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Pretty Small Party

The University of Oregon was 79 years old Tuesday, but it had a pretty small birthday party.

Only about 1000 gathered at McArthur court for the Charter day convocation . . . hardly representative of a community of scholars.

Perhaps we are too far out of touch with life, if such an event attracts no more student interest than did this. Perhaps President Keeney was right when he said the intellectuals fail to communicate with the common man. Anti-intellectualism may well be the result of such snobbery.

Even the technicians that President Keeney spoke of could appreciate the colorful academic procession. And the address, "The Mission of a University," should certainly be of interest to scholars. The implication is that Oregon doesn't have very many scholars.

Tuesday we said that Charter day will never mean anything to the University until it means something to the students. The program this year could well have been meaningful to most students—had they taken advantage of it.

Last year the program itself was criticized, and students complained of "too many tests and assignments" on the days immediately following Charter Day. These complaints do not seem to be justified this year. In fact, we're hard put to excuse those students who stayed away in droves.—(S.R.)

Vaccination Certificate

Better ask for your \$65 back, pack your bags and head for Yale.

Men who go to Ivy League colleges are "naturally superior" to their less fortunate associates in other schools, according to Henry Morton Robinson (Columbia '23) in the November issue of Holiday magazine.

"The educational rabbit-warrens known as state universities would democratize the BA degree by bringing it down to the level of the vaccination certificate," he says, "whereas the Ivy League colleges cling to

the somewhat mythical notion that a candidate for the 800 year old degree of Baccalaureus in Artibus shall be, among other things, a person of marked intellectual promise."

Sad isn't it? And somewhat shocking to know that the "folkish activities here" have nothing to do with education as conceived by the Ivy League colleges.

Popular demand has reduced college education at the Big U to the level of a television quiz program, he maintains. And the Ivy Leaguers contrast with others in their possession of academic freedom, while state university students supposedly watch their instructors sneeze in unison and exercise the watchword of caution.

What, we ask, about Oppenheimer's appearance here last year?

Mr. Robinson says that Ivy League men "do not hurl cobblestones . . . rather they make intelligent decisions as to what they shall think, say and do," implying that the opposite may be expected from men unfortunate enough to be exiled to a four year term at a state university.

Sure, Oregon students do their share of stone heaving. And they also do their share of intelligent thinking. We doubt if any Ivy Leaguer is the paragon of intellectual virtue that Mr. Robinson describes.

"Make no mistake about it, my friends. The Levellers are Gathering in great strength and the Day of Rabblement is nearer than you think," he says.

Faculty members, though, have a secret form of revenge: they flunk out the students who don't make the grade to make room for "the galloping herd of new arrivals."

And they confer "meaningless BA degrees on students who couldn't possibly have earned them under the present high standards of Ivy League education."

Robinson, deservedly, expects to receive some mean letters from "the loyal sons of Turpentine Tech and Moline Subnormal . . ." letters like: "Your article was mighty saddening to one like me who missed schooling in the Ivy League. I almost cried out loud while driving my Cadillac to the bank."

Quick—before it is too late and our four-year term is up! We're off to Harvard! —(S.R.)

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Position of France Clarified By Decision to Await Action

By J. M. Roberts
Of the Associated Press

Word from France that she will await U.N. General assembly action on African problems before deciding what to do about her general relationship with the organization slightly clarifies her original position.

It means she will not take part in most of this year's Assembly work.

Foreign Minister Pinay said

when his delegation walked out of the Assembly that its return, as well as France's over-all membership in the organization, had become matters under consideration. Now he indicates that consideration will not be complete until after the Assembly acts on the anti-colonial resolutions which were put on the agenda under French protest and caused the walkout.

Unless there is a shift of sentiment among the delegations, that means France will be out of the major discussions now booked, which include the present atoms-for-peace debate, expected to take another week, and disarmament.

There was a movement after France's walkout to save some face for her by moving up the colonial debate to follow that on atoms. Some delegates thought a routine disposition of the African questions might be achieved so that France would come back.

The movement didn't get very far. The same Asian-African nations which are the prime movers against France have achieved a certain portion of their objective on that point, and are anxious to get the disarmament discussions

going. They are expected to get their way.

So France is absent from the world forum at a time when the shakiness of her governmental system has been newly advertised by the African trouble. The debate over her inherent strength or lack of strength as a great nation has been resumed, with Frenchmen themselves actively participating. Her own president is saying that a better balance must be established between the executive branch and the presently over-riding powers of the National assembly.

But the crux of the matter lies not in a strong French government, nor in the time needed for strengthening North Africa politically, and France economically, for separation. The crux lies in the spirit of the approach.

Until now, France has been seeking piecemeal compromises to prolong her power, under bitter political pressure from the French colonists and business interests across the Mediterranean.

Real solutions can come only when true mutuality of interest can be made the chief consideration. Then France will have a chance to do what the British have done in India.

Up On the Hill



College Capers . . .

From Coast to Coast

By Bobbye Harris
Emerald Columnist

IT SHOULD HAPPEN TO you! At Oklahoma A and M the cigarette machine in the Student Union went berserk the other day.

A STUDENT WANDERED up and dropped his money in the slot. After grinding and chugging, the machine popped out two packs of cigarettes and three books of matches.

THE OKLAHOMA DAILY Collegian said that the expressions of people who open letters from home and find \$10 bills can't compare to the expression on the face of the student as he pocketed his booty and walked away.

IN THE SAME VEIN OF thought:

Tobacco is a dirty weed,
I like it.
It satisfies no normal need,
I like it.
It makes you thin,
It makes you lean,
It takes the hair right off
your bean.
It's the worst darn stuff I've
ever seen.
I like it, I like it, I like it,
already!

FOR THE STUDENT WITH the probing mind here is an interesting experiment. The Indiana Daily Student disturbed just about everybody with an editorial page comment the other day. "Statistics show," quoth the Student, "that the

average seven-inch pencil can be sharpened 17 times, write 45,000 words, or draw a line 35 miles long." Both the New York Times and the Manchester Guardian are remaining mute on the question.

A NEW SAFETY MEASURE? A coin-operated drunkometer with which a person can give himself an intoxication test is a future possibility, according to Henry Newman of Stanford university. After a cocktail party a person could deposit a coin in the slot, breathe into a bag and out would come a slip showing the amount of alcohol in his blood. Then he is supposed to decide whether he should drive or be driven home.

IT'S A WOMAN'S WORLD. Rumors are flying around Cal Poly, the all-male college, that girls may soon be admitted. The administration denies it, but what fellows use hair dryers? Besides that the college is also installing sewing machines. Think those rumors could be based on a little fact?

DAVY CROCKET HAS nothing on the modern college student. At Southwest Missouri State, Harry Hopkins killed a 16-inch copperhead snake at a college party. Here on the west coast Oregon Stater Al Haselbacker killed a three hundred fifty pound bear on a hunting trip to John Day over the weekend.



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Letters to the Editor

Emerald Editor:

It's a pleasure, on behalf of the Oregon Dads, to pass on the many compliments that have come to my attention in respect to the fine cheering and spirit displayed at the Colorado and California games.

The yell leaders, rally squad and band, along with the student body, displayed the "old Oregon fight" in no uncertain manner and can take great pride in the fine showing of our team.

Keep it up.

Gordon E. Wilson
President, Oregon Dads