor system, the University policy toward athletics and some other equally unimportant things. Nothing that was worth walking a few blocks for, though.

The important thing was that almost everybody spent a leisurely hour yesterday after lunch, just sitting around doing nothing. That's what counts.

Most of us would have been glad to hear Newburn talk, but he should have come around to all the individual living organizations to say what he had to. It would have been much more convenient for us.

Come to think of it, that's exactly what we need at this institution — more student contact with the president of the University. It's about time somebody did something about it.

So how about rising, you down-trodden masses!

Rise, and show your stupidity!
Merv Hampton
Vice President, ASUO

To Anti-Socialists

To the Faculty and Students:

After the display of disinterest in university affairs shown by lack of attendance at the assembly conducted in their behalf at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 9, 1951, I am of the opinion that neither the faculty nor the students deserve a hard-working loyal president as we now have—one who was willing to give up so much of his valuable time to talk to us.

However, you "non-assembly-attenders" need not feel badly—the small group that was there felt embarrassment enough to cover for all of you "knot-headed-anti-socialists"!

Jack D. Nopp

Non-Donor Tells Why

To the Red Cross Blood Committee:

Having heard Red Cross denials that they charge the Armed Services for blood donated by citizens, I inquired of the Dept. of Defense. In their press release, dated 15 December, 1950, number 1527-50, they leave me with the impression that before a wounded soldier receives any plasma the U.S. citizens not only donate the blood, but pay from \$26.00 to \$34.00 per unit for the privilege of helping our wounded.

The figures are those of LCDR Philip F. Hines USN of the Dept. of Defense. This price per unit package of plasma being in addition to \$12,000,000 set aside by the Dept. of Defense for partial reimbursement of the cost of collecting and shipping the blood.

May I propose that the Army take over this program with their already tax-supported facilities and thereby save money and inspire some of us, who refuse to give blood, to enthusiastically and regularly subscribe to the program.

Clarence D. Peters

P.S. Do you also get paid when a soldier in Korea donates his blood by direct transfusion?

Spotlight on the World

Truman's Secret Classifications Potential Danger to Freedom

By Pat Dignan

President Harry Truman was continuing true to form when he issued a new executive order directing all executive departments to adopt a Defense State classification plan.

This action, which places information and documents into four classifications, is being violently opposed by newspapers throughout the United States.

Under the order, civilian agencies classify defense program matters as "restricted, confidential, secret or top secret." These agencies, then, can keep from the press, and the public, any information they wish.

We can see the danger in an action such as this. Leaving it up to department heads to decide what classification information should be placed under will afford them the opportunity of hiding their mistakes by simply classifying them "Top Secret."

We believe that such an action is unwarranted. If many of our top military secrets are getting out through these departments then there must be some security check. But it shouldn't be undertaken in this manner.

If such an action is undertaken, then there should be a series of checks to see that department heads are not withholding information which would be detrimental to them personally. The only reference made to this in President Truman's order is that the departments "... should beware of putting security information in too high a classification." To many of us, this seems incomplete.

We feel, and so do others, that the order was a mistake for several reasons. First, the order was too vague about what was to be classified; second, too much opportunity is left for officials to cover up mistakes by classifying evidence against them; and third, such a trend could carry over to peacetime and take away from us a basic fundamental of democracy, freedom of the press.

If, as President Truman pointed out, the purpose of the order is to strengthen our safeguards against giving information to the enemy, then why have four classifications?

All secret military or defense documents could be, and probably would be, placed in the "Secret or Top Secret" classification. But

we have two other classifications, and for what purpose? Is the government trying to keep information from the people of the United States?

The routine operations of government found in the two lesser classifications will be cloaked with secrecy. Corruption and inefficiency will result, and when we go to the polls to elect our representatives how can we determine their real worth?

Their good deeds and successful accomplishments will be flaunted before us, but the embarrassing situations, the failures, we will never hear of.

Maybe this action had behind it a sincere belief that the order was for the good of the United States. This we do not dispute, but we do point out that a dangerous precedent has been set and the freedom of the people is impaired as a result of it.

From the Morgue...

5 YEARS AGO

Oct. 10, 1946—Head grid coach Tex Oliver announces he'll retire from coaching at the end of the season and "will go into other fields."

An Emerald editorial has to say on preferential voting: "There is no valid reason why this outmoded, clumsy and confusing system should be retained."

10 YEARS AGO

Oct. 10, 1941—Grace Moore, who sings tonight as the first attraction of the Greater Artists Series, says Americans place "too much accent on muscle and too little on culture."

One P.M. Tuesday



"I thought I told you boys, NO jam sessions in the practice rooms."