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Fitting Honor for Gov. Patterson

The late Gov. Paul Patterson was one of the University of Oregon's most distinguished and best-loved alumni, and quite rightly so.

He was a capable and popular governor, liked by everyone who knew him. He went out of his way to help people and to be considerate of them. We remember quite vividly the personal letter he sent to each finalist for the Aaron Frank scholarship every spring while he served on that board. Examples of this kind are many.

But Gov. Patterson will be remembered at the University for more direct contributions to it. He was one of the leaders in the original movement for the construction of a Student Union on the campus.

Although his goal was not realized until 27 years later, credit must go to Gov. Patterson and a small group of devoted students who started the ball rolling in 1923. Many plans will be offered for a memorial to this man to whom the University owes so much, but we can think of none more fitting than the name of a room in the Student Union in his honor.

The newly constructed room west of the post office would be ideal for this purpose. We hope the Student Union board will see fit to take such action.

In This Corner: The Loser

Winning the game usually is not easy. But losing it is even more difficult, when the game is over.

Being a good loser often entails nothing more than merely keeping the mouth shut. And this is what makes losing so hard.

This brings us to the recently-completed Winter Olympic games in Cortina, Italy. The winner: Russia. The loser: The United States.

Yes, the Russians turned in a phenomenal performance. They won six gold medals of the 24 offered and collected 121 points. Austria was second, but not even close, with 78½.

The United States is seldom a major threat for the winter crown, and this time was no exception. The Yanks finished way down in sixth spot with 54½ points.

So what has been the reaction? It certainly

ly has not been indicative of a graceful loser. The cry has been raised that the Russians are professionals, that they trained all year, that they have turned sports into a propaganda weapon.

If these charges are true, and they appear to have basis, then it is regrettable. The Olympic games were conceived as a means of attaining international good will through sports.

But if the Russians have turned them into an instrument of propaganda, isn't it partly because the United States has done likewise in the past? This country won the summer Olympics in 1952, and Russia lost. The victory was well-publicized.

Now Russia wins the winter games and is conceded a good chance of taking the summer crown as well. What kind of a loser are you going to be, Uncle Sam?—(J.C.R.)

Jazz: A Way of Life

Jazz fans and enthusiasts will be glad to learn that its popularity is spreading to all other parts of the world.

A Saturday Review of Literature article points out that several foreign countries are really going all-out in producing their own jazz bands, concerts, contests, and such.

American jazzmen who tour abroad usually are overwhelmed at their reception. People who are turned away for lack of space in some places have left buildings in ruin as a token of their displeasure.

Foreigners seem to agree that Americans are the best jazz producers and as such, they are ambassadors of very good will. Most of them seem to be aware of this role, especially "Satchmo" Armstrong. But the basic popularity of the art seems to be as one European put it: "Jazz is not only a music but also a way of life."

So it seems there is at least one level on which we can all come together.—(A.H.)

Footnotes

Signs of the times department: blackboard in north hall of science building's main floor proclaims "Down with silence!" Echoed directly below on the basement board is even larger comment, "BLAH!"

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Just about the surest bet we've heard of this term: that the initials of the next occupant of Student Union 304 will be D.B.

Midterm Eyestrain



"EYESTRAIN - HE WROTE HIS CRIBNOTES SO SMALL HE COULD HARDLY READ 'EM."

College Capers . . .

From Coast to Coast

By Bobby Harris
Emerald Columnist

If you are wondering why the test files haven't been helping much on the current mid-terms this article from the Wittenberg Torch might explain things.

A successful businessman was on a visit to his alma mater.

He dropped in on his economic professor, and recalling that he used to have difficulty with economics exams, he asked to see some of the current papers. Noting them casually, he said, "But these are the same old questions."

"Yes," agreed the professor, "we never change the questions."

"But," said the visitor, "don't you know that the students will pass the questions from class to class?"

"Certainly," came the reply, "but we always change the answers."

In answer to a previous article about what college boys are made of is this description of that material mass of matter, the human female, which was published in the Southern Technical Institute paper.

Symbol: WO.

Accepted Atomic Weight: 120 lbs.

Occurrence: Found wherever man exists.

Physical properties: Boils at nothing and freezes at any minute; melts when properly treated; very bitter if not well used.

Chemical Properties: Pos-

sesses great affinity for gold, silver, platinum, and precious stones. Violent reaction if left alone. Able to absorb great amount of food matter. Turns green when placed beside a better-looking specimen.

Uses: Highly ornamental; useful as a tonic in acceleration of low spirits, and an effective income-reducing agent known.

Caution: Highly explosive in in-experienced hands.

This could happen to you! The mother of a young man enrolled at the University of Texas came up with a novel idea for chiding her son for not writing home.

After a long period with no letter from him, she wrote the following card to him: "Check one: I am () am not () enrolled at the University of Texas. I am () am not () flunking out."

She enclosed a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

We've heard stories about all kinds of fraternity pets including dogs, cats, skunks, goats, rabbits, and raccoons. However, here is a new one to add to the list.

Sigma Nu members at Drury college are feeling a little depressed because they are having to get rid of their house pet and mascot who is being donated to a local zoo. The pet? A seven-foot boa constrictor!

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

US Plans to Launch Space Satellite for Scientific Purposes

By J. M. Roberts
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If the United States is first to launch a space satellite the chances seem good that she will also be the first to have an intercontinental missile.

The United States plans to launch its "bird" in the fall of 1957 for scientific purposes. If it really picks up a world-girdling orbit, then a very little bit of figuring about trajectories and substitution of an atomic cargo, should be able to turn it into a weapon.

That reasoning does not obviate at all the dangers involved in the possibility cited by Senator Jackson, Democrat from Washington, that Russia may fire a 1,500 mile ballistic missile this year which would, as he said, upset the world balance of power.

Nobody knows whether the United States will be the first with the space satellite. Russia has announced her intention of competing in this field, indicat-

ing she thinks she has a good chance of being first. There are indications she was at work, and could have announced her plans first, if she had wished.

Both nations have been hard at work on the inter-continental ballistic missile ever since Germany started on it during World War II. Both have been using German scientists who pioneered in the field.

Senator Jackson does not reveal whether his warning is based on evidence, not generally known to the public, or on conjecture. Certainly the conclusion he draws, that Russian success would lay the world open to atomic blackmail, is a reasonable one.

By the same token, exclusive possession of such a weapon by the United States would mean only the creation of another war deterrent and, after that, maintenance of the balance of power. Blackmail is outside the sphere of the democracies. But strength itself is a strong political weapon.

The rockets by which the United States expects to launch the "bird" will carry it hundreds of miles above the earth. Preparations are going forward with such speed and confidence there seems little doubt that it can be done. Once such rockets have been built, extension of their range is primarily a matter of development.

The "bird" will disintegrate when it loses its speed and reenters the earth's atmosphere, but development of warheads which would not disintegrate, or which need not go outside the atmosphere, does not seem a major problem.

Senator Jackson's picture of a United States bereft of retaliatory air bases within the range of a 1,500 mile missile is a picture of a United States bereft of much of the power which now holds the free world together. But it is a picture which need not be faced if America's own missile program is pressed at the proper pace.



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