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CAMPUS COMMENT

An Easter Thought

The University's traditional Easter sunrise service for students, faculty members and townspeople will be held in McArthur court Sunday morning. Participating will be choir members from most of the Eugene churches, members of the University Religious council and local churches, one faculty member and a Portland minister.

The cooperation of such groups bodes well for the University particularly at this, the high point of the ecclesiastical year.

True, there will be some attending the service for the basic purpose of showing off their new spring bonnets, but at least they will be there, accruing the benefits to be derived.

We cannot but hope that students will take time out Sunday to evaluate their positions, their spiritual and temporal emphasis. In the vicious circle of campus activities, too many of us have a tendency to be sucked under by the current of classes, committee meetings, athletics and social affairs. There is more to life than this, even in the closed world of the University.

Oregon is fortunate to have an educational climate in which students are encouraged to seek out and pursue their own beliefs. This is an innate part of the religious freedom upon which our nation is founded, and one which should be recognized by the student.

Perhaps Rev. Gene Laubach's Easter sermon will instill this recognition. But the real thought will have to come from the individual student.—(S.R.)

Can't Be Beat

Baseball, among other things, is in the air. The Pacific Coast League has started its season, the Emerald Empire team of the new Northwest league has begun spring practice—and the Oregon baseball team, already the possessor of a five won, three lost record, will make its second home appearance of the young season this afternoon.

The Ducks are considered a top contender for the Western Regional championship again this year.

We heartily recommend this afternoon's ball games (a doubleheader) with Willamette for a good afternoon's entertainment—and a good way to soak up some of the sun we've been having lately.

It can't be beaten for the price (one punch off your student body card).

Footnotes

Quite an extensive moving job must have been done during the vacation if an item on page 1 of the March 22 Portland Journal is correct. The news item datelined "Oregon State College, Eugene" gave OSC basketball coach Slat's Gill's views on the widening of the free throw lane.

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A pamphlet for Duck Preview, which is now in the planning stage, is to contain a special glossary of "Oregon language" for the benefit of visitors. Will it be all right if the rest of us continue to speak English?

Greeks, Independents In Realm of Semantics

By Sam Frear
Emerald Columnist

'Bout this time of year people start getting riled up over elections and things. And before you know it, along comes someone who says, "Oh, hm? He's a Greek," or, "Him? He's nothing but an Independent."

Sometimes modifiers are added and it becomes a "damned Greek" or a "G-- damned Independent." Or it may be a "lousy Greek" or a "worthless Independent."

Anyhow, it sometimes seems that people start using the two terms, (even without modifiers), meaning something more than merely fraternity membership or dormitory residence.

Of course, one can question the validity of this. How can a term be used to convey, say, a social philosophy or a breed of etiquette or a code of ethics. The words, in the dictionary, seem quite innocent.

Take the word "Greek." First definition my eye landed on when opening Noah Webster's told me that a greek is a swindler. Now some vituperative UIS candidate might agree that to do like a greek is to cheat at cards, but...

I also found that a greek was an irishman. This undoubtedly will come as a surprise to many. Or, I found that a Greek is either (a) An ancient Greek who lived

in Hellenic Greece, or (b) A modern Greek who lives in modern Greece. This is illuminating.

Finally, I found that a Greek is a member of a Greek letter fraternity (college slang). That's all. No mention of their being party boys, discriminators, smoky-room politicians, or tennis players.

Now, on to the independents. Upon looking this up in Mr. Webster's, I found no reference to word connoting boorishness, anti-sociality, irresponsibility, radicalism, poorness, or roller skating.

The word is, however, interesting. To be independent is (a) To be not dependent, (b) Not subject to the control of others, or (c) Not relying on others.

By this definition I guess there isn't an "independent" on this campus. We are using the term to express something that doesn't exist. Independents. Of what? Independents are independent of nothing.

The term may, though, have the political implication that its opposition is not independent of some imagined "outside" controls. But that is neither here nor there.

Finally, as a shining (and sometimes glaring) example of Independents who are very much un-independent, we have a dormitory hall gone ape.

Gone ape for prestige, publicity, and a greater glory, this outfit has bought pledge classes, elected a queen, bought personalized beer mugs, and generally out-fraternitized any fraternity.



INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Western Observers Are Puzzled By India's Strange Emanations

By J. M. Roberts
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India continues to produce strange conditions.

She recently set up a corporation to borrow money and relend it for the development of private industry.

Almost simultaneously with the first loan from the world bank and from British and America, as well as Indian investors, Nehru asked parliament to change the constitution so the government would have greater

powers to nationalize private business.

While the Indian ambassador to Washington was still trying to persuade American investors that the nationalization measure was directed at internal situations and that India was well worth foreign investment, the Prime Minister chose to make a very strange attack on the United States.

He anticipated President Eisenhower by assuming the United

States would defend Quemoy and Matsu if the islands were attacked by the Chinese Reds, said America was taking the position of an aggressor in the whole Formosa matter.

If he was deliberately trying to alienate America's affections he could hardly have done better.

Now S. K. Patil, one of the biggest men in Nehru's all-dominating Congress Party, fresh from a big victory over Communism in Andhra State, has made a sudden discovery.

He flew up from Bombay to New Delhi to attend a meeting of an 18-nation "non-partisan" conference. To his seeming dismay, he found "Communists running the whole show." He and other Congress Party leaders pulled out.

That conference has been long-advertised as an outgrowth of the 1950 Stockholm conference at which the world Communist movement launched its "peace offensive" designed to divide the Western world and make a lot of suckers think it was the West, not Russia, which was responsible for the cold war and the possibility of a shooting war.

Patil said he had "thought this so-called Asian conference might be a good thing and that it had the support of Premier Nehru." If the past tense phraseology means it does not have the support of Nehru, it is an encouragement.

If it means the Indian leaders have merely decided it is inexpedient to support at this time something they were strong for before, it is still disturbing. But more disturbing is the suggestion that they just don't understand what's going on in the world. The United States is in a lot of trouble because she was once like that.

Yours truly,
Allen G. Reynolds

Letters to the Editor

Vets' Committee

Emerald Editor:

As a member of the Veterans' Committee, I would like to reassert that the primary objectives of this organization are to provide up-to-date information of interest to veterans, to provide a speedier solution to veterans' problems by improving or re-vamping services which are inadequate at this time, to create a social situation of a more mature nature in some areas, and not—to act as a political party.

At the present time, the committee is working to bring a well-informed veteran's representative to the campus one day each week. Such a representative would be available for individual conferences, where he could answer questions concerning the G. I. bill, Insurance, Government Compensation, Medical benefits, etc. An information program of this type would eliminate the present necessity of continually referring veterans to the downtown Eugene office, Portland, or some other office not conveniently located.

The possibility of having a living organization composed ex-

clusively of veterans, or of having veterans assigned to a living organization whose restrictions are more applicable to the age and maturity of the veteran, is also being investigated at present.

The policy of segregation at athletic events was discussed at our first meeting. Due to the increasing number of married students attending school, the committee feels that this policy is antiquated, and somewhat degenerate to school spirit. It is our contention that married students accompanied by their wives or husbands, be they veterans or not, should be granted the same privilege as other students in choosing their seats.

To further the united interests of the veterans on this campus, is the overall purpose of this Veterans' Committee. To accomplish this purpose it is necessary to know the wills and resolutions of the veterans as a group, and I feel certain that the veterans will give this committee their interest and support.

Kirsch's Boys?



"OK, OK, you guys! Let's quit clowning around with that shot putt."



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