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Give It a Try

"I'm not going to vote for it. Why? Oh, I just don't think it'll work. Too many guys cheat in my classes right now."

"Sure, I think it's a good idea. I don't like to have proctors standing over me every minute. They make me nervous. Why, I'm even afraid to look up from my paper in a test. Every time I do the professor seems to be staring right at me."

These are only a couple of the many and varied comments heard on campus since the honor code committee released its final report on an honor code for Oregon to the ASUO senate.

Today all these persons will have the chance to express their feelings, pro and con, where they'll really have some effect—on the honor code referendum ballot.

We agree completely with honor code committee members, with the board of deans, with other University groups, that this code must be desired by a large majority of the student body before put into practice.

But we consider ourselves unqualified to say, as some are saying, either: "The honor code WILL work at Oregon" or "The honor code WON'T work at Oregon." We can not see how anyone would be qualified to make such statements.

But, we're willing to give it a try.

There's a deplorable amount of cheating going on right now. And how are we going to prove that a well-planned and intelligently-administered honor system won't reduce cheating at Oregon if we don't give it a chance?

Otherwise this could be one of those eternal debates—where hundreds of hours are spent discussing abstractions and theories with no concrete evidence—pro or con—ever secured.

Student to Student

This is a special week at Oregon—the annual week set aside for the World Student Service Fund drive.

Amid preparations for Duck Preview, practices for the All-Campus Sing, and spring-term busyness, we seldom stop to realize that all university campuses are not so fortunate.

Students in Asia and Europe have few pleasures. Bad housing, inadequate diet, and lack of books and equipment take their toll in lives and in educational opportunities. WSSF is designed to meet these immediate needs—to work directly in supporting the schools and helping the students.

This is the one concerted effort of Oregon students to give concrete, practical aid to needy fellow-students. If you heard one of the University foreign students speak on the work of WSSF, you will know that it is supplying a two-fold need: material aid and also something less tangible, but equally important—friendship and understanding.

It's a satisfying feeling to know you're contributing to this spirit of cooperation. You will be doing just that when you attend the Vodvil Friday night, give to your favorite candidate in the "Ugly Man" contest (proceeds are for WSSF), or add a little more to your personal contribution.—M. B.

It's Election Time

Now is the time for all good moppets to come to the aid of the Party! This is brought forcibly to our attention by a news photograph of Mr. Taft, with a small child pushed against his knee (both looking rather ill at ease) during a recent public appearance.

Well over a hundred years ago a young reporter on the London Morning Chronicle took shrewd note of the political campaigns of his day. And in "Pickwick Papers," the book he was producing by candlelight, in his brief snatches of leisure, Charles Dickens described an election at "Eatanswill." The rival parties were the "Blues" and the "Bufs."

As the Honourable Samuel Slumkey, Parliamentary candidate for the Blues, paraded through the streets, his right-hand man said to him, "Nothing has been left undone, my dear Sir—nothing whatever. There are twenty washed men... for you to shake hands with; and six children in arms that you're to pat on the head, and inquire the age of; be particular about the children, my dear Sir,—perhaps if you could—I don't mean to say it's indispensable—but if you could manage to kiss one of 'em, it would produce a very great impression on the crowd."

An election campaign is still an election campaign on at least two sides of the Atlantic, and long may the parents remain free to choose who shall pat their moppets on the head!—Christian Science Monitor

The Atomic Age

Rep. Rivers Keeps Pork Barrel Filled for South Carolina

By Phil Johnson

Representative Frank Boykin (D-Ala.) is a great admirer of Representative Mendel Rivers (D-S.C.).

So Boykin mentioned Rivers in a speech Mar. 17 at the 151st anniversary of the Hibernian Society of Charleston.

He praised Rivers' noble record:

"There is no man in Congress more beloved, more astute and more respected for his wonderful abilities and his devotion to duty than is Mendel Rivers. Somehow I feel that he no longer belongs to the people of the First District of South Carolina. It is because of the marvelous things he has accomplished in the nation's Congress—and particularly on the all-important Armed Services committee of the House—which causes me to say that he now belongs, not alone to the people of Charleston, but also to the nation.

"I remember full well the almost singlehanded fight he put up in the days of the economy drive initiated by Secretary Louis Johnson—to keep open the great Navy yard here in Charleston. For several days Mendel labored—personally preparing technical and statistical data to exhibit to the Congress the economy that would be effected to the nation's treasury by continuing the operation of the Charleston Navy yard.

