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Campus Headlines--Elsewhere

Honesty at Texas; Access to Exam Files in Mass.

By Rae Thomas

The Turfs college, Mass., "Daily Turf" took a survey asking freshmen what they wanted most in their fraternities. Number one answer was "a good chef." Number two was "access to exam files."

Honesty is the best policy for University of Texas students. A campus-wide campaign for scholastic integrity is being boosted by students and faculty alike.

"Cheating hurts both the dishonest and the honest," said one woman. "The former simply buys a degree and the latter must compete for grades with a disadvantage." (Honor code committee take note.)

Parking tickets are plentiful at the University of Utah for students who must park where they can because of limited parking facilities. Faculty lots, however, are plentiful and students are bitter.

Coeds in nighties were seen recently at Kalamazoo college dancing on dormitory porches while male students gathered on the campus green to watch. Police ended the performance.

The Daily Kansan reports the installation of cigaret vending machines in the University of Kansas student union because of the constant counter-filching of same. (No dreadful salt and pepper problems?)

Kansas has other troubles. No one cares about attending their Fine Arts programs. Brooklyn College finds the Athletic Association is going broke because of low attendance at games.

Seven fraternities at the University of Washington are working out plans for converting hell week "from a body-wrecking week to a week of constructive work."

Washington also has a 74-year-old matron enrolled in a special prospector's course. Mrs. Mercy Bromely is learning to pan gold and stake claims with the rest of the class, and is taking geology on the side. She owns a 160-acre claim in Spokane and wants "to understand what is going on" when she has it mined for copper.

"Ruth Ann" attended 20 open house rushing functions and didn't receive a single return bid. Masquerading Herb Stade, six-foot-plus University of Minnesota student, gave the girls "something to talk to prospective pledges about during the remainder of rushing." (Is it needed?)

A Minnesota coed shot and killed herself last week. She was discovered in a campus building with a rifle beside her. No reason for Minnesota's first college suicide in 17 years was given by officials.

A Re-examination of Religion

A great university is the place to satisfy intellectual curiosity. It's not just a factory equipped to turn out the latest model of college graduate complete with activity points, required hours, and the necessary GPA.

To help satisfy that (we hope) intellectual curiosity among students, the University has arranged an imposing schedule of speakers and conventions for the 75th Anniversary year.

One of the most imposing programs gets under way this coming Monday. It's a four-day series of lectures and roundtables called the Parliament of World Religions.

We're not a particularly religious sort of character but we're curious about those beliefs with which we are unfamiliar but recognize to be very necessary to other people. Buddhism, Taoism, and Hinduism are relatively unfamiliar concepts to most of us but they are extremely significant to millions of Asiatics.

Check the last decade and ask yourself if what the Asiatic peoples think is likely to be important to us. It might be wise to get a line on some of their basic philosophy and religion. There may never again be such a wonderful opportunity for you to gain some insight direct from the respective experts in each of these faiths.

Such personal religious exposure should broaden the viewpoint. It might help in understanding other peoples. God knows we could use some more understanding.

There is a Protestant denomination back in Kansas and other states which preaches the following enlightened philosophy:

"There are many roads to hell but there is only one road to Heaven and that is the one our particular denomination is traveling."

Ridiculous? Of course. But you'd better not go back to the Mid-west and express such an opinion to any member of this particular denomination unless you're in excellent condition. They believe their chosen-sect superstition and they wouldn't mind taking punitive action to enforce that belief.

Now ask yourself another question and answer fast before you have time to rationalize. Could you compare your general concept of the Christian religion to other world religions as we have compared the views of a single narrow-minded church in regard to other Protestant faiths?

We consider ourselves a people motivated with the spirit of tolerance, religious and otherwise, but in many respects we are the most intolerant nation on earth.

It is possible that we need to re-examine our beliefs if we are to achieve any harmony with other members in the family of nations. We might start by examining the beliefs of others.—B. C.

Are We Forgetting Peace?

Atomic energy to produce electricity? A few years ago it was a remote possibility and everyone was excited. Now it is a definite likelihood and no one seems to care.

