

+ EMERALD EDITORIALS +

Toward an Intelligent Vote

Tonight's freshman class assembly will be the first meeting of the class as a whole since Orientation week events. In many ways tonight's assumes even more importance than did those assemblies.

The class has now been enrolled in the University for six weeks, and individual freshmen have had ample time to find out how much emphasis they need to put on studying, how much time they are able to spend on activities and how good a performance they can expect from themselves.

Presumably, then, the 28 candidates are people who feel qualified and who realize the responsibility of holding a major campus office.

Tonight's assembly is their only opportunity of addressing classmates and presenting their viewpoints, except for individual campaigning which is, at best, difficult to carry on in dormitories.

Every possible arrangement has been made by the election committee and the ASUO vice-president to hold the assembly at a convenient time and has even arranged for women to be excused from dormitories.

It is to be hoped that attendance will be quite high at this important event, and that attention of the audience will be focused on the speakers and their ideas.

It will be tonight's plans that will be running the freshman class this year, and voters will have their pick of them.

Intelligent voting can only be done when there is a background of some information on the candidates. Living organizations will undoubtedly exert pressure to vote for certain people, who may or may not be fully qualified.

The freshman class can prove its thinking ability, which so far this year has been questioned in some quarters, by the candidates it elects to lead it for the year.

Tonight is the time to listen, and analyze, and above all, think.—(A.R.)

The Music's Simply Grand

If you live anywhere near the library you will know what we mean when we say that this year's University band is one of the most active we have had here in recent years. And the increased effort is certainly showing in the group's outstanding performances at home football games this season.

We were walking by the library the other day and stopped for awhile to listen to the musicians practice (their building is just on the other side of the library from Kincaid). The band was playing several college marches of schools in the Pacific Coast conference. We noticed that much stopping, starting and repeating was done on each one despite the fact that the marches sounded fine to us the way they were being played in the first place.

It made us do a little thinking and for the first time since we came to Oregon, we realized just how hard the band has to work to attain the perfection that it desires. The band director, R. S. Vagner, should be complimented for his fine effort in making the group one that every student can be proud of.

But even more than the director, we think the members of the band should be given a nod of appreciation for a job well done.

—(B.R.)

Temporarily Stunned

About this time in the term it seems appropriate to compare the average University student to heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano in the fourth round of his title fight with Archie Moore.

Stunned by what had happened in the first three and one-half rounds, Marciano was flat on his back on the canvas and was

struggling to get to his feet and come back against his challenger for a successful defense of his crown.

Many University students, although this may be a rather far flung comparison, are in somewhat the same position now after their midterm tests. Two C's to the jaw and a sharp D to the midsection have floored even some of the most scholarly. Things look pretty bleak, looking up from the canvas. Ask any boxer.

But these same fighters will also be quick to point out that a match isn't over until the referee counts 10. The fact that you are down doesn't necessarily mean that you are out.

This is also true of the student who gets off to a poor start. The outlook isn't near as dark as it appears at first. A comeback certainly isn't an impossibility. College professors, just like boxing judges, like to see a man come back from the depths of defeat to win himself a victory. The students who bear down now and put forth a sincere effort to improve their marks are just about sure to come out a winner at the end of the term. Those C's and D's can well turn to A's and B's.

So, just because the midterm grades didn't look too good, don't give up the ship yet. After all, Marciano is still champ and you may be too.—(B.R.)

Pertaining to Youth

There's a Funk and Wagnall dictionary on the desk of the Editorial Director of the Daily Orange. It has been there about 10 years now; it's sort of a tradition. We simply call it the Word Book.

We were reading "The Atlantic" for October the other day, and an article by Harvard's Howard Mumford Jones interested us particularly. It's "Undergraduates in Apron Strings," and in it the learned Mr. Jones advances the theory that college life "is or has become a wan attempt to prolong adolescence as far as it can be stretched."

It's quite a provocative article. Adolescence. We looked it up in the Word Book—"pertaining to youth."

"Pertaining to youth." We couldn't get it out of our minds; we thought of it in context of the events on this campus over the past weeks, and past years, too. We thought of it in terms of all college life in America.

