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A Time to Study

This week could very well be called the "week of disillusionment" for Oregon's new students. The red carpet of orientation has been rolled up and stored away until next year; the exalted rushees are now just plain pledges; instructors are already talking of term papers and midterms.

With some of the less serious aspects of college life behind him, the Oregon student can now turn his mind to thoughts of the "scholarly pursuits"—so often neglected in the first few whirlwind weeks of campus activity. We are here to acquire an education, and now is the time to begin that work.

How many of the University's new students have located the Library. Not very many, we'd venture to guess. But they will be seeing a lot of that building in the months to come.

We remember many dreary afternoons and long evenings spent in the Library our first year at Oregon. At the time, we hated almost every minute of it. Since then we have found out that time spent in the library pays off, if not in elusive A's on the term report, then at least in that indefinable something called the broadening of one's mind.

How many of the freshmen, we wonder, have given any thought to that term paper, which isn't due for "ages"—maybe even Nov. 15. Term papers, we've found, can be done in the last two days before the deadline. They may even get a good grade, but it's not worth it.

How many of the new students (and old) have read those chapters in the text assigned last week. Very few, we would imagine. There's plenty of time to do that—after the listening party, after the trip to Berkeley, after the committee meeting, after the coke date.

Studies aren't the complete picture of college life. Attend the games, dances and rallies. Go to the lecture assemblies. Take in concert attractions. Not everything can be learned from books.

But is there time to do all these things at once? Of course not. An hour lost during these important weeks of classes means two or even three extra hours of study during midterms, which aren't more than three or four weeks away. The solution is a careful ration of your time.

We can't help but put it in the terms of the old cliché: "You're only cheating yourself." Don't study now, party every night, take in everything that's offered on campus—and have a good time winter term at the extension center or in the army.

The Chimes Again

With the rapid changeover of editors on a campus daily, it is extremely difficult for a college newspaper to follow a consistent editorial policy. The Emerald, however, has been fairly consistent in the past few years in regards to its political views and its judgment of news value.

We do draw the line at one Emerald policy championed by the previous two editors. We like the campus chimes in the Student Union tower, and hereby reverse the Emerald's opposition to them.

The Emerald's past editorial stand on the chimes was based mainly on their placement in the SU. Editorial writers last year claimed that the chimes were out of place in the streamlined union building. We disagree. Whether in the SU tower or basement of the faculty club, the chimes still add something to the campus.

After the first few unharmonious blasts from the chimes last spring, there were many criticisms of the tone and melody of the bell sounds being sent out from the SU. Since then, the chimes have mellowed (or have been adjusted), and students are getting used to them.

The biggest advantage in the chimes is in their hourly tolling. Theoretically, a student shouldn't be counted late for class until the last bong. And, take it from us, those extra ten seconds or so can make all the difference in the world in getting to class on time.

Harold L. Enarson To Head Commission

The appointment of Harold N. Enarson as executive director of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education was announced during the summer by President Tom L. Popejoy, of the University of New Mexico, chairman of the commission.

Enarson replaces William C. Jones, who resigned to become University dean of administration. The appointment went into effect Aug. 15.

The new executive director is a graduate of the University of New Mexico, took his master's degree at Stanford university and his doctorate at American university. He has taught at

Stanford and Whittier college, Calif. From 1950 to 1952, Enarson was a special assistant in the executive offices of the White House.

Also announced this summer was the appointment of Frank J. Van Dyke, to the commission of Governor Paul Patterson. Van Dyke, a Medford attorney and former speaker of the Oregon House of Representatives, fills a vacancy created by the death of State Senator Dean H. Walker.

The new commissioner served three years on the State Board of Higher Education and was a four-term member of the House. At the present time, he is also a commissioner of Crater Lake National Park.

100 Key Districts To Decide Balance In Coming Election

WASHINGTON- (AP) - Fewer than 100 key districts are the political battleground on which Republicans and Democrats will fight it out Nov. 2 for control of the next House of Representatives.

All of them are potentially "upset" districts, unlike the remaining areas which generally elect about 180 Democrats and 165 Republicans year in and year out.

Although all 435 House seats are at stake in this year's voting, political strategists are concentrating on about 90 districts with a political see-saw history.

In the 1952 election, most of these key districts gave congressional winners victory margins of 5 per cent or less of the total vote.

In these areas, Democrats expect to make most of the 30 to 70 gains they are counting on to recapture control of the House. Republicans on the other hand hope for 10 to 40 gains in the same field.

Democrats need a minimum net gain of 3 seats to reach the 218 required for a House majority. They have 215 in the present House, including 3 seats they held which are now vacant.

Republicans hold 219 seats, including 1 vacancy.

And, because of a tradition broken only once in 100 years, some Republican leaders privately would settle right now to retain bare control.

Juvenile Officer Talks On Service in Eugene

Louis Sherman, Lane county juvenile officer will speak at 4 p.m. in the YMCA in the Student Union on "Probation and Community Service for Students in the Eugene Area." There are a number of openings in this field in the area.

Also included in the discussion will be a commentary on the Skipworth detention home in Lane county. The meeting is open to all interested students.

Campus Briefs

● Seven girls and one boy compose the list of infirmary patients who were under the attention of medics Tuesday, according to hospital registration forms. These students are; Patricia Alexander, Marlene A. Perry, Jean L. Sandine, Norma J. Larsguard, Sharon Lee McCabe, Helen J. Talbot, Janet F. O'Keil and James H. Silverthorn.