No sooner had the first atomic blasts been set off, than humanity was awaiting the moment when this immense power could be put to some utilitarian rather than destructive purpose.

Now, there is an atomic energy battery. It is inefficient in its failure to use the radioactivity produced by the reactor, but it is a tremendous advancement toward the time when atomic energy will be used in industry.

But who even knows about the atomic battery? The newspapers did little with the story. This is war; no one is interested in peacetime atomic energy.

If scientists attending the American Institute of Electrical Engineers had mentioned the possibility of a new weapon of destruction, the story would have been bannered in newspapers across the country.

We hope the human race has not become so cynical that it cannot rejoice over an advancement of society; that it thinks only of improving devices for destruction.—D.D.

Letters to the Editor

The Periodic Gripe

Emerald Editor:

Well, here we go again! It seems as if the men in the Vet's Dorms, in order to avoid falling completely under the heel of this regimentary University, must make an annual complaint about the food, its service and conditions in general.

The last time anything of an improvement was noticed in the food was when a letter was sent to The Oregonian, but it was so temporary that it really isn't worth mentioning.

If I didn't know anything about food or how to cook it, the only thing I could say would be that it wasn't very tasty, but since I have earned a good deal of my college money by working in cafes, kitchens, etc. during the summer, I can say, at the very least, the food as a whole is terrible, simply terrible. How anyone has the nerve to serve such atrocious "food" is beyond me. The University says it can't please everybody, but it isn't pleasing anybody (except the University).

The food may be rather good basically, but what happens to it in that kitchen to make it come out so utterly tasteless and vile, I can't imagine.

After having stacked for three men in accommodations two in the period immediately following the war, moving us downstairs in order "to save money," making us all eat at Straub, and then serving that food, we are sitting over here wondering what will happen next. It wouldn't surprise me if they moved the toilets over to Straub in order to save the water bill. But if they REALLY wanted to save money, they might turn off the heat and lights and use candles to fulfill both purposes.

Here's hoping that the University realizes it exists for the benefit of the students and not the University.

Walter Martin.

A Day at the Zoo

Funk Turns from the Brotherhood And Examines Serious Side of Life

By Bob Funk

We are preparing ourselves, at the behest of friends who feel that we should be more learned and dignified, to write at least one column entitled International Affairs, Class Struggle in Everyday Life and Serious Things. It is going to take a tremendous amount of work and preparation. Already we are reading a book.

The book has no particular plot. It is about Serious Things, all right, and our only hope is that it has a surprise ending. When we finish this book we intend to sort of synthesize the information—that is, we will remember what we can and forget the rest of it with a clear conscience.

Thus prepared, we shall begin to write of the oppressed masses. No doubt there is lots of oppression right here at Oregon. It is doubtlessly true that students of architecture and allied arts are living in a state worse than serfdom. This right in the shadow of the student union, while good-for-nothing liberal arts majors surfeit themselves on food, drink and cigarettes.

And what of the false promises made by the higher-ups to those who frequent the vermin-

infested sweat-shops of the science departments? What ever became of the new building they were long since promised? It has been built, yes, but do not be deceived. It is going to be used for a new annex of the already spacious and luxurious faculty club.

There is also a plot to force male students out of economics, sociology, and history. These departments have been cleverly moved into Gerlinger and Susan Campbell Halls. Which seems a rather innocent thing on the surface. However, there are no men's plumbing facilities, a thing unique in contemporary economics, sociology and history. Some say there is a men's room in the basement of Susan Campbell. A lie of appeasement, we call it.

These are just some of the serious subjects which we may exploit when we become prepared—that is, when we finish the book. If ever. Just one more appalling thought: is it true that sociology and psychology are one and the same science, masquerading under two names to escape anti-trust laws? Do not talk about this on the street. You may be hit by a brick from Condon hall.

Indignant reply to the young lady who was recently overheard to ask whether we write this column during a state of hang-over or if we are naturally this way: lady, we are naturally this way. Blame it on heredity and environment.



BOB FUNK

Military Ball Prospect?



"Why can't you just speak to him? He's been trying to attract your attention for weeks!"