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## Eisenhower's in, but How Far?

Ike's in . . . how far we won't know for a while. He's in the New Hampshire primary race. He's in the campaign for the GOP presidential nomination. But he's not going to engage "actively" in the pre-convention free-for-all. The general says he'll not ask release from his European defense chief job to engage in any political self-promoting. Some Republicans say the GOP convention-goers may want something more concrete to go on than a mere indication of willingness to be "drafted." And we can't deny that Taft has strong and influential conservative backers. So what if Ike isn't "in" as far as his vociferous supporters think he'll be? What if he should just happen to lose the GOP candidacy? What if he should run . . . and lose. In that event, Ike might well be "out"—in more ways than one. He'd be out as presidential candidate. He'd be definitely out as president in 1952. Question: Would he be "out" in Europe too? He would suffer a tremendous loss of prestige among those Europeans who now regard him with such high esteem. This might be disastrous.

## Hardships or Hardheadedness?

Very often we see just what we want to see. Or we interpret what we see so that it suits our own purpose. The facts are obstacles to be hurdled, not guides for a valid opinion. Some fraternity and sorority leaders seem to be reviving the no-deferred-living theme song about financial difficulties imposing a hardship on their respective houses. All due, of course, to the evils of deferred living. We say some of the fraternity and sorority leaders, because we know others who sincerely believe no such money problem is engendered by the Oregon plan. The bone of contention in this case was mentioned by Alumni Secretary Les Anderson's preliminary account of what he expected the Holloway report to contain. Anderson thought the final report would blame financial difficulties of the fraternities and sororities on the individual groups and not on the deferred living system. Charles Holloway, a fraternity man, is the chairman of the alumni group which will make a report on the Oregon Plan in the very near future. His committee is composed of both fraternity and independent alumni. It has access to fraternity financial records. All of them. The committee spent an entire day on campus interviewing fraternity and sorority members. Presumably, the major complaints against the system would have been registered at that time by the dissidents. It seems quite likely that the Holloway report will be unbiased, authentic and objective. We suggest that the opposition wait until the report is rendered, or its continued cries of pain may become a conditioned reflex.—B. C.

## Short Lines, Happy Registrants

We've finally found something good, though minor, to say about the administration edict which required students to return to classes the day after New Year's Day. The unnecessarily early opening of classes worked hardships on students and instructors alike, but it was one of the factors resulting in the running of the smoothest registration week that we've yet seen. With some students arriving on campus January 1 and others straggling in throughout the first week of January, the registrar's office has been able to get them signed up without the embarrassment of those excessively long lines that used to protrude out the doors of Emerald hall and a goodly distance down 13th street. From the administrator's viewpoint, as well as the student's, this has been a nicely-operating week of registration. The spread-out nature of the student exodus to Eugene has enabled Registrar Clifford Constance to handle the job with his regular staff.—D.D.

## So THIS is Oregon

### Read any Dictionaries Lately? Here's a Summary of the Latest

By Jim Haycox

Do you know where there are some nice, soft chairs in the library? I bet you don't. One of the little girls behind the counter just off the reserve book shelf room told me there weren't any. And I believe her too.

They've got squeakies, the ones that moan and groan everytime you think about shifting your position. They've got toughies, the ones that just sit there and dare you to be comfortable. They've got a few hidden away in the recesses of the shelves on the annex with deceptive leather backs and seats. But just try and get one when you want one.

Oh, they've got nice, soft deep cushioned chairs all right. . . in the SU Browsing room and scattered throughout that building. Wonderful for the SU but it doesn't help the library. According to this young thing behind the counter, however, the library doesn't want help.

"Well," she said, "you can study best when you're a little bit cold, slightly hungry, and somewhat uncomfortable." Oh swell.

Now, I'm not going to argue with somebody whose business it is to know something about study conditions. But then, I'm not going to the Library either.

Dictionaries are getting better and better and costing less and less. They are now selling one in the co-op for less than a dollar that has 30,000 words (including the new ones like veep) and over 25 other subjects lumped together under the title of a Ready Reference to Useful Information. And I tell you it is.

For instance did you know that: there are 28 calories in one cup of mushrooms, 59 in one four-inch pancake, 905 in 32 Brazil nuts or 18 in five pretzels. I'll bet you didn't.

Or did you know that if you suddenly find yourself holding a

counterfeit fin you should not return it. Indeed not, you should call the police, delay the passer, and write his description down if he leaves (but preferably not on the counterfeit bill).

But this is just the beginning. Mount Rufenzori in the Belgian Congo is 16,787 feet high, kind of a piker along side Mount Chimborazo of Ecuador, which is 20,702 feet high. Luckily, of course, they are not side by side.

The largest lake trout ever caught weighed 63 pounds and was snagged in Lake Athapapuskow, Manitoba, in 1930. The highest single team bowling score ever turned in was a lusty 1,186, and the bowlers a red hot Tea Shops gang in Milwaukee, Wis.

When you write the president a letter you don't have to be formal if you don't want to be. A simple "Dear Mr. President" is quite as adequate as "Sir."

The first provision in the General Orders of the Armed Forces of the United States is that the serviceman "take charge of this post and all government property in view." (Think this one must have seeped out some way.)

And incidentally, if you're ever in an air raid, get under the bed. And don't look out the window like a fool.

## From the Morque...

**30 YEARS AGO**  
Jan. 9, 1922—The University of Oregon professors gave a total of 2336 hours of F to their students during fall term. Of these, 1762 went to men and 574 to women.

