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A Potentially Worthwhile Group

Starting with its Penny-Late-Night Saturday the Associated Women Students will kick off its annual Women's Week. New officers for the organization will be elected by women students next Wednesday, along with officers for the Women's Recreation Association and the YWCA.

If the campus women adopt the proposed additional article of the AWS constitution which will also be on Wednesday's ballot, the newly-elected AWS cabinet will have a nebulous but potentially worthwhile group to work with. The article provides for an AWS legislature, composed of the presidents of all women's organizations at the University.

The legislature's main purpose will be to provide a clearing house for women's activities. This is the retiring AWS cabinet's answer to the ASUO senate's official suggestion of last spring to do some "house-keeping."

In addition to helping eliminate overlapping of events in time and in purpose, this group of leaders can give mutual assistance, evaluation and criticism in all areas of women's activities.

Whatever the staunch critics of women's activities in general say, these activities seem to be here to stay. They all exist for some worthwhile purpose, whether it be spiritual inspiration, healthy recreation, or raising of money for scholarships. It's hard to scoff at these. However, the "busy work" necessarily involved in accomplishing many of these goals may sometimes obscure these very goals, especially for the outsider.

If developed, the legislature could accomplish a great deal in eliminating the basis for much of the criticism of women's activities. The new article should be approved and a new AWS cabinet elected which will take this fine start left them and develop it to its fullest potential.

(M.M.)

Trained for a Very Important Role

The outlook for college graduates is 30 per cent better now than last year. Industry and business will offer them a starting wage of around \$400 per month immediately after they receive their diploma; and those firms will come running and begging for the top students. Never before have the opportunities been so ripe for the graduate.

Twenty years ago, even the wide-eyed optimist would have been skeptical to believe that such a situation could arise. Twenty years ago, the nation was just pulling out of its worst depression; and the college graduate had to really look, and beg for a job. The attitude then prevailed among businessmen that the average grad was either an "egg-head," a left-winged liberal, or someone "too smart to work for me." If a company was looking for someone to step into a junior trainee position, it could be very selective, and screen the top off a long list of applicants.

Today, the situation is reversed. The business world has realized the value of the liberally-educated student, and is doing everything in its power to entice him into work. They have provided scholarships; they have set up college training programs to support the student while he is yet in school; and they have jacked up the starting wage of the graduate to the point where it oftentimes exceeds that of the graduate's father.

Now, it is the student who can be selective; and who can take his pick of numerous offers from companies which come to him for interviews. Top engineering and science schools receive standing offers from the top firms for any graduate the school puts out.

And, strangely enough, those companies don't particularly want the highly specialized student who has spent four years of intensive study in one field. They want

these technical skills to be matched by a comprehension of society as broad as the skill is deep. The graduate must be flexible, and have a broad base; because a theory or method which is current and up-to-date now may be completely outmoded and obsolete ten or 15 years hence.

The university has recognized this demand for a liberally educated student; and has generally styled its curriculum to satisfy that demand. The job of the university is the intellectual development of the intellectual student. The university must provide this development so that it will be of maximum benefit to the nation's people; and this will come about only when the university educates the student in the ways of society as well as in the ways of his particular vocation.

The students should certainly realize that society is treating them very generously, in fact lavishly, in order that they be well educated. The students must accept an obligation and responsibility with this lavish treatment, however; and realize that they are being trained for a very important role in the nation's progress, development, and security.

If the students do not accept this responsibility, they will be deliberately breaching the trust placed in them; and the nation's business will have to again look somewhere else for its leaders and executives. (S.V.)

Footnotes

Though students are often criticized by professors for not availing themselves of opportunities to ask questions, not one person at the American Association of University Professors banquet Monday night asked Gov. Holmes a question during the question and answer session following his speech.

Smuggled Senior?



"SAY WORTHAL - ARE YOU SURE IT'S RAINING?"

College Capers . . .

From Coast to Coast

By JOANNE MORRISSEY
Emerald Columnist

Some college columnists seem to have very clever titles for their weekly columns. Lewis and Clark has its "More About Lesser" written, of course, by a person named Lesser. Mississippi is blessed with "Hammerin' With Shell" by columnist Schellhammer. (Doubly Clever isn't he???)

In a particularly creative mood, I tried to whip up a catchy bit to call this weekly effort and here's what I arrived at. (You must remember that a name like mine is a tad hard to be creative with.) How does "The More-I-See" hit you? Not over-satisfactory, is it?

Speaking of Schellhammer reminds me of the awards he decided to give in a wild gesture to outdo the Oscar business. Typical samples were: "Award for earnest promotion of world peace—General Nasser." "Award for having done the most for dogs—Elvis Presley." "Award for the best television actor—"A tie between Harry Truman (pardon us, Demos) at the Democratic Convention and Rin-Tin-Tin." "Award for best movie comedy of the year—"Love Me Tender." (He seems to really go for Elvis, doesn't he?).

The final award was "Award for bravery above and beyond the call of duty—any Ole Miss student who voluntarily takes the banana mayonnaise mess in the cafeteria for the evening meal after it has been yellowing since six in the morning. (Almost any college could make this award an annual thing.)

Cheating seems to rate second only to food as the problem faced by most colleges. The Pioneer Log from Lewis and Clark satirized "The art of cheating on college tests is a high art which is being lost with the times. This is a field that has been invaded by so many amateurs that the professionals should organize and let pros know the amateur methods to keep the honor and strict requirements of cheaterhood."

It went on to point out that popular methods of cheating were "notes on the notebook,"

the "cutaway method" of inserting ponies in books from which the center of the pages had been sliced, and sneaking into class early so that a sheet of notes could be posted on the nearest bulletin board to a student's chair.

Mississippi had another solution in an article headlined "The Honor System Rides Again." It suggested: "We could have an Honor System Dance, and give a prize to the most honest-looking couple. Or perhaps the honor system Talent Show. Somebody could sing "Honest and Truly" and there could be a girls dance team called the "Honorettes."

And the day of the Honor System celebration with its dance and talent show, students could enlist in a "Rebels for Honor" group. It would be an elite organization, and a student would have to prove that there had been honor in his family for at least generations in order to belong.

There are ways that both these articles apply to Oregon—put the shoe on if it fits.

In a little lighter vein the University of Cincinnati News Record attempted to answer the unanswerable question "What is a Coed?" It pointed out that "between the innocence of bobby sox and the sophistication of mink there lies a curious care-free creature called a coed.

"She can be found in all places; lounging on, dragging around, leaning against, busting to, and traipsing from. She is pride with a pony tail, nonchalance with a notebook, optimism with an overcoat and the prettiest of womanhood in wool.

"A coed is a curious mixture. She has the eating habits of a canary and displays the energy of a mountain trout. To her admirers she has the mind of Einstein, the looks of Kim, the personality of Grace and the figure of Marilyn (with some modifications, of course.) To the other coeds she has the form of a beer bottle, the personality of a wet mackerel and the mind of a beetle." (NO truer words were ever spoken.)

I think I'll end abruptly this week—for effect.