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It's Our Turn, Mom

Hi there Mom... and maybe Dad and brother and sister too. Every time we come home, we're mighty anxious to catch up on the news. And you always willingly oblige with snatches of talk about the girl next door getting married, the basketball game the kid brother won practically single-handed, and so on. Now the tables are reversed, so we'll let you in on what's been happening in our nine-months-out-of-the-year home—the University of Oregon.

Ever heard about an honor code? That's where you don't have proctors standing over you in exams. You're supposed to be on your honor not to cheat... and to report anyone you see cheating to a student honor council.

Well, some students became pretty interested in this for Oregon, but not enough of us wanted it to put it through.

We wish there'd been more support because we'd like to try it.

But, you know, if those few professors who always give true and false tests would take the time to make out essay questions, there really wouldn't be nearly as much cheating. Guess the temptation to glance over at the next fellow's paper is just too much for some people.

Really had a good time—and learned a lot besides—last Friday at our mock Republican convention. Had Mac court full of student delegates. It was just like a real convention with brass bands, costumes, and signs.

We'll pay a good deal more attention to the national conventions, now that we know what's going on. We'll be anxious to see if the Republicans nominate Ike like we did.

Now you know I'm not a history major, Mom, but I couldn't pass up the opportunity to hear a couple of history lectures. Why? None less than Arnold Toynbee, the famous British historian, was the lecturer. And he's just one of the many renowned men in that 75th anniversary assembly program we've told you about before.

There. Now that you know what we've been doing since you last saw us, go out and have a grand time... on us.

Keep Stadium on the Campus

At first glance the construction of one football stadium for both the University of Oregon and Oregon State college appears to be a good idea impossible of attainment. A closer survey of the problem leaves the impression that it is a not-so-good idea that is equally impossible of attainment.

This perennial chestnut—placing of a stadium between Eugene and Corvallis at, perhaps, Junction City—was raked across the coals again in a recent meeting of the state board of higher education. The board rightly decided it was a dead issue and proceeded to forget it.

Arguments of those favoring one stadium for both colleges are: (1) money would be saved; (2) more people would be able to see the games, and (3) the stadium would be used eight or ten times during a football season while an individual stadium would be used only four or five times—for the school's home games.

President A. L. Strand of Oregon State has declared it would be impossible to change the site of his college's proposed new stadium. The stadium will be built with money obtained through fund drives and athletic receipts. The school could hardly use the estimated \$300,000 already contributed specifically for a stadium south of Gill coliseum to help erect an out-of-town stadium.

But there are more important arguments against the combined stadium than the economic ones. Most important, removal of the stadium from the campus would take football away from the students.

Athletics should be for the students. An occasional Portland game all right, but removal of all Oregon games from Eugene would result in two distinct student groups—those who sacrifice studies and make most-of-the-day trip to attend all football games, and those who completely forsake the game.

Gambling and corruption in athletics necessitate a return to the campus. An exodus the other way would be inexcusable.—D. D.

So THIS Is Oregon

Mothers Are Quite Significant; Where'd We Be Without Them?

By Jim Haycox

I was born on Mother's day—this year anyway. To tell the truth it was the day after, Monday, May 11, 1931. But every so often, and this year is one of them, I turn the corner on Sunday, which, for all practical purposes gives me the right to claim Sunday as my date of birth.



JIM HAYCOX

At the time—Monday, May 11, 1931—I'm sure I didn't attach much significance to it. One day was just about the same as another—in fact for years it was that way.

But I think you'll agree that May is a fine month in which to have a birthday. And if you happen to hit Mother's Day on the nose (even if just once and a

while), I say it's all the better.

For unlike Father's Day, the third Sunday in June and an institution devised and supported by the shirt, tie, sock, and hat manufacturers of America, Mother's Day has a touch of significance to it.

At least it's more significant than Son's day, the first Sunday in June, or Daughter's day, the second Sunday in June, again they have nice thoughts behind them to be sure—but latecomer's all.

