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## notes to the editor

### WHARTON NAIVE

Upon first reading Managing Editor Bill Gurney's excellent article, "This College Life," in the May 9, 1953, issue of the Oregon Daily Emerald, I considered writing a letter of commendation to the editor. My reluctance to do so has been overcome because of Mr. Kip Wharton's attack on that article, printed in the Emerald, issue of May 13. Consequently, I am writing both to praise Gurney's statements and to take issue with those of Mr. Wharton.

With a look that is penetrating but not hypercritical, Gurney has surveyed today's Oregon student body, pointing out that the students lack intellectuality, lack unbridled enthusiasm, and are without illusions. Neither radical nor promiscuous, the Oregon student, as seen by Gurney, has "only the outward stamp of maturity."

Gurney commented on grade-seeking, pinning, the Greeks, drinking, the exclusiveness of professional schools — all without malice, without bemoaning or excusing what exists. He well concluded by stating that this school accomplishes "perhaps all one may ask of a state university."

Mr. Wharton's somewhat naive letter states his opinion that "upon the shoulders of the bearer of any degree must rest a well-filled head." I fail to find support for this statement, and I question its validity. Is it a state law?

Mr. Wharton bases his main opinion—that "Oregon is a community of scholars"—solely upon his limited experience with the honors program. I contend that in order to generalize about Oregon students as he has done, he must consider students other than those in the honors program, who are relatively few. Besides, the motives for entering the honors program may not be so scholarly or altruistic as he imagines.

I fail to find basis for Mr. Wharton's maintaining that the editorial spoke for the minority. Assuredly it did not speak only for the Greeks; and certainly not for the honors program students. If not the majority, who, then?

In conclusion, I should like to

sympathize with Gurney, who is the victim of Mr. Wharton's jumping to the false conclusion that he (Gurney) "thinks he is getting prepared . . . for the world . . . by grabbing a degree in the easiest possible manner."

Let's have more good work by editorial writers; let's have clearer thinking and writing by the readers.

Dennis W. Vernon

### GURNEY PRAISED

The dignity, tolerance, nostalgia, understanding, observation, humor and skillful interpretation which Bill Gurney has woven into his editorial, "This College Life," will not be seriously disturbed or tarnished by the wounded book-worms, caught in their sublimated kind of alcoholism, who rise to throw darts at a fine product of balanced education which they cannot reconcile with the memorizing and regurgitating process they call learning.

Most of us human beings are too complex to be aimed, like a rifle, at one single-purpose goal which we pursue with a fierce, burning desire. Very few of us are here out of some pure, philosophic desire to get an education for education's sake alone. It's a factor, but it's the rewards of an education, rather than the process of getting it, that looks attractive to us.

Learning is enjoyable, but what most of us hate is the memorizing and puking-back part, which is used as a club (possibly necessary) to force us to do the original searching, even though everybody knows in his heart that we will forget most of the "facts" that are important in getting the GPA.

It's this hypocrisy which Gurney has seen through; while the nation listens to the "experts" who say "a university is a community of scholars," we at Oregon have been fortunate enough to read a man from among us who has the real educational tools to discover the less pompous truth, and has had the courage to tell it.

Carl E. Weber  
("Veteran and independent")

## notes to the editor

### PREFERENTIAL METHOD POOR

Tuesday's Emerald had an article describing the method of counting the ballots in the ASUO elections that makes the method seem badly deficient.

Specifically, you say that if a candidate has more votes than necessary the surplus is distributed among the other candidates. The question then becomes which votes are picked. Surely this makes it very easy for the counting board to pay close attention to the available second choices on the redistributed ballots and choose accordingly to elect someone they desire? I don't mean to imply that they do this, but if the ballots are chosen by chance it still makes an inequitable choice possible.

There is one further objection to this method. The person who votes for a popular person may have his vote counted for several people as it runs through each redistribution, while the person who votes for an unpopular candidate stands an excellent chance of never having his second choice even looked at.

Presumably when this method of counting was decided on it was thought superior to the previous system. Since I don't know what was used before I don't know if it was an improvement.

If it were only a question of electing to a committee, so that the procedure could be to put all votes beyond the quota into the other candidates, it might not be so bad, but as it stands it is the total that counts, to determine the president or vice-president say, and after all first choices then extras are distributed, effectively giving the distributed votes twice the weight.

Maybe this is the best method possible, but I don't think so, and it seems rather poor to me.

R. G. Selfridge.

### THANK YOU

On behalf of the Junior class officers, I want to sincerely thank the hundreds of Junior Weekend committee members who helped to make the Weekend a success.

I want to especially thank my co-chairman, Joan Marie Miller, who helped to effectively co-ordinate the work of the general committee chairmen. My thanks also to our advisor, Miss Donna Buse, who spent many hours laying the Weekend program and seeing that the activities ran smoothly.

Certainly I cannot thank enough the general student body who helped to make the Weekend truly "all-University" in spirit and interest.

Tom Shepherd  
Junior Class President.

### FAHLMAN PROUD

A letter of commendation here may seem somewhat unusual, but to say the least, I have been very proud to identify myself for the past four years with one of the most important realms of student government — that of the Student Union Board and its program.

I honestly believe that the Board has made excellent strides in improving the educational, social, and cultural programs offered to the campus. I wish to express my appreciation to the university family for the excellent response to that overall program.

Also would like to express my deepest appreciation to the actual participants in the Student Union program—the people (approximately 180 in number) who have sacrificed their time and efforts to make the program what it is today.

I am very happy to extend my sincere wishes to the new SU Board and SU Directorate and feel that the excellent personnel (which these two organizations boast) will indeed insure the future success and progress of the SU program.

Clyde H. Fahlan,  
Retiring Board Chairman

In 1900, one out of every 25 Americans was past 65; today the ratio is 1 to 13. By 1975, the old-age group will have risen from 11,500,000 to 20,000,000 at this rate.

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Any poor unsuspecting male would issue an alert for help at a glimpse of this original called "S.O.S." It is a smart pannelled suit with a large figure S in white braid contrast binding against navy blue or brown suits . . . \$17.95. The "Tomboy Shortmaster." In both aqua and white, this suit is simply a one-piece short set with pockets . . . priced at \$14.95.

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Was it an error????  
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## Germany Won't Go Nazi: Richter

Germany will not return to the hands of the Nazis as long as America and the Western powers are there, according to Werner Richter, rector of the University of Bonn, Wednesday during a 3 p.m. coffee hour forum in the Dads lounge of the Student Union.

"There are no Nazis on top in Germany now," said Richter, "but the situation is not yet consolidated." He explained that a withdrawal of Western powers would create considerable unrest.

Richter said: "The German people do appreciate what the Americans are doing for them."

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