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College Capers... From Coast to Coast

Vote?

It's election day—the day the Emerald should write an impassioned plea for all voters to get out and vote.

It's hard, however, to get really excited over a primary in which there are only four real contests.

The AGS races for senator-at-large, sophomore and senior class president, and sophomore representative are the notable exceptions on an otherwise rather empty slate.

We wonder what is basically wrong with a so-called student body (in this case, dead body) in which only two of 4000 even have a desire to be student body president.

Sure, the two candidates we already have are both good candidates, and they could probably survive the primary against heavy odds—but you can't tell.

Both candidates, in their preliminary statements, have more or less debunked the idea that there aren't any issues. But maybe they are the only two who want to take the time to look around for things that could be done.

You'd think that more people would run for office just for the glory. The rest of the classes could learn something from the freshman class. Look at the number of freshmen running for office. Regardless of their motives, at least they're trying.

In spite of all this, it's the duty of thinking people to vote. Participation is what makes democracy work. It's also participation on which student government will stand or fall.

We're waiting for the general election for a real contest and for the usual excitement which accompanies an election.

But we'll be at the polls today.

Will You?

Questions n' Answers

Q. What is the purpose of Duck Preview Weekend?

A. To rush high school seniors: (a) for the University, and (b) for the fraternities and sororities. Since these prospective students must first come to Eugene before they can join a house, rushing for the University during Duck Preview seems to take obvious preference.

Q. Why is this bad?

A. 1. Because most high school seniors get just this one glimpse of college life. They have no perspective; no way of properly evaluating what they see. If the party and drinking element of college is stressed, the visitors will have no choice but to accept what they see as college life at Oregon.

2. Easily impressed, high school seniors will return home with glowing tales of "party time" at Oregon. Teachers, friends and parents will be assured that "It's true, Oregon is primarily a country club." Oregon's excellent academic facilities will be glossed over and de-emphasized.

Q. What is the poorest way to rush our school?

A. By enticing Oregon's visitors on parties, picnics, etc., where drinking is given top billing.

Q. But suppose the high school seniors like to drink and party; suppose that's what they came for?

A. No doubt most high school seniors would jump at the opportunity to go on a college drinking party. They would probably have a good time and go away extremely impressed.

But is this the impression we want to make? It costs four years of life and anywhere from \$4,000 to \$8,000 to go through college. During his college stay the student must pick up the tools to compete successfully in a society bulging with similarly equipped college graduates.

Considering the great investment in time, money and future, how many high school seniors (and their parents) are going to select a school on the basis of its great parties? Mightn't this superficial party emphasis tend rather to drive students away?

Q. How bad is the drinking problem during Duck Preview?

A. In terms of numbers the problem isn't bad. Most fraternities do a pretty good job of following the rules. But it only takes a few organized drinking parties to spread the word and keep Oregon's party reputation alive.

Q. What should be done?

A. For one weekend it seems like we could knock off the drinking and try to impress our young guests with some of the more solid offerings of our University. These kids have a four year investment to make. Let's give them concrete reasons for investing in Oregon.—(D.L.)

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Einstein's Own Quiet Remark Provides Comment on His Life

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Every time a great intellect is removed from the world one wonders when and how it can be replaced.

A man like Albert Einstein, capable of setting up and solving problems which the average man does not even know exist, soon becomes a fetish. Men worship him almost without knowing why.

They merely recognize that here is something beyond them, something valuable, sometime awesome, something to be cherished protected, and left free to operate in its own unique way.

For many years the world at large, though accepting the world of scientists that Einstein was a very great man who had produced scientific equations which would lead to a vastly improved understanding of the forces with which man lives, never understood how anything practical could come of it.

He had added that strange thing, time, to the length, breadth and width by which man was accustomed to measure matter. In doing so, he discovered that tiny particles of matter could produce vast quantities of energy, and he provided some of the equations from which other men progressed to the harnessing of atomic energy.

Yet, 20 years after his major discoveries regarding relativity he said few men understood it, and fewer knew how to work with it. It was 14 years before scientific observations even confirmed what he had worked out in his head.

Despite this ability to solve problems which had confused and misled scientists for centuries, he was an extremely human man, looking when relaxed much like a mustachioed cherub.

He could turn from his studies of the infinite to do simple sums for neighbors, and always expressed a broad streak of social awareness.

It was this penchant which finally began to raise questions among his admirers as to whether mathematics, even though considered the basis of all logic, might in itself be insufficient preparation for adventures into social philosophy.

At a time when communism had become anathema in the United States, the famous scientist pursued his personal ideas to a point which made him suspect among rightists and even among some liberals.

His appeal for the lives of the spying Rosenbergs took him completely out of the field where he was an expert, into an arena where he was ill-equipped to defend his motives. The general verdict was that he had carried his humanitarianism a bit far, and those who knew him continued to love him as ever.

He once said, quietly and without rancor or sadness, "They didn't understand me in the beginning and they won't understand me in the end."

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ALTHOUGH OREGON may have a liberal assembly policy, such schools as Stanford, Minnesota, and the University of Washington have taken great strides in the quest to hear both sides of controversial issues.

Instead of scheduling renowned men with little to say, much less an ability to say it, they have brought to their campus political and social extremists who enjoy speaking to campus discussion groups.

Minnesota and Washington have recently heard Socialist Leo Huberman speak in debate with a professor. The result has been a drop in student apathy which often accompanies assemblies.

Stanford has gone a step farther by booking 11 editors of Russian student and youth newspapers when they tour the United States this month and next.

A UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA professor of law who doubles as a politician has introduced a bill into the House of Representatives banning "obscene" literature.

The bill, intended primarily for books, would bring the questioned books before district courts and provides a gross misdemeanor penalty for dealers who knowingly sell items ruled "obscene."

It will be interesting to note whether or not student opinion

accepts this infringement on their right to know—remember the Merry Men at Indiana who demanded the return of "Robin Hood" after it had been banned from the library as "communist."

INMATES OF VETS' Dorms will be happy to learn that a worse dormitory exists. A girl living in a dormitory on the St. Paul campus recently killed 20 mice in two days.

Another girl there complained of bugs a quarter of an inch to an inch long that eat holes in her dresses. Still another girl said the wash tubs are too corroded to wash nylons in and are often clogged.

Living conditions for men are so poor that only one study desk is provided for every two men.

The men at Vets' Dorm can now count their blessings—even though they can still be counted on one hand.

UCLA STUDENTS have inaugurated a new idea for raising school funds. A large group of resourceful Uelans rolled up their sleeves one day and proceeded to wash car windshields in student lots.

Students were posted at the exits to solicit donations as the owners left. They were expected to wash a total of 4000 windshields with all proceeds going to the student body treasury.

Too bad the rain eliminates that possibility here.

Midterms



"Well, we WERE going out tonight, but Gordon gave three lousy tests today and forgot this was halloween night."



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