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Parking Temperatures

"There are no real issues on this campus," they said during the recent ASUO election campaign. And so it seemed.

But in the Senate-approved proposal to change the operation of campus parking lots next year, we see an issue over which students will run high temperatures. That the proposal aroused no opposition in the Senate was remarkable; if it should arise no opposition next year when it will be put into effect it would be a near-miracle.

The plan, as embodied in a report submitted by the ASUO parking committee, is briefly this:

Two types of stickers will be issued to car owners, one for "on campus" students and another for "off-campus" students. Both will be issued free of charge and all cars must bear one in order to park in a University lot.

Each parking lot will be marked off into separate areas, with one for on-campus and another part of the lot for off-campus cars. Thus a large area will be reserved for off-campus students, who now find it difficult to park near campus.

Then who will be mad? Large numbers of students who live in hilltop and Millrace area living organizations now drive their cars the several blocks toward the center of the campus. On one bright morning next year such students will find that nearly all the space for on-campus students has already been taken by those who live near the lots. Thus these students will be forced to leave their cars home, which is just what the ASUO committee wants.

Why, then, is it necessary to make such a change? Because parking spaces are hard to find, and those available should be used by students who need to drive cars to the campus, instead of by those who merely find it convenient to do so.

It has been argued that this plan will eliminate about 65 cars parked each day on our lots by non-students, such as employees of nearby businesses. We doubt that many of those 65 cars will be left home next year. They will be parked on the street, which will merely rearrange the allocation of parking space—not provide more of them. Such a plan is not necessary to get these cars off our lots. Simply enforcing a rule that all cars on lots must have student stickers would accomplish the same result and be much easier to administer.

So the whole issue seems to be one of whether who parks where should be settled on a first-come first-served basis, or whether a system based on need should be established.

Parking, as every driver knows, is a subject over which even the most mild-mannered persons run high temperatures. There is something about circling a block four times with two minutes to make a class that is rather irritating. Right now such irritations are being borne mainly by off-campus students, who are used to it and who are under-represented in the student government which sets such policy. Next year the frustrations will be transferred in large part to hilltop and Millrace area residents. Many of them will sound off loudly.

From a campus-wide standpoint, the ASUO committee is probably right, if its proposal can be administered efficiently. Parking space should be allocated according to need. But try to sell this lofty principle to the fellow who can't find a place to park. (B.M.)

Beauty Plus Wages

When state legislators meet next January they will find a question of prime importance facing them—raising faculty salaries at state educational institutions.

This question is of direct interest to faculty and educational circles, of course. But

the results of it concern the entire state of Oregon as well.

A study done on salary comparison with other educational institutions throughout the country shows that the University of Oregon sadly trails salary-wise the other schools with which it competes for faculty members.

Such schools as University of Washington, University of Wisconsin, University of Michigan and so on, while much bigger in enrollment than Oregon, are competitors in the faculty field. These colleges and universities far outrank our University salaries.

On the instructional level the University is still in competition although it lags behind the others. On the assistant and associate professor levels, Oregon is far behind, and on the professorial level, the situation is severe.

For example, on this last level, the average salary of a professor for this current school year in five colleges is \$8,934. The average salary for a University of Oregon professor this year is \$8,002.

Reasons for this vast difference between Oregon salaries and those of other institutions generally may be listed as two.

First, this sharp difference has shown up only in the past two years. Before this the state system gradually increased salaries enough so that Oregon was within approximately \$200 either above or below the average of five colleges—Brown university, Dartmouth college, Johns Hopkins university, Princeton university and University of Rochester.

Evidently it was thought two years ago that the state system could well afford to coast on salaries for a couple of years figuring that other universities would do likewise. But other institutions continued to raise salaries while Oregon stood relatively still.

Another reason for no increase in salaries is the building program which has been carried on the Oregon campus. Certainly the state has been generous in granting requests of money for more adequate facilities which are important and needed.

The University of Oregon, however, has a reputation for being outstanding, though small, educational institution in the United States. This fact, in itself, is a strong argument in favor of raising faculty salaries.

Another argument, to., is that the primary and secondary system of education in the state of Oregon also is considered to be one of the top in the nation. Surely the collegiate level should stay either ahead of or at least even with the lower levels lest it become less important.

In order to maintain this reputation and these high standards during these coming years when college instructors will be even more at a premium, salaries must be raised. Increasing enrollment with fewer doctorates being granted means that faculty members will be more sought after.

The prime reason for salary increases is not to keep those professors already here, although that should be considered. Probably most of them will stay unless conditions get too severe since most of them have made their homes here.

The important reason is hiring future professors. Granted that the Oregon country is beautiful, this beauty is scarcely enough to entice a professor to settle here for considerably less wages.

Likewise, present instructors, while they are making fairly good wages now, surely must realize that a future as a professor at Oregon salary-wise is not good.

The issue of faculty salary raises must be seriously considered. Further than that, immediate action must be taken before Oregon gets farther behind in this field.

This issue must receive careful thought from legislators and from Oregon voters who will elect these legislators to office. The presently-high educational standards of the University of Oregon depend on such thought. (A.H.)

Blind Date



"Louisa told her you'd be a swell blind date, but she must have found out about you anyway."

THE LOOKING GLASS

Film Fare Combines Nonsense, Mediocrity

By Bob Davis
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Film fare around Eugene this week-end is rather grim succession of Jane Russell nonsense and western mediocrity. Only when we come to the most gruesome title "Kiss The Blood Of My Hands" is there anything which does much to support the theory that movies are better than ever. Actually, it may be a negation of the theory since the film is not exactly the newest thing out on celluloid.

The picture tells a story, with some sensitivity, of a rootless Canadian soldier, Bill Williams, wandering the streets of post-war London after spending two years in a Nazi prison camp. Burt Lancaster, with a disarming and often frightening Neanderthal naivete, is quite adequate as the ex-soldier who still harbors a hatred for any type of restriction which smacks of prison life.

It is his rejection of all authority which leads to a flight from the law and a chance meeting with an equally rootless and lonesome girl, Jane Wharton, played by Joan Fontaine. She is leading a drab existence as a nurse in a health clinic and soon falls for "Wild Bill" despite her apparent social and moral conformity and the fact that he is not exactly the "breakfast eating Brooks Brothers type."

Their search for happiness is marred by Bill's transient outbreaks of socially unacceptable behavior, and the villainy of a certain chap called 'arry, a contemptible black-mailer satanically grinned on the screen by Robert Newton. The story is tenderly told, largely because of the presence of Joan Fontaine, who exudes a gentility and se-

renity which doesn't have quite the dramatic flair of the Grace Kelly variety but is none the less charming.

"Kiss The Blood Of My Hands" should not scare anybody away by its title, for it is not the story of death but of a search for life.

Letters to the Editor

Emerald Editor:

During the past school year I have thoroughly enjoyed the Oregon Emerald. Although the sports section gets first call, I do read the entire paper with great interest.

Your coverage of Jim Bailey's victory over John Landy in the Coliseum in Los Angeles was very complete and outstanding, and I might add, Portland papers should have copied.

I wish particularly to commend the Emerald for the consistently fine editorials on the various issues of the day. Keep up the good work.

At the recent director's meeting of the Dad's club in Eugene, I recommended that all dads subscribe to the Emerald at the beginning of each school year. It would be well for the Emerald to circularize the membership for subscriptions. We are certain that it would create more interest and wholehearted support for the University.

Let me say again, the Oregon Emerald is a very fine newspaper and the entire Emerald staff can be justly proud.

John T. Carson
Dad's Club Executive Board



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