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No Issues

We're already to the middle of the first week of spring term and there don't appear to be any issues for the coming student body elections.

There doesn't even appear to be must early interest. The general election is still a little more than a month away, and the two campus political parties, which we assume still exist, may be doing something about the coming elections.

As for issues, everyone seems to be ignoring any possible controversial issues which could come up between now and election time.

A year ago, there was the question of censoring the exchange assembly after the assembly had been banned from Portland high schools. There was the question of a joint student body and athletic card, which seems to have dropped from the picture after considerable research and study by the ASUO senate committee in charge of the project.

Now and then there have been murmurs of a revival of the closed primary issue by AGS. But apparently the knowledge that the question would be controversial has kept it from coming up.

Last year there were other issues—the problem of too many activities was brought out into the open for discussion, and politicians were expressing themselves on the subject of a four- or an eight-page Emerald.

Somebody is bound to invent an issue or two when the elections draw near, but we'd like to see more positive thinking about issues and candidates.

Maybe people are getting tired, and beginning to think that ASUO elections are pretty much cut and dried. It is beginning to look that way, but unless some enthusiasm and positive thinking about student government appear, the situation certainly won't improve.

We hope some issues will shape up in the near future, for it's only a few weeks until the primary elections and then two more weeks until the general elections.

We're Not Alone

Oregon students are not the only college students who object to long registration lines, and apparently the lines are a problem at most institutions of higher learning.

In an article in a recent issue of School and Society Magazine dealing with what he calls "areas of tension and conflict," Walter I.

Murray of Southern University reported that 69 per cent of college students interviewed in a survey ranked registration lines and delays as the biggest factor making for poor student relationships.

Other areas in which students reported difficulty in interpersonal adjustments were: dining hall lines, 52 per cent; student-teacher relationships, 46 per cent; grades and grade points, 45 per cent, and dormitory regulations, 44 per cent.

The list included 17 such areas, but the students were in greater agreement on registration lines and delays than on any of the other areas.

We're not alone in our dislike of lines.

Worth the Work?

(Oregon State Daily Barometer)

"AWS staged their annual AWS Carnival Friday night," the news story on page one will read. And so they did. "A profit of \$480 was netted and will go towards the AWS scholarship fund," the story will continue. And so it will.

But, will they mention the attendance at the midway show? Will they write about the hundreds of hours spent constructing the 22 carnival booths? No. But the carnival was a success, as it annually is.

Granted, the giving of scholarships is honorable. Staging a function to earn money for scholarships is honorable. But what is honorable about some two or three hundred man-hours spent on behind-the-scenes construction for a brief two hours of shuffling through the sawdust-covered midway, collegiate style? Not much, unless it's the joy of hard work, or the organized utilization of time—a scarce commodity halfway through winter term.

AWS can list a host of goings-on—all of which are annual, all of which have been annual for years. And the carnival is among them. Perhaps students are tired, not only of the carnival proper, but also of the preparation that is required of not just a few individuals but of 22 different committees of persons from each of the women's living groups represented. Perhaps AWS needs to find a new way to support their scholarship fund, if only for a year's diversion.

Oregon State student leaders have learned, in the past four or five years, the basics of objective evaluation. The carnival is a project which could easily benefit from evaluation by answering a single question... is it worth it all?

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

WEU Arms Control Features Aimed at German Militarism

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As a means of allaying suspicion between strange bedfellows united for purposes of defense against an over-all threat, the arms control features of Western European Union represent one thing.

Using such machinery as the basis of general European disarmament, as suggested by Secretary of State Dulles, would be something entirely different.

The control provisions of the Paris accords were initiated by France to insure that a re-armed Germany would not run away with the new organization, perhaps involving it in a war to regain her lost territories or, perhaps at some later date, reassume her former militaristic attitudes.

Under the agreement, a governing council will place limits on the power of each member, and control disposal of its arms. Inspection will be maintained,

and the council will have power to punish violations.

This is an internal protective device. President Eisenhower has said any sign of defection by any member would bring into play the section of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization which calls a threat to any member a threat to all.

In other words, if one nation made hostile gestures toward any of the others, or started to pull out of the union under circumstances which threatened others, the rest would unite against that nation, under the terms of another a border treaty to which all subscribe, and under which the power of the United States and Britain can be invoked.

