

The More, the Merrier

The recent decision by the ASUO senate to start an exam file in the library is considered an important step in improving the academic atmosphere at Oregon.

Last year the student body voted on the desirability of an honor code here. The vote was affirmative, but the margin was so small that the idea was put aside, at least for the time being.

Now this year's successor to the original honor code committee has repeated the recommendation that an exam file be placed in the library, and the senate followed through on the suggestion. The thinking is that all students will then have access to past exams, for whatever they are worth in study aid. Stress will also be placed on honor in the use and return of the file's exams.

Such a file would be worthwhile in generalizing the use of past examinations for study. How worthwhile it will be depends partly on how complete it will be. Maximum cooperation from all schools and departments would be necessary for the best possible file.

So far all parties concerned have cooperated well. The senate has decided to authorize and finance the file, Director of Student Affairs Donald M. DuShane said his office will handle getting the exams to the library, and Librarian Carl Hintz said the library will assemble and maintain the file.

Last spring, DuShane said, the deans of the schools and the college of liberal arts indicated general approval of the exam file a plan, but requested the chance to confer with their faculty before a final decision.

If a large enough percentage of faculty members are willing to release their examinations each term for the file, the plan could get off to an excellent start.

This will be limited, though, if many instructors, especially those who give objective examinations, don't wish to release their tests. Dean Victor P. Morris of the school of business administration, for example, says he personally favors the exam file idea, and believes his faculty would be willing to provide their exams for the file—but probably not the objective ones.

Unfortunately, approximately 75 per cent of business administration exams are objective.

The ROTC department, on the other hand, has indicated that it will be willing to make available its examinations for the file. Virtually all military exams are of the objective type.

It would appear that the exam file in the library will have quite a few tests from the various schools and departments. How successful the plan is in getting faculty members to release their exams will do a lot to determine how valuable the general file will be.—A.K.

Radio Review

Press Conference Perfects 'Dodge'

by Don Collin

After listening to a radio's great attempt to compete as a disseminator of original news—the press conference of the air—picked up some points that should be passed along to anyone going before these victim-meets-inquisitor sessions and being placed upon the verbal rack.

There are several dodges to be learned about the method of playing the question-answer game, particularly the answer, i.e. a reply to a question.

First, there's the long answer type. Just like the master's candidate defending his thesis, the interviewer knows the program can't last forever. The more he talks the fewer questions to be asked.

The person that utilizes the long answer invariably must employ the second dodge—the off the point or don't answer. Rather than answer the question, choose a part on which to comment and involve yourself in some tangent subject. End by saying, "You can see how complex this is; I hope I've answered your question."

If you can't use this last technique then try the "That's a good question" dodge. Compliment the questioner on asking an intelligent question, plead that more intelligent questions should be asked, like the questions the audience before you is asking. For if more intelligent questions were asked the public would be better informed and this would mean, etc., etc.

Then indicate to the moderator that no questions have come from the left rear side and surely "there must be an intelligent question or two back there."

Now occasionally you will find none of these are applicable. In that case never, but never, use the "No comment" resort. This definitely leaves a bad impression either you're ill informed and shouldn't be talking or you're too well informed and are covering something.

Instead, your approach should be "I'm sorry but I can't divulge that information, yet." The "yet" is important. That makes it sound as though you're the recipient of the hot and pertinent

poop from superlative authoritative sources and will release the floodgates of information just as soon as possible. But now just isn't the time.

Get these techniques down pat, get that job in Washington (a prerequisite for being considered for a question-answer session) and you're ready to compete with the best of them.

Tchaikovsky's sixth on KUGN, 3:30 p.m. Saturday. . . La Boheme in Italian with Victoria de Los Angeles on KASH, Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

Dwight Cooke (10:15 p.m. KER) interviews Commander of Chiang's army Thursday, and the president of Pekin University Friday.

The other day a prof was lecturing about U. S. magazines and brought up Time and Life, part of the Luce chain. One student didn't catch the pronunciation of the chain's name and went on to attack the obscene, lewd literature in America.

Henry Luce's talk this Friday is to be taped by KUGN for playback sometime that night.

The College Crowd

Campus Headlines Elsewhere

By Rae Thomas

Men at Northwestern University staged a series of spontaneous snowball fights two weeks ago. When the fun was over, about 200 windows were broken.

The dean of men says damages will be paid for by everyone concerned. Meanwhile, with as many as 64 windows out in one house, members are enjoying the fresh winter air.

Students at Lewis and Clark College received their semester grades on last Friday—the 13th.

Police cracked down on a gambling-thievery outfit working in a dorm on the North Carolina campus.

The fellows would gather regularly during the week, and one fellow was winner for sometime. His luck changed and he began losing, heavily. Then the present winners began to be robbed every A.M. after the games.

A trap was set and the former winner was found to be a thief, too. The other boys called the police rather than tackle him though, for it was known that he carried a .38.

This is the first serious student gambling condition on the campus since 1949 when one fellow shot and killed another over a gambling debt owed by the killer. This man is now serving a 25-year sentence in the prison.

The residents of the dormitory involved in the present situation, said their dorm should not be singled out for special criticism, as "gambling goes on in nearly every dorm on campus." As one noted, "A man can get in a game any night he wishes." Good old education.

