

+ EMERALD EDITORIALS +

Advisory System

At the first of the year, ASUO President Bud Hinkson suggested that a Senate committee might be appointed to study the present student advisory system of the University.

Hinkson suggested that ASUO Senator-at-large Dick McDaniel, himself a counselor, would be the chairman of such a committee. It was just a suggestion and the Senate did not discuss it, but the majority of the Senators seemed to think the study was a good idea.

However, nothing further has been done. The committee has never been appointed and the Senate has never considered the subject.

We don't believe this whole matter of freshman counseling and advising should be passed over so lightly. We've heard enough unfavorable comments about the system to suspect the system could use some improvement.

However, we don't think a Senate committee should be appointed with the idea of finding out what is wrong with the system. The first step should be thorough study of the background, methods and results gained under the system. Then, if the committee does find room for improvement, it should make recommendations.

Nobody believes the Oregon system is perfect, but any committee that goes charging off to reform the whole organization will accomplish nothing.

In any event, the committee should be appointed immediately. The Senate and the students are entitled to a report on how the system is working. We hope the Senate will take the matter up Thursday night.

A Real Candidate

Republican hopes for 1956 in Oregon received a shot in the arm recently with an official statement from Mark Hatfield that he would be a candidate for secretary of state. Oregonians interested in good government have rumored his candidacy for several months, so it came as no surprise.

The last election left the state GOP with a badly smashed pair of glasses tinged with the rosy hues of Republican invincibility. The voters served notice that they were looking for candidates, preferably younger and more aggressive ones.

Hatfield is younger and more aggressive. More than that, he has wide experience in political affairs and he is a man of unquestionable integrity. And Hatfield is going places.

Since 1950 he has been one of the brightest stars in Oregon's political solar system. First elected as state representative from Marion county, he served as vice-chairman of the education committee. In the 1952 elections, he led the ticket. In 1954, running for the state senate, he received both the Republican and the Democratic nominations from Marion county.

Hatfield was chairman of the state and

federal affairs committees of both houses, and has served on the reapportionment, education and public health committee, among others.

One of the first Oregon men to back Eisenhower for president, Hatfield was a delegate to the 1952 Republican national convention. There were 50 candidates on the ballot; Hatfield ran fourth. At the convention itself, Hatfield was elected over Senator Wayne Morse as Oregon's representative on the convention committee.

Undoubtedly he is one of Oregon's most outstanding young men. Evidently the Albany and Salem Junior Chambers of Commerce agree: they have both nominated him as one of the ten most outstanding young men in the United States for 1955.

A particular favorite with college students, Hatfield is dean of men at Willamette university. His appointment when he was 27 made him the youngest college dean in the country . . . and one of the most popular. We understand that he takes a deep interest in his students, as he does in all those he meets.

This is the more unusual when one considers the number of people of diversified interests that he meets. Hatfield is in great demand as a speaker and has addressed everything from the Hollywood Bowl Easter Sunrise service to the Oregon Press Women. We won't be surprised if those who have heard him speak, those who have met him become very active supporters in the Hatfield campaign.

As such a figure, we hope that he will be invited to speak to a University assembly sometime before May.—(S.R.)

S-D Every Day

It'll only take half as long to kill the second million people as it did to kill the first, if traffic deaths continue to mount at their present rate.

Pretty startling fact, isn't it?

It's because of this alarming death toll, not to mention the millions of dollars lost through property damage, that President Eisenhower has declared Thursday as "Safe-Driving Day" throughout the United States.

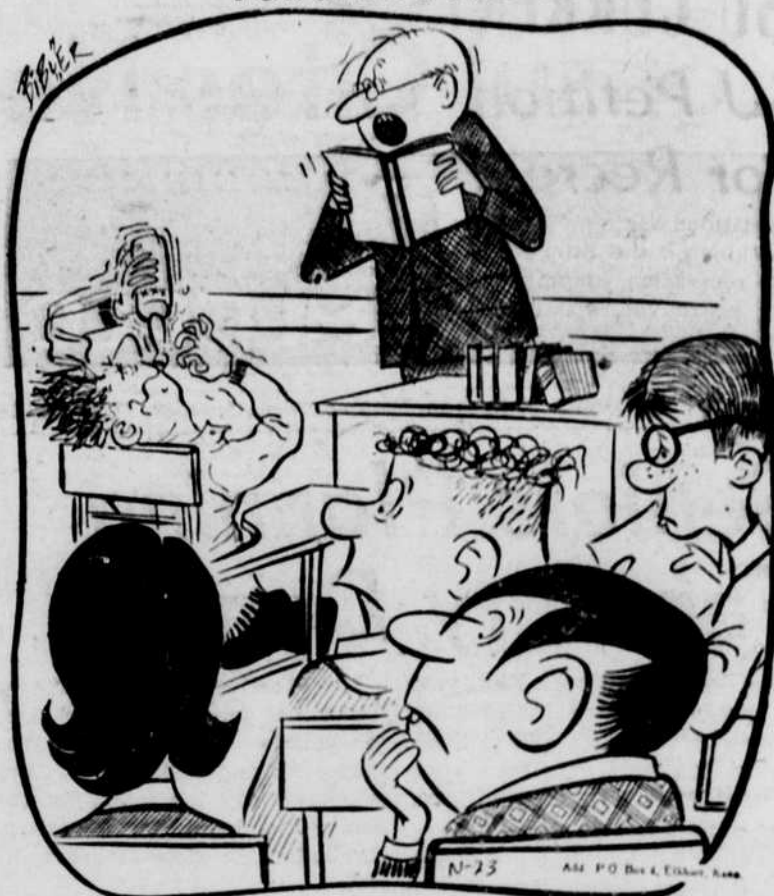
On that day, it will be the challenge of every citizen to see that there is not a single traffic accident during the 24 hour period—during both daylight and darkness.

