

'The World's Finest'

Students and Eugene townspeople are in for a treat tonight—one that comes all too seldom. At 8 p.m. in McArthur Court a concert will begin that many will remember for many days, others even longer. For tonight the United States Navy Band plays in Eugene.

Known as the world's finest military band, it plays to large crowds wherever it goes—in parades and concerts in Washington D. C., at federal celebrations, and at concerts in towns and cities throughout the U. S. It has made literally thousands of radio broadcasts during its 32 years.

The repertoire of the band includes more than 20,000 pieces of every type—classical, swing music, light opera and even the latest hit tunes. And of course there are the marches, played with an extra bit of zip and sparkle that sets many a foot tapping.

This extensive musical library is conducted without the use of a musical score

by the band's conductor, Commander Charles Brendler, who has been its leader for the past 16 years. Cmdr. Brendler has been a member of the band since its founding in 1925, and he is the first Navy musician to receive the rank of commander.

The ability of the nearly 100 musicians making up the band is such that it is said each could immediately take a place in any of the world's greatest orchestras.

Tonight the band's program will close with Sousa's "Star's and Stripes Forever" march. As the trombone section, at the front of the stage facing the audience, launches into the final strain, the rich tones of the entire band will resound through McArthur Court, and we prophesy that every member of the audience will be caught up in the band's spell. This then is "The World's Finest"—The United States Navy Band.

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A Genuine Grin

Good old Charlie Brown and his gang have come and gone (and we couldn't even convince Schroeder that Beethoven DID write "Mighty Oregon"), but the effect of their visit remains.

There's a good feeling in meeting a man like Charles Schulz. And the really refreshing thing about seeing the genuine grin on the creator of "Peanuts" is that it is so genuine.

There's certainly no honorary-sweater motive or desire for approval or seeking of a place in the sun in Schulz' type of smile. And, although his success makes it easy to say, we don't believe he cartoons just for the attractive sums of money his popular strip brings. Charles Schulz is happy that he's making other people happy. And as old-fashioned as this spirit may be, it's still refreshing to find—even when a cartoonist with a high school education brings it here.



"The point now isn't that the Russians beat us to the satellite—the point is to find one of our scientists to blame the whole thing on."

Dave Cass

Writer Discusses Beneficence Of Oregon's Aqua Precipita

That water is the most beneficent of all the creations of the earth cannot be disputed. That rain is the most benignant of

all forms of water is equally true, but this fact needs further elucidation. That the sub species of aqua precipita common to Oregon is of the highest form is

my proposition, which this paper will attempt to delineate and defend.

Such a worthy task requires that the prime material of the matter under consideration be dealt with precisely and at length. Water, as one of the simplest compounds, is a combination of two of the humours, oxygen and hydrogen, in the ratio of one to two.

This is quite appropriate, as it lends weight to the basic scientific maxim that simplicity is the essence of all existence. Life, as we know it on our infinitesimal and insignificant planet, could not exist without water. Between 65 and 95 per cent of all organisms are constituted out of water. Again, this both explains the simplicity of these organisms and fits into the accepted scientific dogma.

The varied characteristics of water give rise to its multiplicity of uses. This is the universal solvent, able to dissolve both emotions and toothpaste with equal efficacy. It can exist in three states, and by virtue of this, Claude Crystal is preserved (if the compressor holds out).

A fourth state, very rare, except to medieval theologians, resembles the liquid but allows transportation over its surface. 'Water seeks its own level'; a preponderance of evidence for this wise old saying is found in water's distribution in the corporeal forms of women and college undergraduates.

Its quality of being formed in unusual manners has brought us the delight of tumwater, created by a strange natural phenomenon in bottomless artesian wells. Few would be able to pronounce the Russian name

of the marvel of the scientific age, the sputnik (that first vowel has an 'oo' quality) without the aid of this indispensable liquid in their mouths. These are but a few of its wonders.

With this foundation of solid fact, it is now possible to advance to the second plateau of development of my thesis. Is rain the most useful and goodly of the forms of water? Two substantial facts will insure the acceptance of this principle.