On the same campus, another fellow has been booted from school for shooting off firecrackers. The Interdorm court action came in the midst of a current firecracker barrage which has rendered several dorms almost inhabitable.

Excellent educational movies advertised in OSC's Barometer this week. Showing at the VARSITY—Adults Only. Picture of

doe-eyed female in scanties, luring for "No Greater Sin," and blonde babe being carried off by South Pacific, aboriginal "Primitive—The Blonde Captive." So!

The Michigan State coed who answered the phone at one of the sororities was sorry, but they had no one there by that name. The male voice at the other end of the line demanded that the kidding cease as he knew his date told him to pick her up there. The two argued for six minutes when the solution was finally found.

The young man from the East was at the wrong college. He hadn't made it quite clear to the bus company that he wanted to go to the Univer-

sity of Michigan, not Michigan State.

Meanwhile, his date waited, miles away, at Ann Arbor.

When the Turkish professor Maheschi Helai recently appeared at Oxford University, England, to speak on opium, he had a packed house.

When he dwelt, moreover, for an hour on the joys of opium smoking and wound up by recommending opium for mass consumption, he had a fascinated audience.

But when Professor Helai turned out later not to be a professor, but an Oxford student in the theater group, he and the school had a lot of explaining to do to the public.

notes to the editor

The University of Oregon, through its assistant business manager, has presented to the tenants of Amazon Village an opportunity to express an opinion concerning the "legality" of pets being maintained in the area.

The resolution, on the face of it, seems a genuine effort by the University to obtain information on which to base regulations. But much of the beauty of this thought is destroyed by the wording of the resolution, for in it, in the fashion of a velvet-covered blackjack, are enough examples of semantics to keep a speech class busy for a term.

First of all, the resolution presents as a fact the University's right to make discriminatory regulations against certain students, for it proposes, in effect, that certain students may be permitted to have pets in Amazon Village while others may not have this privilege.

Second, in the wording of the resolution the University authorities have inserted a considerable amount of misleading material. For example, the letter accompanying the resolution warns:

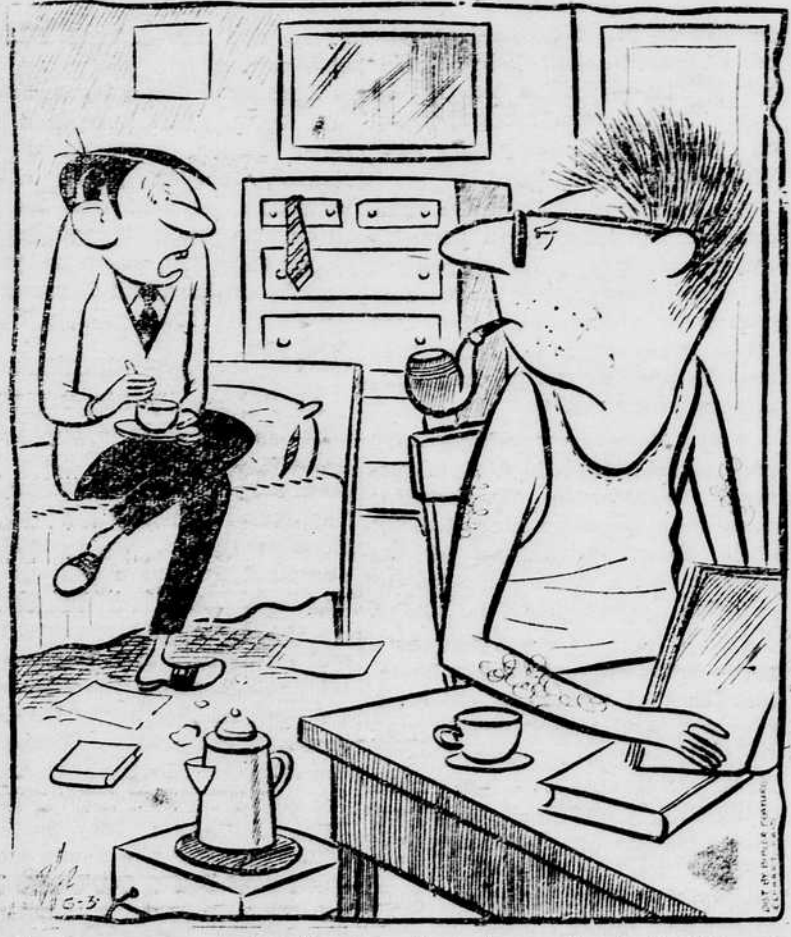
"Please be advised, however, that if the majority of the tenants in the project desire to have pets, neither this office nor the project manager will accept complaints concerning nuisance, personal injury or personal property damage which may be inflicted by cats, dogs, etc."

This passage seems to indicate that a "YES" vote will remove some manner of protection the tenants now enjoy.

That is false, for the University does not now nor has it confessed to a responsibility for damage done by pets to either property or persons in any of the housing areas.

But more important than the manner by which the University's administrators seek to influence a "public opinion" vote is the assumption that a state institution has the right to enforce class legislation upon those who, in theory, live in equal status in government-owned housing areas. If a place remains where human beings are to be afforded equal treatment, it should be in the environment of a state university.

Yours truly,
HOYT BARNETT
Class of 1953.



"—An I no sooner parked the car when she wanted to hold hands— She wouldn't let go of 'em the whole evening."

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