

+ EMERALD EDITORIALS +

Queues Are Old Fashioned

After innumerable terms of deploring lengthy registration lines and confusing registration procedures, we were rather shocked by Wednesday's smoothly operating registration.

The student affairs checking lines, even including stops for insurance, parking stickers and the Oregana, moved more rapidly than any lines we remember. Enough tables were set up and enough trained personnel on hand to keep the lines moving with dispatch.

At Emerald hall, the customary jam of people trying to pay their fees as soon as possible was not present, yet 1200 students managed to complete their registration (including payments) by Wednesday evening. All of this with an increased enrollment of nearly eight per cent.

There still were a few bugs in the system. First, the long lines of students waiting to pick up their registration material. At 7:45 Wednesday morning, the line stretched past the Student Union ballroom, down the stairs, through the fishbowl, outside to a point across from Hendricks hall.

Would it not be possible for old students to pick up their material earlier? Perhaps a system such as is used at the University of Wisconsin could be used. There students are assigned days to pick up their registration material according to the first letter of their surname.

A second point was the scheduling of appointments with advisers, since the signature of the adviser is needed on one of the registration cards. We know of a number of students who tried to make an appointment with their advisers the week before registration and were told that the advisers were out of town.

The advisers were so busy by Wednesday that it was impossible for some to schedule appointments until later in the week, thus delaying their registration. And we don't need to tell anyone who has ever registered a few days late of the disadvantages in closed classes and the lack of choice of instructors.

Traditionally the women's physical education lines have been a notorious bottleneck, and if reports are true, they weren't much better this year. The English lines, however, seemed much improved by separation. Most departmental lines were greatly improved over the frustratingly slow lines of spring

term. Most were open on time, most were adequately staffed.

On the whole, the entire registration procedure went much smoother, and we don't think it was just because we're old hands at it now. We still have to walk up to Mac Court when we're all finished to pick up an athletic card. It sort of completes the campus tour—a highlight of orientation week, whereby the student hikes from the SU to his adviser, all around the quad, back to Emerald hall, and finally up to Mac Court. This is after all, the age of decentralization. But queues are old fashioned.—(S.R.)

A Better Mousetrap

Some improvements in the usual rush of registration were seen at the beginning of the term, but perhaps the most noticeable one was the all-new system of buying books in the University Co-op store.

Compared to the old way of telling clerks what books were wanted and then waiting until they were gathered, the new "help yourself" arrangement is much more desirable.

The upper balcony of the store is set up so that students can circulate around the shelves. Large signs designate the sections. The books are then listed under course numbers.

After the student has picked up his books, he adds up the prices and then pays one of the several cashiers.

This system allows students to look for themselves at the books which they will be buying. They can pick out new books or used ones or they can just browse around.

During the first trial, much time was saved by students just at the end of registration when they were perhaps most tired of standing in lines.

A step in the right direction, the new book-buying system might lead to other more convenient arrangements making the whole process of registration easier for everyone concerned.—(A.H.)

Footnotes

With all of the orientation to everything else this week, it seems strange that no one took time to teach Oregon's new students "Mighty Oregon." It took three tries at Wednesday night's rally before the song was even recognizable.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Sympathy of All Returned to U. S. Upon Eisenhower's Heart Attack

By J. M. Roberts

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If there is ever any doubt as to which world figure touches the lives of most people, it is always resolved when something happens to the President of the United States.

Business gasps, as reflected by the American and British financial markets Monday.

There is never any hesitation in the outpouring of sympathy, for the American President always represents a nation which has demonstrated its sympathy for all mankind.

The impact of other rulers and other governors of other states varies from time to time. Some rulers have become ill, and even died, to the cheers of large sections of the world. But not America's.

Two questions became uppermost when President Eisenhower became ill on Saturday. Who would run the government, and what would happen to his program if he is invalidated for any great length of time?

The answers are still speculative, much depending on just how well the President gets along.

There is no fixed precedent for continuing the business of his office when he is unable to do so, nor any law about who can sign for him. Heretofore, in the cases of Garfield and Wilson, both of whom were worse off while still alive than Eisenhower appears to be, the vice-president and the White House staff muddled along with the help of the cabinet, which carried much of the responsibility.

The present situation is further complicated, or at least it could be complicated, by the fact that there is a Republican administration and a Democratic congress. The record of the Democratic congressional leaders so far, however, suggests strongly that, the world position of the nation being what it is, they will not run the risks attendant on muddying the waters now.

The prospects are that government functions can rock along for

quite a while, with the President's policies being carried forward.

The absence of the President from the world political scene at this moment, however, cannot be minimized. Since his trip to Geneva, he has replaced the free world's normal diplomatic functionaries as the figure to whom people looked for the conduct of negotiations with Soviet Russia. There is, for instance, the matter of America's reply to Premier Bulganin's recent note about disarmament. If made without the President, it will lose much of its weight.

The whole tenor of American politics is of course changed by the President's illness. Regardless of how well he recovers now, it seems highly unlikely that he will seek the second term which many political observers have been willing to concede to him.

For a year now, the political future will be even more uncertain than usual before an election, affecting confidence in the continuity of American policy both here and abroad.

Fundamentals I



"Where do you buy your leotards, Miss Glomma?"

College Capers ...

From Coast to Coast

By Bobbye Harris
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NEWS ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES all over the United States is much the same this week. Headlines welcome freshmen, tell of new additions to the campus, and remind students of the same old rules that have to be followed. However, we find a few interesting sidelines tucked in here and there.

AT OREGON STATE the "new look" has even found its way into the publications department. "Our Year in Sound," an eight-inch record of the coming year's activities will be a part of the 1956 Beaver, the school yearbook. The long-play disc, which will be made up from tape recordings of campus events, will be attached to the back cover of the book.

DOESN'T THIS RHYME from Louisiana State University paper, the Daily Reveille, have a familiar ring?

Keeps me busy every minute
Oh, jolly registration!
For every line I stand in,
Has a hundred others in it.

A FRUSTRATED MOTORIST from West Texas State College had been trying to pass a huge truck for many miles. Every time he tried to go around, the truck driver increased his speed or swerved slightly toward the middle of the road. Finally, at a stop sign, the motorist pulled

alongside the truck driver's window.

Well?" growled the truck driver, glaring at the motorist.

"Nothing important," was the reply. "I know what you are. I just wanted to see what one looks like."

NOT RECOMMENDED as a sure thing: Making an "A" in education was easy for a student at East Texas State Teachers college. The student was Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Krech. After Mrs. Krech was absent on final exam day, her instructor told her, "You had an 'A' average anyway, because you have produced more in my class than any other student." Mrs. Krech gave birth to a child on examination day.

AT THE UNIVERSITY of Texas, a three-month movement toward a new campus political party has resulted in the founding of a University party.

According to the organizers, the party will appeal to students mature in thought, "not people immaturely seeking personal glorification."

THE APPEARANCE of 50 high school bands was scheduled for the first University of Kansas football game this fall. The bands, guests of the university, paraded downtown before a game and presented half-time entertainment.



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