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Quo Vadis?



"I TAKE IT YOU'LL BE LEAVING FOR VACATION DIRECTLY AFTER CLASS?"

We Have Opportunity and Obligation

Americans tomorrow will observe a troubled world and thank God for the blessings with which He has endowed our society.

Thanksgiving Day, the oldest of strictly American holidays, was set aside by the Pilgrims as a day to offer prayerful thanks.

We can be thankful in 1956 that we have retained our basic freedoms during a period in which millions have fallen victims of tyranny. And despite the troubles of the world we are not at war. Our material wealth, moreover, has never been equalled by any people in all the world's history.

But perhaps our prayers tomorrow should thank God for more than His blessings of peace, liberty and material wealth. Perhaps we should thank Him for the opportunity, by our actions and example, of keeping alive in the hearts of men everywhere a

yearning for a better life enriched by freedom.

Recent events in Hungary should remind Americans of the importance once-free men place upon liberty. Thousands there have laid down their lives for a cause which cannot now be successful, but which we believe must ultimately prevail.

As we thank our Creator for our homes and families, our free and prosperous society, and the peace we now enjoy, it might be well to question why we have been so abundantly blessed.

Surely God, who looks upon all his children with equal love, must combine with such blessings a great responsibility. Perhaps our most earnest prayers should ask for the ability to clearly see that which we owe our fellow men, and what we must do to fulfill this obligation.

TV and Roses and Turkey

So just what is there left to say about Oregon and Oregon State and football? Not very much, actually. Sure, there are a couple of new angles this year, such as turkey and odor of rose and national TV, but to us it's still just Civil War.

We've heard Rah-Rah — Spirit Needed and Rah-Rah — You Can't Make Me Yell and Rah-Rah Ballerinas — Hmph! and Rah-Rah Ballerinas — You're Just Jealous. And we've heard String Him Up! and Run Him for President!

And then there have been words about Green Hornets and Black Bandits and All-America Tackles and Complete Lack of

Tackles. In short, we've heard just about everything.

Back in the good old days, before they took this odor of rose stuff so seriously in the state of Oregon, we could count on all this pre-game word-after-word business subsiding and we'd play football as a fitting climax to it all.

But now we have roses and TV and turkey and Civil War in one big mess. All of which means that this word-after-word business may never subside — unless, of course, we pummel the Aggies as in the last two years — but with TV and roses and turkey added this time. (C.H.M.)

The Collegiate Meaning of Thanksgiving

Webster needs revision again. According to his New Collegiate Dictionary, Thanksgiving Day is "A day (usually the fourth Thursday of November) set apart each year for thanksgiving and praise to God."

He is completely correct in stating that the holiday is held the fourth Thursday of November, and partially correct about the thanksgiving and praise to God. The latter half of Webster's definition pertains in part, we hope; but doesn't capture the whole collegiate meaning of Thanksgiving.

For a collegian the thanks and praise are offered not only to higher powers, but also to substantial worldly powers of lesser degree.

First, thanks are given to the administration for a vacation in which to catch up on back reading, and praise to professors who say "Happy Thanksgiving. No assignment."

Next, thanks to busses, trains, and airlines which carry tired students home, and praise to families who allow 11:00 a.m. rising.

Then thanks to mother's cooking which is far-removed from dormitory food, and praise to scientific research for putting more white meat on the turkey.

Finally, double thanks and praise to the Pilgrims for founding such a necessary, restful, and tasty holiday as Thanksgiving! (S.J.G.)

From the Squirrel Cage

UO-OSC Groups Consider Problems of 'Civil War'

By DARREL BRITTSAN
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With the hope of improving school spirit and making the Thanksgiving Day game more successful, the student body presidents, campus newspaper editors, lettermen's club presidents, and Deans of Men of the University and Oregon State College have met twice this year. The main topic of interest and concern has been tomorrow's Civil War football game.



The situation in Corvallis on Thanksgiving Day is a peculiar one, however. Neither school will celebrate its Homecoming. Both schools will be theoretically vacant of students because of the holiday. A third factor is that the game will be nationally televised.

These problems have been taken into consideration by the representatives of both the rival schools.

Without going into the details, I'm sure you can see the advantages of such meetings, the improvement of a show that will be seen by millions of people on their television sets.

Two things will be worth your particular attention. Seniors of both teams will be introduced after the game, their last, and a proposed joint UO-OSC WUS drive for Hungarian relief will be held. Announcements will be made during the game, explaining the purpose of the fund raising campaign and asking people to make donations as they leave the stadium.

Those of us at Parker Stadium and all of you at home will have a particularly happy Thanksgiving, when we observe the Oregon Ducks giving up the traditional turkey dinner for "Beaver Meat."

First Thanksgiving Proclamation

Editor's Note: The first Thanksgiving Day Proclamation was issued Oct. 3, 1789, by President George Washington, and is here reprinted.

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor, and Whereas both House of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me "to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness."

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 28th day of November next to be observed by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be. That we may then

all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks, for His kind care and protection of the People of this country previous to their becoming a Nation, for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of His providence, which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war, for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed, for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted, for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge and in general for all the great and various favors which He hath been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications (Continued on page 3)

— Letters to the Editor —

Emerald Editor:

Writing letters to editors is usually a futile and thankless task, but I believe that an unwise action which involves the "give-away" of a Senate seat to a candidate which ran third in a presumed free and democratic election provides an issue that must be thoroughly examined.

Certainly my remarks are not intended to offend Mr. McLeod, whose only sin is to be caught in the uncomfortable middle ground. However, the absurd contention that write-in votes are illegal in such an election

can be questioned on several grounds.

First, write-in voting is not specifically forbidden in the ASUO Constitution. Second, filing is merely presented as a procedural device whereby names can be placed on the ballot, and in no way does the wording of Section I of Article IV imply that filing must be mandatory. Third, if democratic custom is to be utilized as a guide the write-in votes should be counted.

If we are serious about student government and elections to choose representatives, then spontaneous election day cam-

paigns should be welcomed as a part of the democratic process when only one candidate has filed.

However, if a sometimes-benevolent and a sometimes-not-so-benevolent control and selection process is to be employed then this should be made explicit so that all loyal students can join in the ratification and gestures of approval that must be given the "chosen" candidate.

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P. S. Remember, it's the votes that were not counted and there were no issues.