First, without rain what horrible means of annihilation would Noah and his zoo have had to survive? In this case, but for rain Africa might very well be at present devoid of hyenas and orangoutangs, the Americas of Faubuses and liquor inspectors. The will to live could and would not be a motivating force under such circumstances. Second, without rain, where would the Millrace and ROTC drills stand? This point needs no elaboration.

We come now to the central issue at stage. If rain is the optima, Oregon rain must be the optima optima, as in this valley of the gods the rains surpass in quantity and variety the rains of any other known populated region. Rain stimulates mental activity as it reduces the number of plausible distractions; this cannot but help the scholastic standing of the University.

This stimulus to the imagination creates the need for us to amuse ourselves, often in creative and interesting ways. This very point attracted to our lovely campus a very distinguished reincarnated Navajo rain god, whose present identity must remain anonymous.

It has also led to the formulation of a new and daring scientific law, the Law of Scholastic Rains, i.e., mental productivity is directly proportional to cubic inches of rainfall. This will be presented this fall to the Grand Council of the Congress of Physicists, Astrologers, Alchemists, and Associates.

Two other benefits of our variety of rain should not escape mention. The University offers many courses which it wouldn't under different circumstances.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Emerald Editor:

The spectacular invective pouring out of Los Angeles can be expected to rise in crescendo now that our team has proven that "straightshooters — or straight passers — always win."

I disagree with Jerry Ramsey that Ned Cronin's L.A. Times column of October 7 reached a new high in invective. Witness Mr. Cronin's column of September 16 — "He hasn't said anything about it, but I would imagine that UCLA's Red Sanders has something in mind for Orlando (Oom the Omnivorous) Hollis, the Oregon moralist who is known as the Typhoid Mary of football. A shot in the brisket. With a 45-caliber Colt."

Do Messers Cronin, Paul Zimmerman, Braven Dyer, Dick Hyland, etc., really swallow "Little Red Riding" Sanders' wide-eyed claims of innocence and surprise that his football players were lining up monthly for their \$40 — in cash?

If so, it would seem that "Little Red Riding" was earning his salary only during the four months of football season and backing up to the disbursing office the other eight when he was supposed to be out recruiting. And remember, Mr. Cronin,

when Sanders was induced to come West, he was touted by your paper as a man whose only interest in life was producing winning football teams, and the man to raise UCLA's football fortunes to a parity with its crosstown rival.

And Mr. Cronin, might there not be a smidgeon of truth in the parody of the USC fight song, repeated by many college generations — "Fight on for old SC, the half-back needs his salary."

Why don't the L.A. writers describe the manner in which Petersen, the UCLA center, and only senior on the team, was able to prove he had not accepted the cash which to all intents and purposes should have been in the athletic office waiting for him. Don't you think the California Assembly committee would have been interested in that information?

While there is some legitimacy to the claim that northern teams don't draw — the reason that they don't draw is that it is tough or well nigh impossible to heat teams that recruit as extravagantly as USC and UCLA, and not only freshman and hordes of junior college transfers who get their basic train-

ing in the rough J.C. leagues of Southern California, but personnel of other P.C.C. teams.

The Ronnie Knox case is famous, but not as well known is the case of one of Oregon's star freshman halfbacks of a few years ago. He was injured part of his freshman season but he made several spectacular kicks in one game.

In December, he received a letter from a prominent member of the UCLA staff, in which were enclosed two Rose Bowl tickets and a request to drop into the athletic department the week of the game. The fact that he would lose a year's eligibility, would probably play only in spot situations, and face complications in his study program, obviously meant little to the UCLA football staff.

Wes Santee lost his amateur status for allegedly accepting expense money in excess of what the AAU thought was proper. Both Red Sanders and Don Clark were very lucky several dozen USC and UCLA football players were not declared professionals. What do you think would have happened, Mr. Cronin, if Avery Brundage was heading P.C.C.

Red Sanders, aware or not, of the surreptitious payments, has disqualified himself in the eyes of anyone who sincerely believes in amateur college athletics and the ideals implicit in a university education—to head an athletic department of a university.

I've always believed a person should do what he is best and happiest at and I feel certain Mr. Sanders would be much happier with the Rams or 49ers, where character development never conflicts with the gate receipts.

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