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Two More Days

You have just two more days of the nickel phone call. Monday it becomes the two-nickel or dime variety. You didn't seem to mind the nickel payment much; but you don't like the dime idea.

You have every right to this opinion. But... what are you to do about it? A few suggestions:

Demand an opinion from the University administration. Send a delegation to Mr. Jones or Mr. Lindstrom or Mr. DuShane to ask them whether or not the University officially will back a drive to get rid of the phones.

Send a delegation to talk to the governor of Oregon.

Sign a petition protesting the phones to the Oregon Public Utilities commission.

Write to your parents asking for a raise in allowance, due to the phones and the new rate. Explain the unfair situation to them, and maybe they, in turn, will explain it to others.

We don't think we need to tell you why you should do these things. You know that it's unfair to spend 50 cents—that's five calls—trying to reach one person in a house who happens to be out much of the time. You (especially in fraternities, sororities and co-ops) know you feel entitled to the free use of a phone in your nine-month-out-of-the-year home.

You know the phones were installed under false pretences. You thought Oregon State had them too. The administration thought they were mandatory in Washington and California.

One phone call a day for just the remainder of this month will cost you \$1.10. It's time to do something... or go broke.

A Question of Perspective

Dept. of Idle Speculations on Perspective Note . . .

Quoting from recent Emeralds, we see that one Oregon fraternity has been fined \$50 by the Inter-fraternity council for sending letters to 250 freshmen; another fraternity was penalized \$10 for sending Christmas cards to "selected freshmen."

Meanwhile men's rushing went on in the usual carefree manner, with pockets jingling with the usual pledge pins and rushees "detained" by rival fraternities . . . all very happy and traditional. Maybe that's the best way.

Fines? Nope.

Just a question of perspective.—G. G.

On the Air . . .

Dance Band, Hoopsters Get Airing on Weekend Radio Bill

By Don Collin

Basketball Friday and Saturday on KASH at 8 p.m. U of O vs. U of W. Following Friday's broadcast, "Studio Party" will feature some of King Perry's (Military Ball's orchestra) records. . . "Cavalcade of Sports" (KUGN 7:00 p.m. Friday) brings together a pair of middleweights, Eugene Hairston and Al 'Red' Priest for a ten rounder.

Chester Bowles, U. S. Ambassador to India, will be quizzed by three CBS Washington correspondents on "Capitol Cloakroom" Friday (KERG 7:05 p.m.) Questions will be Griffing Bancroft, Bill Shadel and Bill Costello.

Music of the Weekend: Met presents a double-header Saturday at 11 a.m. (KUGN) "Gianne Schicchi" and "Salome." New York Philharmonic, 11:00 a.m. KERG Sun. features Rudolph Firkusny as piano soloist in Dvorak's Concerto in G minor. Hindemith's Symphony "Mathis der Maler" and the radio premiere of Alan Shulman's "A Laurentian Overture." The latter selection is dedicated to Lallah Bankhead, but that shouldn't detract from the goodness of the music.

Pete Schindler, freshman in Hunter hall, is full announcer at KASH. He holds down the afternoon shift. . . Emerald scooped the Register-Guard and The Oregonian on the fact that the pay telephones have already been converted to the 10 cent charge.

. . . Not many people caught the printing omission in the King Perry posters... Check the letter "P" in Perry's name.

City says parking meters to go in on Onyx street side of the S.U. as soon as the parts for the money grabbers arrive. The University requested them. . . moguls of the Mock Political Convention chose "Operation Politics" for short title. All are not satisfied with it and would accept a better one if offered. . . Comment of the Week comes from one of the Australian debaters, "If all the economists were laid end to end they would never reach a conclusion." Ever had an econ course? . . . Speaking of economics, current Atlantic has an all-too-true article entitled "We All Want Inflation."

Story on how "Dragnet" (KGW 9:00 p.m. Thursday) has kept a high-quality program and has grown in audience appeal told in Newsweek January 14. Only other comparison is the "Whistler" on KERG Sundays at 7:30 p.m. These are probably the best who-dunits on the air today.

Those people listening to Mario Lanza (not released locally) watch for a change of hour and day. Broadcast time moved up an hour and day changed from Monday to Friday beginning Jan. 25. For those people who saw Lanza's pictures, heard his program and bought his records, he made \$1,100,000 off you last year. Did you get your money's worth?

-- Letters to the Editor --

Split Five for Activities

Emerald Editor:

Am answering interesting and highly amusing dissertation on the "healthy sign" of disinterest in student government and it seems to me that Miss Millam has confused the issue considerably.

At this point I would like to note a few "well-known" principles concerning student government at Oregon:

1. There is a plurality of student government on this campus: the ASUO and SU board.
2. These two governing bodies have well-defined areas, functions and responsibilities which are independent of each other.
3. The basis of selection for the SU board is entirely non-political and the criteria for selection are based upon the scholastic and extracurricular achievements and interest.
4. The SU board is the policy-making organization for all activities of an educational, social and cultural nature within the Student Union program.
5. The SU directorate is composed of all committee chairmen within the Union program.
6. There are 10 committees (a la SU): art gallery, browsing room, concert, dance, house, music, movie, personnel, publicity and recreation.

