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## Business Office

### The World Serious

Today is the day they've been waiting for. Today 100 million Americans become baseball experts for the next four to seven days. In spite of the fact that they have not looked at major league standings since last year at this time, these people become authorities on this nation's greatest athletic institution—the World Series.

And it isn't very hard to become an expert in this field—the facts are just about the same as they usually seem to be. Once again it's the case of a large group of people who are devout Yankee fans "just because they're the Yankees" against an equally large group of people who are not Yankee fans "just because they're the Yankees."

It's the case of a grizzled old man named Casey, who is known for his use of poor grammar, matching wits with a big, shrewd-thinking man named Walt, who is known for not talking much at all.

It's the case of a number of old men (as far as baseball is concerned) trying to prove that the Yankees are not quite as sure as death and taxes. It's the case of the Dodgers trying once again for the right to be called World Champions for the first time, and running up against a team which seems to have a perpetual hold on that right.

It's the case of milkshakes against cups of coffee and doughnuts, of bubblegum against candy bars, of tanks of gas against rides to Portland.

And somewhere, after all the other rivalries are taken care of, it's the case of nine men at a time going out to play a game against another nine men. This, as Walt Kelly has said in his play on the national pastime, is the "World Serious."—(C.H.M.)

### To Open or Not to Open

A long-time controversy over who has more right to 13th street within the University, students or motorists, came to a head Monday night at a meeting of the Eugene city council. But, in typical council fashion, a decision was delayed by sending it back to committee, from which it had already gone.

The issue centers on complaints concerning the present method of protecting University students crossing 13th street from heavy traffic, especially during the 10 minutes between classes. The system of shutting off the street to traffic one-sixth of the time during class hours has not solved much.

The council had decided at a meeting a few weeks ago to refer the matter to their public safety committee for study. Three choices were, and still are, open: leave it the way it is now; open the street at all times; or close it at all times, at least during the day. Monday night it came back from committee, and the recommendation was to get rid of the lights and the ticket-giving policemen and open the street to full-time traffic.

But University President Wilson and several other University officials were at the meeting. Their purpose was to keep this measure from being railroaded through without consultation with the University. We think that it was a good thing that they were there.

Judging from past performances by the council members, who seem to think the city belongs to them instead of to the voters they represent, it appears that the measure was being railroaded. What they forgot was that the University has an interest in this problem, financial as well as administrative, and Wilson did a good job of representing the school's side.

Despite having to ward off verbal sarcasm and other cracks from a certain councilman notorious for his disregard of the dignity of the citizen, Wilson showed the

council that the planning and money that went into the present 13th street traffic system could not be discarded without some joint discussion.

Eventually the issue was referred back to a joint committee of councilmen and University officials, where the whole problem will be rehashed again. This action reminds us somewhat of last winter's arterial street paving issue and the present city library site issue in which the council cannot seem to make up its collective mind, meanwhile valuable time is lost.

So now the problem is still a long way from a solution. The joint committee still has several choices. Certainly the present system, despite the \$3000 invested in "Do not enter" signs, plus the policeman's salary is distasteful to many people. It is little more than a moneymaker for the city. As Wilson says, money is invested and if this system is discarded, a definitely better one should be worked out.

However, we think the street should be thrown open to traffic at all times. Crosswalks have been painted and can be used. College students are able to get across the street by themselves.—(J.C.)

### We're All Wet

We're all wet. We're even more all wet than usual.

Even old seniors have to re-learn about one of Oregon's freshest traditions—about pipes and hoses. It wouldn't be so bad if they were all the same, but some swirl out, some shoot up, and some burst forth in geyser fashion. And there are always those backhanded ones which follow no set pattern. They're the worst of all.

There's more to it than that, too. They lurk behind the pioneer father, they hide in the grass, they creep out from behind the trees on the old campus. But the worst ones are right out in the middle of the sidewalk.

After three years, Amaranth Glugg should know better than to get all spruced up for her trip across the campus to her 8 o'clock. She should know better than to wear her new cashmere sweater and reversible skirt. Aloyious Blurbum should know better by now than to get his new white bucks all polished up. And Professor Snarf should know better than to carry that stack of papers uncovered. After all, they're not freshmen.

But somehow, after three months of clerking in a Portland department store, or of working in a sawmill, or of taking a fishing trip, you forget about those things.

You forget about the physical plant's monsters, and most of all, you forget that they always seem to have the largest number of sprinklers going on a rainy day when you're late to class. (S.R.)

### Footnotes

More and more the University is becoming a self-reliant community. In addition to the housing, educational, recreational, and athletic departments, the school has added a police department to its many functions; at least that's the heading on the traffic tickets that are being handed out this year. We're just wondering on which side of the budget they put this department: expense or income?

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These freshmen must be real movers. On the third day Earl hall was open, there was a sign "Girl Wanted" on a window in the new Stafford hall.

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What's this about the Aggie coliseum being pink and charcoal? It does sound a bit more stylish than the gung ho green and yellow house of the local chapter of Beta Theta Pi.



"Now I know what they mean by higher education."

## INTERPRETING THE NEWS

### Iraq Revives Secret Diplomacy Argument

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The old argument about secret diplomacy has been revived in the United Nations by the demand of Iraq that interested small nations be invited to Geneva next month, along with the Big Four foreign ministers.

"No impression should be left that the Big Four are meeting to make decisions for other nations behind their backs," said Delegate al-Jamali.

Secret diplomacy, he said, should be finally abandoned for the sake of peace and mutual confidence.

Since the tugging and bungling which went on in Europe in 1914, open covenants openly arrived at have been an objective, although few have been arrived at without a great deal of work in private, the details of which have not been published. Some nations lay their cards, or most of them, on the table, and some don't. Some make unilateral interpretations and reservations, and some don't.

The truth of the matter is that in any negotiation where nations are required to compromise, a complete fishbowl operation is not possible, any more than the

details of a bank merger can be worked out at a convention.

General ideas may be expressed openly. Step by step approaches can actually be hindered by publicity which makes it difficult to change preliminary attitudes as the negotiations continue.

If the representatives of a dozen or so small nations should be present in Geneva next month, each demanding the ear of the foreign ministers on every point affecting their interests, an almost impossible situation would develop.

The principle that the large nations would have to make the peace, with the smaller ones cooperating to guard it once it was made, was accepted at the founding of the United Nations as the only practical method of procedure.

This did not mean a reservation by the great powers of any right to sell small nations down the river while arranging balances of power, as was the 18th and 19th century practice. The small nations have their forum in the U. N., where their views can be made known and where they will be weighed at least by the Western powers.



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