All these arrangements are based on an overriding mutuality of interest in one respect—defense against possible Communist attack—regardless of divergencies of interest in other respects.

There is no such mutuality of interest between the West

and the Red bloc as long as the latter proclaims itself an enemy. There is no common enemy except one, and that is war itself.

Arms control between these two blocs, then, becomes not a mutual front with internal security arrangements, but a mutual handcuffing with neither side able to surrender the keys to its own cuffs.

So far, Western European Union is merely a part of an ancient contrivance, an attempt to prevent anyone from starting a war by establishing a balance of power which would make its outcome uncertain.

Perhaps the prevention of war will eventually become an overriding mutuality of interest requiring that every nation's security be guaranteed by all of the others.

That is the idea behind Leagues of Nations and United Nations organizations. There can be no regional aspects to any such idea.

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I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU

It is my earnest hope that an occasional column of mine has pleased you enough to make you want to clip it out and keep it. But I'm sure that being preoccupied with more important things—like getting down to breakfast before your room-mate eats all the marmalade—the impulse has passed and been forgotten.

So I am pleased now to report that the makers of Philip Morris Cigarettes, bless their corporate hearts, have published a booklet called **MAX SHULMAN REVISITED**, which contains six of my favorite columns, along with some brand new material, all of this profusely illustrated—all of this available to you gratis when you buy a couple of packs of Philip Morris at your favorite tobacco counter on or near your campus.

But this is not the only news I've got for you today. Following you will find a roundup of news highlights from campuses the country over.

Southern Reserve University

Dr. Willard Hale Sigafos, head of the department of anthropology at Southern Reserve University and internationally known as an authority on primitive peoples, returned yesterday from a four year scientific expedition to the headwaters of the Amazon River. Among the many interesting mementos of his journey is his own head, shrunk to the size of a kumquat. He refused to reveal how his head shrinking was accomplished. "That's for me to know and you to find out," he said with a tiny, but saucy grin.

Northern Reserve University

Dr. Mandrill Gibbon, head of the department of zoology at Northern Reserve University and known to young and old for his work on primates, announced yesterday that he had received a grant of \$80,000,000 for a twelve year study to determine precisely how much fun there is in a barrel of monkeys.

Whatever the results of Dr. Gibbon's researches, this much is already known: what's more fun than a barrel of monkeys is a pack of Philip Morris. There's zest and cheer in every puff, delight in every draw, content and well-being in every fleecy, flavorful cloudlet. And, what's more, this merriest of cigarettes, king-size and regular, comes in the exclusive Philip Morris Snap-Open pack. A gentle tug on the tab and the package pops obligingly open. A gentle push on the open pack and it silently folds itself back, sealing in the savory vintage tobacco until you are ready to smoke again.

Eastern Reserve University

The annual meeting of the American Philological Institute, held last week at Eastern Reserve University, was enlivened by the reading of two divergent monographs concerning the origins of early Gothic "runes," as letters of primitive alphabets are called.

Dr. Tristram Lathrop Spleen, famed far and wide as the discoverer of the High German Consonant Shift, read a paper in which he traced the origins of the Old Wendish rune "pt" (pronounced "krahtz") to the middle Lettic rune "gr" (pronounced "albert"). On the other hand, Dr. Richard Cumberbund Twonkey, who, as the whole world knows, translated *The Pajama Game* into Middle High Bactrian, contended in his paper that the Old Wendish rune "pt" derives from the Low Erse rune "mf" (pronounced "gr").

Well, sir, the discussion grew so heated that Dr. Twonkey finally asked Dr. Spleen if he would like to step into the gymnasium and put on the gloves. Dr. Spleen accepted the challenge promptly, but the contest was never held because there were no gloves in the gymnasium that would fit Dr. Twonkey.

(The reader is doubtless finding this hard to believe as Eastern Reserve University is celebrated the length and breadth of the land for the size of its glove collection. However, the reader is asked to remember that Dr. Twonkey has extraordinarily small hands and arms. In fact, he spent the last year working in a small arms plant, where he received two Navy "E" Awards and was widely hailed as a "manly little chap.")

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