Granted the candy, flower and greeting card shops do a thriving business on the few days just preceding this event, but what excuse for a holiday doesn't have its booster clubs in this age?

The significance of Mother's day, perhaps, lies in the fact the mothers themselves are significant. Now just try and deny that. Eliminate them and how do you fit into the picture? You don't, that's all.

The Atomic Age

Mock Political Convention Shows Just How Silly The Real Thing Is; A Direct Primary Is Needed

By Phil Johnson

The recent campus mock political convention provided an excellent demonstration of one of the more ridiculous phases of the American presidential election.

However, it does seem strange that such a wild mixture of riot and noise is necessary in order to elect a presidential candidate.



It would be more reasonable to suppose that the selection of the president of the United States should be done with calm deliberation and careful analysis. Boisterous parades, raucous shouting, indiscriminate balloon-puncturing and carefully-plotted pandemonium don't appear to be relevant to the purpose at hand.

One suspects that this oversized circus sideshow known as the convention has everything it needs except the bearded ladies and the popcorn vendors. The various campaign managers make Barnum and Bailey look like third-rate toothpick distributors in a convention of timber owners.

With most of the delegates splashing around in a sea of emotion, it is not surprising that a Henry Wallace becomes vice-president of the United States or that a Calvin Coolidge wins the presidency.

The mob scenes constitute only a minor flaw in comparison with other faults of the convention.

The convention itself has little place in a democratic society. The people choose presidential candidates, according to the theory, but many of the convention delegates are not bound to follow the will of the voters in their states, and all of them can ignore the "people's will" after the first ballot.

If two candidates are in a prolonged stalemated battle for the nomination, which frequently is the case, the politicians will try to dig up some previously overlooked lame-but-darkhorse and drag him into the nomination with a stack of political deals

and pledges towering like a Roosevelt public debt. The voters' favorites disappear faster than dachshunds in sausage factories. The politicians love it.

It would seem much simpler to toss the convention into the museum of antiquities where it belongs and let the primary voters choose the party presidential candidate. If none of the candidates has a majority, a simple plurality might be used as a basis or a revote between the top two candidates might be held.

This method has its advantages. The voters don't need to worry whether or not their man will have enough influence in the South or if he will "carry the West" or if he is unacceptable to the Missouri gang, Chicago gang, chain gang or any other collection of self-seeking billfold-bulgers. Their task will simply

Campus Headlines...

Real Babe Picked Fraternity Queen

By Rae Thomas

One of the fraternities at University of Washington is tired of "grown-up girl" beauty contests. This year for their Dream Girl dance, they will choose a prospective beauty of 1970 to reign over the dance, receive a \$200 scholarship and a \$50 dollar charm course—all to be used in the distant future.

The baby girls who are to be judged must have a parent who is attending the school and be 6 to 30 months old.

Whoever went down to let the cat in the back door of the sororities at the University of Washington the other morning got a big surprise. No back door. Police found it leaning up against a flagpole later in the afternoon.

A chance for the faculty to have a good time, was offered by the students of Oregon State not long ago in the annual "Turn-about Twirl." Students sat with children and chaperoned while faculty members danced, played bridge or Canasta.

be choosing the best man. It may cost money for a reelection of course, but it also costs money to circulate a mob of noisy play boys to national conventions.

From the Morgue...

30 YEARS AGO

May 10, 1922—Among amendments to be voted upon in today's ASUO election are:

To change to time of voting on constitutional amendments within a week after publication in the Emerald.

To change the bylaws to read that awards shall be given won on for baseball instead of hockey.

20 YEARS AGO

May 10, 1932—Oregon mothers went on record as deploring and condemning the proposed plan for the consolidation of the University and the State college of one campus at Corvallis.

This One Rings True



"Worthal, I can't understand why you flunked this test—it's the same one I've given for the last four years."