● An educational movie entitled "Open City" will be shown tonight in 138, Commonwealth, at 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. It is an Italian film, starring Anna Magnani.

● A meeting of the Religious Emphasis week council will be held in room 319 of the Student Union, Thursday noon.

● The YWCA cabinet will meet at noon in Gerlinger hall Wednesday, Oct. 6.

SU Petitions Due For Board Spots

Petitions for Student Union board vacancies are due Saturday at noon, according to Andy Berwick, assistant chairman of the board.

Vacancies on the board are in the college of liberal arts, law school, business school, and graduate school.

Two-year-terms are vacant in the liberal arts and business positions. One-year terms must be filled in the law and graduate schools.

Petitioners will be interviewed by a joint committee from the Student Union board and the ASUO senate.

Read Emerald Classifieds



On Campus with Max Shulman

(Author of "Barefoot Boy With Cheek," etc.)

FOOTBALL THROUGH THE AGES

The football frenzy is upon us. But let us, in the midst of this pandemonium, call time. Let us pause for a moment of tranquil reflection. What is this game called football? What is its history? Its origins? Its traditions? These are not idle questions, for when we have the answers we will appreciate even more fully, enjoy even more deeply, this great American game of football.

First of all, to call football an American game is somewhat misleading. True, the game is now played almost exclusively in America, but it comes to us from a land far away and a civilization long dead.

Football was first played in ancient Rome. Introduced by Julius Caesar, it became one of the most popular Roman sports by the time of Nero's reign. The eminent historian Sigafos reports a crowd of MMCLDDXVIII people at the Colosseum one Saturday afternoon to see the Christians play the Lions.

With the decline of the Roman empire football fell into disuse. The barbaric Huns and Goths preferred canasta. However, by the Twelfth Century A.D. football had emerged from its twilight and risen to its rightful place in the firmament of European pastimes. The eminent historian Sigafos reports that the whole continent was in the grip of wild excitement in the year 1192 when the Crusaders, under Freddie Barbarossa, journeyed all the way to Damascus to play the Saracens in the Fig Bowl game. The Crusaders squeaked through, 23 to 21, on a field goal by Dick Coeur de Lion in the closing seconds of the game.

October 21, 1512, will ever remain a red letter day in the history of football. On that day Leonardo da Vinci, who has often been called "The Renaissance Man" because of his proficiency in a hundred arts and sciences, was painting a picture of a Florentine lady named Mona Lisa Schultz. "Listen, Mona baby," he said as she struck a pose for her portrait, "I keep telling you—don't smile. Just relax and look natural."

"But I'm not smiling," she replied.
"Well, what do you call it?" he said.
"Gee, I don't know," said Mrs. Schultz. "It's just an expression, kind of."

"Well, cut it out," said The Renaissance Man.
"I'll try," she promised.
And try she did, but without success, for a moment later the artist was saying to her, "Look, Mona kid, I'm not gonna ask you again. Wipe that silly grin off your face."

"Honest to goodness, The Renaissance Man," said she to him, "it's no grin. It's just the way I look."

"Well, just stop it," said Leonard testily and turned away to mix his pigments.

When he turned back to Mona Lisa and saw the smile still on her face, he became so enraged that he seized the nearest object—a casava melon, as it happened—and hurled it at her with all his strength. Showing great presence of mind, she caught the melon and ran with it from the studio until The Renaissance Man's temper should cool.

This was, of course, the first completed forward pass.

Another date dear to the hearts of all football fans is September 29, 1442. It was on this date, according to the eminent historian Sigafos, that a sixteen year old lad named Christopher Columbus tried out for the football team at Genoa Tech. He failed to make the team because he was too light. (He weighed at that time only 12 pounds.)

And why, you ask, is this date—September 29, 1442—so dear to the hearts of all football fans? Because young Columbus was so heartbroken at not making the team that he ran away to sea. And if that hadn't happened, he never would have discovered America. And if Columbus hadn't discovered America, the world never would have discovered tobacco. And if the world hadn't discovered tobacco, football fans never would have discovered Philip Morris—which, as every fan knows, is the perfect companion to football. As Sigafos, the eminent historian, says, "Land's sakes, I can't even imagine football without Philip Morris. I'd sooner go to a game without my raccoon coat than without my neat, rich tobacco-brown snap-open pack of mild vintage Philip Morris Cigarettes which come in regular or king-size at prices young and old can afford. Land's sakes!"

The end of football in Europe came with the notorious "Black Sox Scandal" of 1887, in which Ed Machiavelli, one of the Pisa mob, paid off the University of Heidelberg Sabres to throw the championship game to the Chartres A. and M. Gophers. It was a mortal blow to football on the continent.

But the game took hold in the American colonies and thrived as it had never thrived before. Which brings us to another date that remains evergreen in the hearts of football lovers: December 16, 1771.

On that date a British packet loaded with tea sailed into Boston harbor. The colonies had long been smarting under the English king's tax on tea. "Taxation without representation," they called it, and feelings ran high.

When on December 16, 1771, the British ship docked at Boston, a semi-pro football team called the Nonpareil Tigers, coached by Samuel (Swiftly) Adams, was scrimmaging near the harbor. "Come, lads," cried Swiftly, seeing the ship. "Let's dump the tea in the ocean!"

With many a laugh and cheer the Nonpareil Tigers followed Swiftly aboard and proceeded to dump the cargo overboard in a wild, disorganized and abandoned manner. "Here now!" called Swiftly sharply. "That's no way to dump tea overboard. Let's get into some kind of formation."

And that, fans, is how the "T" formation was born.

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