**20 YEARS AGO**  
A total of 2583 students have registered for winter term classes.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
Classes resumed today after a 1½-day vacation caused by an extreme silver thaw. WPA and University maintenance men are working at full speed to clear the campus of trees and branches broken by the weight of the ice. Power and heat was off in University buildings for varying periods of time.

**15 YEARS AGO**  
Frederic S. Dunn, Latin professor and head of the classics department died last night at his home. Dunn had long been regarded as the unofficial historian of the University of Oregon.

## Letters to the Editor

### A Bullheaded Blunder?

Emerald Editor:  
If the University administration's latest underhanded action of closing the Vets Dorm chow hall was so justifiable from its point of view then why are so many errors, falsehoods, and misconceptions involved, all on the part of the administration, of course. To quote from a circular mailed to all Vets Dorm residents over the vacation and signed by H. P. Barnhart, Director of Dormitories, the administration wishes "that you could have been informed of this decision before leaving for the holidays. Unfortunately we were not in possession of the facts early enough to make this possible."

Is it or is it not true, Mr. Barnhart, that:

1. "The facts" were fully in possession of the administration at least before finals; and (2) this Machiavellian gesture was taken to encourage the filling of vacancies in Straub in order to pay off the Carson hall bond issue.

Furthermore, the administration is trying to keep undercover the fact that Vets Dorm residents can now move out any time because the university has breached the contract signed by dorm residents stating that the latter have contracted to eat in the Vets Commons.

In addition, Mr. Barnhart, how can the administration justify the following facts: first, that between 300 and 400 men used to eat at the Commons, as against between 250 and 300 at Straub; second, according to student help I have talked with, there are better facilities at the Vets Dorm kitchen.

In view of all these facts, it is quite evident that the administration has committed another bullheaded blunder with accompanying deliberate falsification of the actual facts.

If you would care to defend the administration's viewpoint, Mr. Barnhart, or perhaps correct any possible errors on my part, I shall eagerly await any such action by you. However, I seriously doubt that this latest faux pas can be justified in any possible manner.

Martin Meadows

### Look in On Cosmos

A good way to spend a spare Friday night is to check the current Emerald as to the whereabouts of the Cosmopolitan Club and go down and look the situation over.

What may start as an idle diversion may end up as an all-consuming interest or perhaps even romance! There have been cases of this in the Club's brief history.

Dancing and refreshments, games and companionship and good conversation, all tend to make a strong social club of the Cosmopolitan Club. A classroom situation is not absolutely necessary for learning, and the Cosmo cabinet maintains that Americans can learn just as much from foreign students as foreign students can learn from Americans—and a social situation makes the learning easier and more fun.

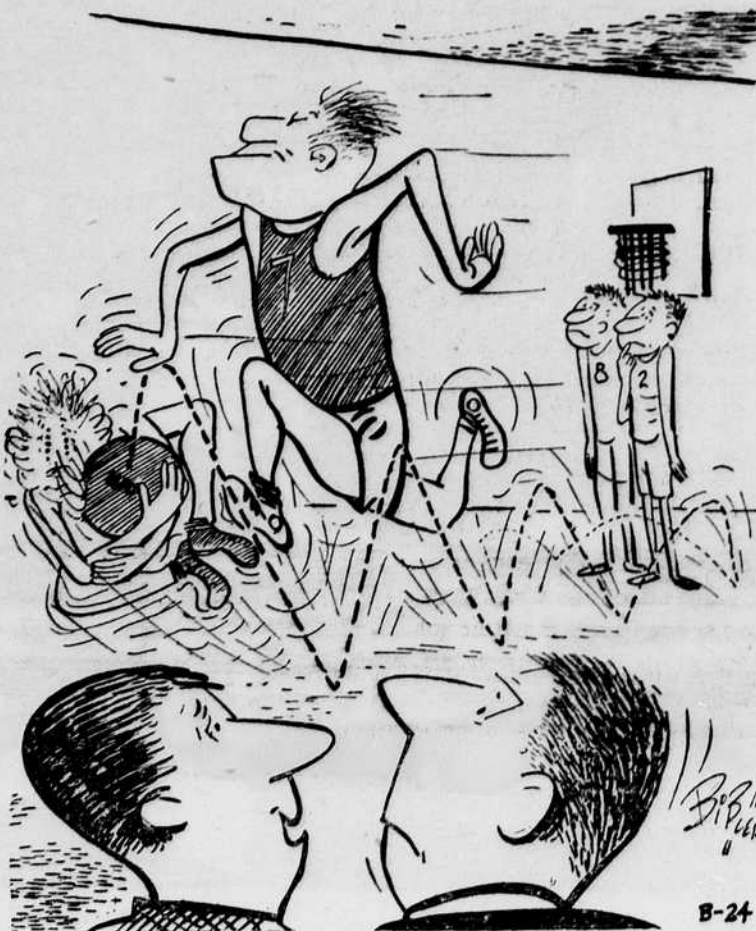
Of course, those who are strong for studying may stay home and study Friday nights, but those who believe in a little fun once in a while are heartily welcome at the Cosmopolitan Club.

Both date couples and stag members will be welcome. There'll be dancing at next Friday's "International Evening"—and remember, the U.S. should be well represented—its members don't have as far to go! And bring a friend, either American or foreign, as all foreign students haven't discovered Cosmo yet, either.

When foreign and American students get together, their knowledge of each other's culture increases and international relations improve, especially in later years.

Lois Reynolds, secretary

## These WSC Boys Play It Rough



"Boy, now, they really have a time getting that ball away from old Fred, huh?"

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