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Let's Not Miss These Events

The week ahead offers students of the University much opportunity to broaden themselves educationally and culturally. We hope that most of us will not be so burdened by midterms and those collegiate necessities we so often over-emphasize that we miss these events.

Events worth noting include:

● Tonight at 8 p.m. a foreign student reception will be held in the Student Union ballroom. The purpose of the reception is to introduce them to the rest of us, an impossibility if we do not attend. Where could one better spend an evening than getting acquainted with our foreign students and the ideas they have brought here from all parts of the world?

● Tuesday at 1 p.m. the University assembly program will feature Carl Francis, Republican candidate for Oregon attorney general.

● Tuesday at 8 p.m. the Eger Players will present a free concert to commence the University's Charter Day observance. This instrumental ensemble is said to be one of the finest of its kind anywhere.

● Wednesday at 3:30 is the week's high point, the Charter Day convocation. It will be an extremely high-quality program observing the University's 80th anniversary. One of America's greatest physicists, President Lee DuBridge of Cal Tech, will speak on "Science, the Servant of Mankind."

● Wednesday at 8 p.m. Charter Day will conclude with a lecture by one of the nation's most respected social scientists. Robert Redfield is an anthropologist and a professor at Chicago university.

There's the week's "cultural calendar." We must budget our time to include those things we consider most important.

Are We Really That Selfish?

This year's United Fund chairmen for the University campus decided to approach the students as they had asked to be approached. So they organized the campaign without living organization competition for per capita contributions, which had been used in past years to encourage response. The students very definitely voiced their opinion last year that contributions should be made with no other consideration but the individual's personal feelings toward the drive.

The chairmen also thought that response to a charity drive (the only one held on our campus during the year, by the way) would be as great or greater and definitely more genuine if they did not include rather annoying entertainment-type promotion, such as flying speeches. So they concentrated on newspaper and poster publicity, then distributed the collection envelopes to the presidents of all living organizations.

And the amount collected did not even begin to reach the campus goal.

What is more shocking is that those houses which topped the list of per capita donations during the years when they were in competition were close to the bottom when the 1956 campus drive was completed. Many living organizations put off their collections until the very last minute, some did not start collecting until the campus drive was officially over. One house that was among the leaders during the years of competition mustered up \$1.28. If there hadn't been enthusiasm for the project in the women's dorms, the total would have been far worse than it was.

If the United Fund were not generally accepted as a good thing, if "giving" to such a fund could possibly be against the principles of many students, if the students were bothered constantly by similar charity drives as in years past, if the majority of students could not afford the individual

quota of \$.55, or if the campaign had not been well-organized, then we wouldn't have to shame-facedly point to the one reason which obviously applies in this case.

The majority of our living organizations evidently has to be forced by competition to encourage their members to support as worthwhile an undertaking as our nationwide United Fund drive.

Are we really that selfish? (M.M.)

Footnotes

Further information on Sen. Neuberger's likes and dislikes: wag at high school assembly recently asked the junior senator (NOT up for re-election this year) what he thinks of Elvis Presley. Neuberger's reported answer, "I'm afraid I don't care for Elvis Presley."

Perhaps frosh orientation should last until midterm week. Four freshman boys, clad in the traditional and charming frosh beanies last Wednesday, were observed and overheard by an upperclassman as they came out of Commonwealth between classes. As the boys stood in the square, dazzled by the array of buildings surrounding them, one greenie inquired of his fellows "Which of these here buildings is the library?"

"Washington Sideline," UW's football program, has given new pride to Oregon journalism majors. Full picture page with shots of Oregon campus uses the glamor prints of Mac court, center section of Commonwealth, the Student Union and Allen Hall, but the captions on the latter two are reversed, with the result that "The Erb, Oregon's Student Memorial Union Building" turns out to be Eric W. Allen Hall, and the head-on view of the SU is labeled "Allen Hall, home of Oregon's School of Journalism."

Washington's Secret?



In Texas and Georgia

The Racial Issue: Big News In the College Press

From the Associated Collegiate Press

The tangled issue of racial segregation and discrimination became more pronounced as schools opened their doors for the fall term and it was widely discussed in college papers, both from a news and editorial standpoint. Here, briefly, is a roundup of some of the more important developments:

On September 19, a front page story in the Daily Texan told of some important action by the State Supreme Court. The high court had refused to allow a group of Houston residents to file suit to stop integration at the University of Texas. The suit had contended that the U.S. Supreme court decision does not require the Board of Regents to integrate the University. But the state court refused to accept that argument and its action ended consideration of the case. About 100 Negroes have applied for admission to the University.

In the same issue of the paper, the Daily Texan discussed the integration problem in this editorial:

"It was quite like any other freshman orientation discussion group. The meeting was in English building 1 and the editor and three other upperclassmen were on hand to welcome 71 freshmen and transfers.

Five of the 71 were Negroes, five of the first undergraduate students preparing to enter the University this week. In spite of the precedent being set, the meeting was as unremarkable a gathering of interested new students as has ever met on the campus.

And it was just what we expected.

The entrance of undergraduate Negroes was the third and logical step in a gradual integration process in secondary and higher education in Austin. The Graduate school was desegregated in 1950, and Austin high schools were opened to both Negroes and white students in 1955.

And thousands of students in West Texas are attending integrated high schools without incident or evidence of ill feeling. More thousands in East Texas are attending segregated schools and probably

will continue to do so for some time to come.

Mansfield and Austin lie where East and West Texas meet, a minor cultural border where the choice is more clearly defined. One community is sticking to the traditional way which has been legally condemned; the other has chosen the smoother path of legality.

Integration failed in Mansfield for the time being. And the incident was not notable in that Negro students were turned away, but that a mob scene accompanied it. The Texas Rangers were called out, not to enforce the law, but to preserve peace and order. The mob at Mansfield was surely, like all other mobs, aggravated by a few agitators. Although the product of only a few men, a mob can be a terrible and powerful thing.

But most people want to do what is right and lawful and will do so when it is presented to them as such. It is the duty of the leaders of the people to show them the right thing to do; in this case compliance with the law. But the leaders of the people, perhaps because they do not believe in the law, chose the path of preserving peace and order (rather than law and order.)

Situations like the one at Mansfield will be handled competently and smoothly only when the state officials have the belief and the courage to declare that integration is both lawful and morally just."

On the other hand, the Georgia State Signal has taken a forthright editorial stand endorsing the opposite point of view. The paper says it will support segregation at Georgia State and in the state of Georgia. It also endorses former governor Talmadge in the senatorial race and says it will back the Democratic candidate for president unless he favors integration. The Daily Texan observes that the Signal's editorial policy is one that appears to be condoned by a majority of Georgians.

Racial tension flared in parts of Tennessee during the summer. The feelings of segregationists in that state, and in

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