Limited cuts. Limited hours. Limited dress. Limited drink. Limited power of student government viz a viz the student problems. Limited prerogative for the youth.

But should this be? For what is this thing, college? A place where we learn about things, where we learn about people. A place where we learn about how much there is to know, and how much we do not know—and it is awesome, and frightening and wonderful all at once.

And in being so it is a place where we mature. Or at least where we start to mature. And there seems something terribly wrong about making college life "pertaining to youth"—to treat the maturing of the individual as one not to be trusted but to be looked after, to be bound in rules and regulations until he cries out for a little freedom, a little chance to prove his maturation.

"Pertaining to youth." We think not. But obviously they do.

—(The Syracuse Daily Orange).

The Oregon Lemon...

to those fellas who, every Saturday night, block off traffic by leaving their cars running in the middle of 15th avenue between Alder and Kincaid as they say good night to their dates.

Heard from a freshman woman at the Halloween dance Monday, at which the Baker's Half Dozen played: "Which one is Baker?"

Taffy Pull

By Fudge



INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Arms for Israel Lessen Chances of World War

By J. M. Roberts
Of the Associated Press

It begins to appear that Israel will get arms if she really needs them to insure her security, and thereby lessen the chances of war in the Middle East which could spread to war in the world.

The hope that Russia could be persuaded to call off shipment of Czech arms to Egypt is fizzling out. Russian statements in Geneva Tuesday made it clear that shipments will continue. The Russian statement that the arms will not be used to hurt Israel is just another Russian statement.

The Russians have finally brought into the open, however, an important factor in the whole Middle East situation. Arming of Egypt represents counter-action against the "northern tier" pact between Turkey, Iraq, Iran, Pakistan and Britain, say the Russians. And this is partly true. Britain has stepped up her arms shipments to Iraq, especially.

Russia, choosing to accept this as a threat, made it a race by trying to work herself in with the Arab countries which fought the pact, Syria and Egypt, as Saudia Arabia and Lebanon.

This is a double dose of Communist disruptiveness, heightening the trouble between Israel and Egypt at the same time it emphasizes the differences within the Arab world itself.

The American announcement that Israel's appeals for arms will be "considered," however, opens the door on an idea which has been avoided in previous consideration of the problem.

One thing that the United States and Britain have kept in mind since the crisis developed is that Israel had the edge when Czech sales to Egypt were announced, and they have been waiting to see whether Egypt is actually going to develop the power necessary before any attack.

Also, they don't want to give Israel the power to implement her talk of preventing war. Such a policy in South Korea prior to June, 1950, eventually proved very expensive, but it is one with which the democracies are inherently stuck.

A controlled feeding of arms to Israel might maintain the balance while Egypt is still receiving Communist materiel. But it would also intensify the danger to the rest of the world if a new war developed anyway.

Before this thing simmers down, the western powers may yet have to say what the United States once said in an effort to put a damper on Red Chinese ambitions in the Far East—that an aggressor will have to expect powerful retaliation.

It just isn't in the cards for the big powers to let these small countries set off fuses which lead to explosive situations in many directions.



The Oregon Daily Emerald is published five days a week during the school year, except during examination and vacation periods, by the Student Publications Board of the University of Oregon. Entered as second class matter at the post office, Eugene, Oregon. Subscription rates: \$5 per school year; \$2 per term.

Opinions expressed on the editorial page are those of the writer and do not pretend to represent the opinions of the ASUO or the University. Unsigned editorials are written by the editor; initialed editorials by members of the editorial board.

GORDON RICE, Editor DONNA RUNBERG, Business Manager
SALLY RYAN, Editorial Page Editor JACK RADICH, Advertising Manager
JERRY CLAUSSEN, ANNE HILL, BOB ROBINSON, Associate Editors
SAM VAHEY, Managing Editor
ANNE RITCHEY, News Editor JOAN RAINVILLE, Asst. Advertising Mgr.
CHUCK MITCHELMORE, Sports Editor NANCY SHAW, Office Manager
EDITORIAL BOARD: Gordon Rice, Jerry Clausen, Anne Hill, Chuck Mitchelmore, Anne Ritchey, Bob Robinson, Sally Ryan, Sam Vahey