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Parking Project

The ASUO Senate has embarked on what could be one of its most valuable projects in the last four years. ASUO President Bud Hinkson's appointment of a four-man committee to study the campus parking problem is the first step toward improving a situation which is rapidly growing worse.

There are a number of rather complex problems involved in the study. The relationship between the state and the city with regard to on-street parking on the campus must be defined. Some sort of restrictions on who can park in University parking lots may have to be set up.

Perhaps some lots will be reserved for University students and staff, while others are reserved for visitors to the campus. If so, some method of enforcement must be found.

The review of the problem by the committee at the Senate meeting Thursday night should have given the senators at least a working knowledge of the situation. It is not a simple problem, and it will take a lot of work before anyone comes up with an answer.

A few groups, especially those non-students who take advantage of the University's parking facilities, may be unhappy with the results. But no student who drives a car will deny that the problem should be tackled.

Blue Book Blues

Ever since the time we took the top blue book and list of questions off of that pile three years ago this month, there has been something about this time of the year that doesn't leave us in the most charitable of moods.

Final week is upon us. For some it will be their tenth round, for some the first. And we imagine that it will be like each of those which has preceded it.

Not that we object so to finals. Especially in lower division courses, finals are a necessary evil. It's the way in which they are handled.

Someone once told us that Oregon had two-hour finals. From time to time we've heard that statement repeated. Perhaps it would bear repeating again in the ears of a number of professors. When finals are set

up on a two-hour schedule, it is inevitable that some students will have two finals in a row—say one at 8 and another at 10.

If the professor permits his class to write long after the two hours is up, the student who has to leave for another final is at a definite disadvantage.

Shorter periods than two hours are necessary for some examinations. But if two hours is the maximum by which the examination schedule is set up, then two hours should be the absolute limit.—(S.R.)

Return of La Prensa

Is La Prensa back? An announcement Monday by President Pedro Aramburu's government sounds very encouraging so far as restoration of the once famous Argentine newspaper to its former position is concerned.

Government house sources reported that Aramburu intends to issue a decree returning the paper to Alberto Gainza Paz, its former editor and publisher, in the near future.

When and if he does issue this decree, it will be a great thing for Argentina and a still more magnificent achievement for journalism in South America. In its day La Prensa was one of the top, if not the greatest, independent newspaper in the country. It never hesitated to make its objections of government procedure known to its readers and it didn't matter to it if the leader of the country was a dictator.

It was this criticism of the government which brought the La Prensa's downfall in 1951. After constantly objecting to the dictatorial moves of President Juan D. Peron for some time, it suddenly found itself left out in the cold. Peron, fed up with the pestilence, suddenly seized the paper and put an end to its independent actions.

Just what this new decree will mean is still uncertain. Even if La Prensa is returned to its former editor and publisher, will it be able to attain the independent status that it once had?

Aramburu has stated that he intends to correct the "outrage against this great newspaper." Does this mean that he will allow it to continue where it left off in 1951? In the next few weeks this question should be answered. We hope that it is the affirmative.—(B.R.)

Basketball Opener



"WATCH '7'—HE HAS A UNIQUE METHOD OF GETTING THAT BALL"

Letters to the Editor

Emerald Editor:

I see by Wednesday's issue of the Emerald that, though the question of racial segregation has been solved by the Supreme Court, the problem of class and sexual segregation still lingers on at University of Oregon athletic functions.

A group of rah-rah artists, calling themselves the "Rally Board," has decided that all men at Friday night's basketball game will sit on the west side of the court. Women will sit on the east side. Those intrepid souls who wish to brave the jeers of their "manly" cohorts are allowed to sit in the "cheap seats" with the latecomers behind the baskets. To this I say: D--n charitable of you, kids.

And this is but the most recent of a series of "planned" activities for the supposedly adult student population of the University of Oregon.

All winter long we have been plagued by the utterances of Oregon's embryo "Grande Dame," who proclaims the

"correct" attire for all University functions. This pseudo-aristocratic idiocy is an insult to a person's intelligence.

It's time to get "Harry High School" out of college.

The mature student body has become sick and tired of blaring sound trucks, innumerable newspaper articles and downy-cheeked youths telling us what we should do and how we should do it while in (pardon the expression) pursuit of an education. While these refugees from Selective Service act are informing us of the "correct" collegiate attitude, their cohorts are busily building fires in the streets, and screaming for women's flimsies outside dormitory windows.

It's a shame that an institution such as this, devoted to the highest degree of education possible, must be dominated by such a spirit of adolescence.

We can't be 17 years old forever. Let's grow up.

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From the Files...

Dec. 1, 1954—University President O. Meredith Wilson today approved four students to sit on the newly created budget board. For the first time, students will sit on a board which allocates the money from their educational activities fees.

Dec. 1, 1950—The Dave Brubeck trio will play for Pi Kappa Alpha's house dance Saturday night in McArthur court. The trio has been on campus since

Thursday, and two radio stations have recorded its music.

Dec. 1, 1940—Oregon Daily Emerald printed an extra Sunday edition today when the Oregon Ducks broke a four year loss streak at the hands of Oregon State, beating the Beavers, 20-0. There will be no classes Monday after 10 a.m. A special rally will be held in McArthur court, followed by a street parade and free dance in Gerlinger hall.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Foreign Policy Makers to Search For Measures to Obtain Initiative

By J. M. Roberts
Of the Associated Press

One of the questions foreign policy makers will have to answer soon, political year or no political year, is how the United States can get the initiative in the new type of warfare for which Russia laid the groundwork with her late lamented "co-operative" campaign.

Secretary of State Dulles hit close to the problem but not the answer Tuesday when he pointed out that if the United States tried to match every offer of economic aid made by Russia to Asia the Soviets could, without expense to themselves, jockey this country into ruinous expenditures.

Not often have students of the East-West conflict been as united in their estimates as they are since the failure of the Geneva conference. They believe that Russia is set for a long-range campaign of economic and political infiltration along the line of the Commu-

nist arms deal and offer of economic aid to Egypt.

Some, including state department experts, think the United States will have to shift its emphasis accordingly. Many believe that the United States should take the initiative instead of letting Russia make the gestures while the United States eventually foots the bills, as promises to be the case in the construction of a big dam for Egypt.

This would include a careful study of the rapidly increasing national income, against the background of possible losses to Russia which cannot be afforded on any grounds.

Hardly any of the students believe the Washington administration, however hard-pressed to balance the budget and offer tax reductions before next summer's campaign, will be able to continue its policy of reducing the foreign aid program.

The question now is not one of reduction, but how much it will have to be increased.

So far, Russia has given no sign that her new emphasis on peaceful infiltration of Asia is to be accompanied by any significant relaxation of the military preparedness with which she backs up her diplomatic program. Until there is some such sign, there can be little hope of military savings sufficient to balance the economic aid program.

In some fashion, too, the United States must manage to make it clear that the economic aid program, whatever form it takes, is not merely an effort to buy allies for a future war, or to block Russian domination of newly-emerging countries merely by substituting American domination.

If a sensible, not-too-straining aid program can be worked out, designed to give underdeveloped peoples time to work out their own political systems to fit their own cultures, with general world welfare as the obvious objective, then the United States will have a chance of winning this new war.



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