That's quite a job, you'll say; and you'll be right. Not even the dreamiest-eyed optimist can think that all accidents will be eliminated just because of the President's declaration. But on the other hand, not even the most downhearted pessimist can contend that it won't help the nation's problem. It was proved in last year's Safe-Driving day that accidents are definitely cut down when motorists are thinking about their highway safety.

The number of accidents will be reduced Thursday because you and I are making a conscious effort to drive and walk carefully.

We ought to be smart enough then to realize this: if we can reduce accidents on one day, we can do the same every day of the year.—(S.V.)

Towards June 10



'OK, OK, HENLEY—OTHER STUDENTS HAVE HAD TO FACE REQUIRED COURSES, YA KNOW!'

College Capers . . .

From Coast to Coast

By Bobbye Harris
Emerald Columnist

A GOOD IDEA?

Farewell professors. Farewell friends.
I leave this lovely region.
I've found out all my mid-term grades
And joined the Foreign Legion.
The Daily Reveille
Louisiana State University

ANOTHER CONTEST!

From the University of British Columbia comes word of a unique contest held in conjunction with a money raising campaign for the March of Dimes.

An engineering student, Jack McLean, was declared Canadian University Spitting Champion. He achieved a distance of thirty feet, five feet more than the runner-up. Judge Bob Wilcox provided each of the six contestants with a generous plug of specially imported Turkish chewing tobacco and a five-minute warm-up preceded the finals. Winner McLean was presented with two bottles of beer for his efforts.

The contest, a Chinese auction, a female football game, and general collections raised \$414.15 for this worthy cause.

RAH RAH STUFF:

Fans at Indiana university proved that they are long in spirit. Deciding that a pep rally wasn't up to par, they sent a telegram 35 feet long to the team. The length was reached by listing names of students

who paid five cents to have their names included.

ROSE BOWL BOUND:

Oldsmobile Division of General Motors has announced it will finance the trip of Michigan State's 130-piece marching band to the Rose Bowl game on January 2. The company also played host for the band two years ago when MSU's team met UCLA in its first Rose Bowl trip.

Leonard Falcone, band director said he had gone to work on "new and spectacular formations" for the game.

UNPOPULAR:

An anonymous physics student at Trinity University has designed a photoelectric counter which has halted skipping of classes by physics students. The gadget counts heads as students enter and leave classes and puts the finger on those who walk out on a class. Called "evil eye" by the students, the device has replaced roll call.

It's easy to see why the student prefers to remain anonymous!

Talk about traditions: at Michigan State university, the presidents of the freshmen and sophomore classes have a tree-sitting contest. The record was set last year—13 hours in a sugar maple tree in below-freezing temperatures. It's all part of the observation of Frosh-Soph day. Canoe races and a tug-of-war contest are other events.

Letters to the Editor

Emerald Editor:

For many years it has been a pleasure for me to associate with college students in many different institutions. I have enjoyed working in all types of student activities. However, in all that experience I have never been exposed to a group of students which is as downright immature as the students of the University of Oregon.

The height of this childishness was displayed for all to see, and hear, last Friday night. I am, of course, referring to the

annual Homecoming noise parade.

I enjoy Homecoming celebrations and their inevitable parades. Every other institution that I can think of has these celebrations which usually feature parades of beautiful floats which testify to the time, effort, and talent of the students who constructed them.

Here, however, this usual constructive effort was replaced by a contest in pure noise. While I feel that this behavior is of a sub-high school level, even it would be excusable if the Uni-

versity were not one block from a major hospital.

College students should have some sense of responsibility. Yet we allow displays of irresponsibility and inconsideration such as the noise parade to continue. Noise which was annoying downtown was blasted into the ears of hospital patients only a short distance away from the source of the noise.

To those responsible for the loudest noise went the prize. I hope they're proud of it.

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