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—Campus Comment— Nobody's Heard of Oregon, 'College Boy' Is Dismayed

By Sam Frear
Emerald Columnist

I held on to the strap very tightly, bracing myself against the sway of the subway. The man sitting down in front of me saw the book in my hand.

"You a college boy?" he asked beligerently. I nodded my head. "Where ya go?" he continued.

"The University of Oregon." "Oregon? Where's that?" "Oh it's out in the West."

"Yeah, I remember now," he shook his head. "It's down near Texas ain't it?" I smiled. "Isn't everywhere near Texas?"

He ignored my question. "You got a football club?"

"Why of course. We even went to the Cotton . . ." but the train had lurched to a stop and he got off.

I got off the subway at Wall street and went up to a newsstand and asked for Time magazine.

"Time," the man snorted, "What are ya, a Republican or a college boy?"

"Well, I guess you could say both," I answered.

"Yeah? Where d'ya go, NYU or CCNY?"

"The University of Oregon," I replied.

"Oregon? Where's that?"

"It's on the West Coast," I sighed.

"Oh, California huh. Well, that's the reason."

"What do you mean that's . . ." but he left to make change for a Daily News buyer.

Jimmy, the elevator boy, was standing in the bank lobby when I got there. "Hi'ya boy," he

Letters... ...to the Editor

A Triangle?

To the Editor:
After reading all the drivel about the imagined love affair of ex-Oregon student Waldo and UO coed Snowbelle, I feel it is time the Emerald got its facts straight.

Except in posed pictures and the Emerald's fancy, Waldo actually never was Snowbelle's first love. Ladies of leisure are naturally attracted to such huge, uncouth specimens, and a harmless flirtation may have existed, but her first love has always been a more genteel canine with more of her own interests.

If you've ever had the two dogs romp by and trip you as you stumbled from the millrace area to class at 8 a. m., you'll know the noble beast to whom I refer.

Or, if you've ever come out of your slumber in classes on the north side of Commonwealth long enough to gaze out the window, you've probably seen 'Belle and a slightly smaller black, tan and white collie chasing one another across the quad with gay abandon.

The dog's name is Psi, the mascot of Phi Sigma Kappa, and he, not Waldo, is and has for some time been Snowbelle's first love. Now that Waldo is gone and with him the natural physical attraction for such a magnificent beast, Snowbelle is devoting all of her time to her true love—Psi.

It's true, Psi told me.
Jerry Harrell

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'Crucible' Slated As Final UT Play

"The Crucible," Arthur Miller's newest work since his Pulitzer-Prize winning "Death of a Salesman," will be the final production of the University theater's 1953-54 season, announced Horace W. Robinson, associate professor of speech.

First readings for the drama about the early American witchcraft trials will be 7:30 p. m. Wednesday in Villard 104.

All students are eligible to read, Robinson said. Parts are open for both men and women, with several major roles for each. The plot concerns a man who is unjustly tried and convicted of practicing witchcraft.

To The Voter, Not Officers

We are talking to the college voter today.

We could be talking to the house officers who enforce such rules. But, believing in the democratic principle of government by the will of the people and believing that our strongest hopes for the ultimate success in that government lies on our college campuses, we are talking directly to the voter. You make a majority of the rules you live under at this University.

We could be talking to the student leaders on this campus and those concerned with student government and student organization. We would talk to that group too, if we did not so firmly believe that the student receives value from the student government equal to the amount of time, thought and consideration he is willing to invest in that government.

Student government can and has been on some campuses more than a game, a period of practice for the real thing when college days are gone.

And even if we were to draw the line arbitrarily and say that student government was only a preliminary game to real democratic government, we would still wonder at the type of community citizens and voters we are preparing here at Oregon.

We wish we didn't have to write this. We thought perhaps this year such practices would be curtailed. But once again we note that your houses are getting you to vote in campus elections by "rule of force." No vote, no dinner.

It's a simple, expedient method of getting students to vote. We understand it worked again in women's elections last Thursday.

And perhaps we are wrong to maintain that such practices are a direct contradiction to all the ideals that democracy embodies. If we cannot look to you for educated, interested, thoughtful American voters, then where can we look?

Perhaps we are wrong to maintain that a vote is a responsibility and a duty you should be proud to perform. But we wonder who will deny you your lollipops when it comes to participating in government in the outside world.

Perhaps we are wrong in believing so firmly that student government can be a workable, beneficial method through which to organize campus life at Oregon. It may be true that student government here is just maintained to create campus "big wheels."

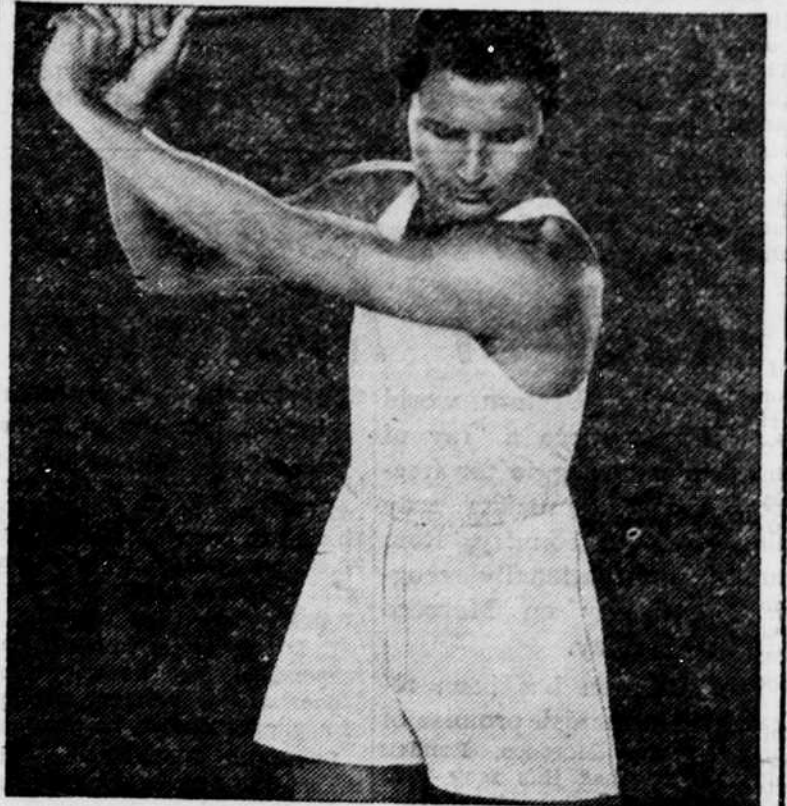
Perhaps we are wrong when we are so shocked that college students should allow such childish methods of controlling the casting of college votes.

But if we are wrong, what a price you pay for being right.

Matter of Opinion



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