Now let's get back to the letter by Miss Millam. She makes reference to the fact that students expect to receive from the University three things: "intellectual stimulation, cultural emphasis and GOOD recreation," . . . and I am in accord with these views—as far as she has gone!

But does she believe that all these good things arise out of spontaneity? Without planning? Yet she insists "give the students

good movies, good lectures, good music, good dance orchestras and good discussion groups." I assure all you good people that these "good" things do not come from intuition, common sense, or "say that sounds okay—let's do it," but . . . rather careful planning and careful organizing.

My last point is in reference to the SU committees themselves. She states glibly "one person could easily handle any one of the SU committees." There are approximately 150 students in the SU activity program who would really denounce any such statement—that is 150 people in the program who organize and sponsor activities of "intellectual stimulation, cultural emphasis, and good recreation."

I am not writing this as a direct attack against the author of the letter, but rather as a point of information to clarify thoughts about student government—specifically the SU board and its highly organized and effective program.

Clyde Fahman

Reds in the Kitchen?

Emerald Editor:

After due consideration and many happy contemplative moments spent scraping morsels from the plates in one of the local University eateries, I feel a tremendous urge to say something.

It has repeatedly been brought to my attention that the president of the United States and various other high administrative officials believe that the second greatest peril to the American way of life is inflation (the first, of course, being the scourge of the world—communism.)

But what is being done to stop this second horrible mon-

ster? Congress insists on passing Gargantuan appropriations, and it appears that industry is only too happy to pay wages above the mere existence level; both of which are obviously leading us to the very brink of economic chaos.

On the horizon of imminent inflationary disaster there is at least one institution which is doing everything in its power to save this great citadel of democracy. In view of the monetary remuneration paid student employees, plaudits and acclamations of the highest caliber should be given the University of Oregon on its forthright stand to thwart inflation.

Our noble university is paying wages which are commensurate directly to American history—wages that are not too far removed from those paid to valiant soldiers who suffered at Valley Forge; wages that are very similar to the pittance paid 10-year-old children in New England factories in the 1870s. If one has a sufficiently wild imagination he can picture "our university" as a rugged individualist of the true American tradition.

I am forced to admit, however, that everyone employed in the local sculleries does not have a clear grasp of the situation and does not understand the true humanitarian motives of "our university." My democratic nature forces me to reveal certain subversive activities directly connected to the scullery.

Last week I heard highly suspicious mutterings, e.g., "exploited proletariat" and "down with the bourgeoisie." I am positive that some of the malcontents are reading "Das Kapital" and "The Communist Manifesto." As I was wandering through the stacks in the library I distinctly saw a future subversive casting furtive and wistful glances at "Mein Kampf."

It is impossible for me to make much of a case with this evidence; however, I firmly believe that if that great American senator, Joe McCarthy, were given this evidence, he could weave it into positive proof that there are communists in the University of Oregon's kitchens who are formulating American foreign policy.

But again I want to commend "our university" which, in the face of overwhelming odds, continues to pay a wage that is steeped in heritage and tradition. Though there are certain malcontents, the magnanimous wage of 66 cents per hour will preserve the American way of life.

Name withheld upon request

Just Lookin' Around

Somebody's Always Worrying, But Activities Keep Rolling Along

By Jackie Pritzen

Someone casually remarks, "Student government is for birds." A freshman near him looks up from his Anthology of Great American Cliches and mutters, "Pessimist. . ." A co-ed at the next table stops composing a flying speech long enough to pass this disgusting remark on to the next table where a party caucus is in session over the next candidate for Student Union flag-raising chairman. Whambo. . . next day the campus breaks out in a rash of concern over the student's attitude toward activities in general.

We have noticed that every year, at least once, a campaign is started to get more activities for more activity people, fewer activities for more people, or more activities for fewer people, or some combination different from the current trend. We have also noticed that few persons ever do anything about it except proclaim loudly how they feel about the whole situation.

When AWS tries to put in a point system, all the enthusiastic activity people gag. When everyone gets engulfed in activities, the faculty gags. If no one had any activities, everybody would gag. No matter how many people are in how many activities, someone isn't satisfied.

Leafing through a mouldy old publication of the 20's the other day, we came across an article on the University of Oregon's new point system. It seems in those days, the Oregon faculty maintained a point system, which allotted a maximum number of activities to each student, and violations were handled by the registrar. The publication reflected, "the administration anticipates no difficulty in enforcing the rule. . ."

And while we would hesitate to sound out the present faculty on such a proposal today, at least someone did something in those days... Why worry anyway? We

would conjecture that if every one quit being active, activities would continue if only by perpetual motion.

Since we rather expect the 10-cent levy on campus calls to raise the mortality rate of activity people in general, perhaps we may be optimistic enough to suggest that the campus become concerned over the fact that so few freshmen who come to college have been taught to study in Oregon high schools.

9 p.m. Saturday



"Isn't this a wonderful floor—almost like dancing on a carpet."