"Day after day he worked in the cloakrooms as well as in the House—and in going from office to office to call upon the members of Congress, Republican as well as Democrat; he literally wore a groove in the marble floors of both House office buildings to accomplish that objective in behalf of his constituency.

"The fact that he succeeded in his task—and against bitter odds—was the greatest mark of commendation and respect that could be paid him by his every colleague in the House. I know that this is true because I was, in a very small way, privileged to help him in that work.

"Certainly, no one should know better than I what it meant to labor, to the business interests, to real-estate values and to the overall commercial interests in a city such as Charleston to have retained that payroll to the workers of this metropolis.

"Equally important was Mendel River's single-handed accomplishment in inducing the United States Air Force to locate its new, great \$30,000,000 base here in your city when a score or more towns along the seaboard were pulling every wire possible to bring it to their own localities.

"It is because of such facts as these I say to you that so long as Mendel Rivers serves the First District of South Carolina in the nation's Congress—that you here in Charleston can be sure you have the finest and most effective type of representation that can be given to any district in these United States."

Well, well, we should be indebted to Congressman Boykin for bringing us this picture of such a great American patriot! In these turbulent days, the picture of this great legislator shines like a solitary beacon in an ocean of darkness!

Oh man Rivers belongs to the nation now. Maybe he's a potential president.

What other Congressman can match his mighty record, his always-successful federal pork-barrel snapping?

Charleston should be proud of their boy, Rivers. After all, they

have "the finest and most effective type of representation that can be given to any district in these United States."

From the Morque...

15 YEARS AGO

April 23, 1937—The political science department head, James D. Burnett expressed confidence in the new proportional representation plan to be inaugurated for the first time in ASUO all-campus elections this spring. Terming it "complicated" but "nothing to be afraid of," he suggested a special assembly to explain the new system.

- - Letters to the Editor - -

Complaints—Musical

Emerald Editor:

We of the School of Music wish to make a reply to Toby McCarrroll's unwarranted, though by no means unprecedented, attack on the production of the "Old Maid and the Thief" and the accompaniment of the orchestra.

Our critic is obviously not well acquainted with operatic singing. The singers in the "Old Maid and the Thief" are four of the most outstanding voice students in the University's recent history. Singing contemporary opera is at least a difficult feat. Frequently it is superhuman. But not knowing whether or not our critic has ever before witnessed a modern opera, we shall pursue that subject no further.

As for the orchestra, we feel that "...stupidity, egotism and lack of talent..." are rather strong and difficult-to-explain statements, and if Mr. McCarrroll would care to venture up to the School of Music, we are sure that a satisfactory explanation would be forthcoming.

The orchestra members are giving their own time to participate in the operas. One cannot expect a Metropolitan organization without some semblance of Metropolitan pay. The acoustics of the theater do not lend themselves well to a production of this type. The pit is draped in black cloth to absorb as much sound as possible. It is physically impossible for the singers to get their cues and pitch if the orchestra plays more softly. Unfortunately this sometimes results in the overpowering of the singers, through no fault of either the orchestra or of the conductor.

We do not believe that it is the proper thing for a reporter to defame such an organization, for it has a decidedly detrimental effect on the School of Music and it reflects on the entire University.

Therefore, we beg the Em-

erald either to have a qualified reporter criticize musical performances, or to have no criticisms at all.

Charles Humphreys

Thanks from Mothers

Emerald Editor:

This is directed to the Junior Weekend Committee.

With Junior Weekend just around the corner, may I take this opportunity to express the gratitude and appreciation of all Oregon mothers for your fine spirit of cooperation in acquiescing to our request to change the Junior Prom from Saturday night to Friday night.

I am quite aware of the problems this request evoked, particularly in view of the fact that it was presented so near to the prom date.

We mothers, who live in Eugene, feel especially fortunate in being able to enjoy so many campus activities, and we feel the All-Campus Sing is one of the finest attractions of the year. In the past, with the Sing being held on Friday night, as the majority of mothers did not arrive on the campus until Saturday, they were denied the opportunity of enjoying it.

With the Prom being held in the Erb Memorial, there is no way in which mothers can watch the dance, so we felt it would be an excellent plan to change the Prom to Friday night and the Sing to Saturday night, enabling all visitors to hear the Sing and to witness the awards that are made afterwards.

It is most stimulating to know that the student body is so ready and willing to work with us, and I am confident the Junior Weekend of 1952 will be a memorable one for all of us.

Ella J. Meisel, president,
University of Oregon,
Mothers

Honor System Needed?



"Class—It has been brought to my attention that some of you have been using 'crib notes' during my tests."