

Second-Story Man



"YES, I FIND IT EASIER TO GET DATES NOW THAT I HAVE A CAR."

Wynn Dahlgren

Writer Enters Punion Derby With Campus Witticisms

OH, COME NOW—Clarence Elliott, storekeeper at Carson Hall, suggests that the first American satellite be filled with potato salad, pickles, hot dogs and Coke and be called Picnik.

A DULL ONE—Prof. Dull got off a goodie in his Far East class recently. It seems that a Chinese teak merchant named Chan was being systematically robbed of his wares. His only clue was small footprints outside his shop. One night, surprising the culprit with his arms filled with carved figurines, he called out, "What are you doing, barefoot boy with teaks of Chan?"

THE LIVING END—Dr. Herman Cohen, faculty adviser to the Senate, in discussing inflation says that everything has gone up except writing paper and that's stationery.

THE FINAL WORD — The controversy about entrance requirements at OSC and the U. of O. for athletes recalls a conversation between three football players who had recently flunked out of school. The half-back from WSC said that everything had been going fine until differential calculus finished him. The tackle from UCLA said that he had been doing all right until micro-biology ended his scholastic career. Then the former all-around player from OSC spoke up, "Say, did either of you fellows ever hear of long division?"

WHAT NEXT?—Larry Yakimovitch, Bowerman's sophomore 440 man, has perfected his technique for slicing French bread with a meat cleaver until he now can whack off slices from four loaves at a time. Around the Straub hall kitchen he is known as the four loaf cleaver.

ONE FOR THE ROAD—It's rumored that the members of one house on the Millrace have a new game. They call it Blotto. Three fellows go down in the basement, each with a jug. They they empty their jugs. One then gets up and goes home and the other two attempt to guess who is left.

DEAL ME IN — Mary Jo Stewart, freshman at Carson, has perfected some card tricks using cookies instead of cards. Her roommates agree, however, that it is a crummy act.

NO MORE PLEASE—Paul

Ward, debater par excellence, tells the story of the two boll weevils climbing up a cotton plant, one large and one small.

A mocking bird came along but since he wasn't too hungry he took the lesser of the two weevils.

IT COULD HAPPEN—When Bud Titus was in high school he went out a lot with a girl named Edith, but he also very much liked a girl named Kay. When he wasn't dating Edith he dated Kay. Well, as luck would have it, one night when he was out with Edith he ran into Kay. Naturally there was a scene which ended with both girls going home alone. Which only goes to prove that you can't have your Kay and Edith too.

NOTE TO BACHELORS — This is the time of the year that summer romances are coming to an end and the girls are looking for fall guys.

Our Contemporaries

Queen candidates at Kansas State Sigma Chi Derby day contest wore shorts, sweaters and sacks—the sacks over their heads.

"I thought the contest would be a lot more fun that way," Derby day chairman Darrell Rollins told the Daily Collegian.

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Public Relations Expert?

The call for petitions has been issued. Candidates will go through a routine screening process. The ASUO Senate will then be forced to make a selection—namely, the 1958 Yell King.

This new King will take office with the Dec. 3 opening of basketball season and continue through the 1958 football campaign. The present squad, of course, will represent the University in the expected Rose Bowl festivities.

In our memory, prestige and the Yell King position at Oregon have not gone together. This is difficult to understand, as countless other schools rank their Yell King second in importance only to the student body president.

Whether this situation has arisen because of inadequate men in the position or through the oft-indicated lack of student support (or both), the important consideration now is the future.

In the upcoming years, the Yell King could conceivably emerge into a virtual student public relations expert for the University. This would be in addition to his normal role of coordinating rallies and game activities, planning stunts and generally promoting spirit internally.

An ideal Yell King, it would seem, must meet several requirements—such as popularity, leadership ability, administrative capacity and some sort of inventive genius—

too many, perhaps, for any one man.

Or is the selection system at fault? Should a board of directly concerned administration and faculty representatives and students be appointed? Should the all-campus popularity contest in the form of a vote be instituted? Can politics be kept out of the matter?

More likely the solution to the problem lies within the men interested in the job and the one that gets it. Few are willing to devote the time and energy involved, merely to jump around on rally and game days and try to lead a somewhat apathetic group of rooters.

The current success of the Webfoot football team has proved a real fuel injection for school spirit and should make the job more attractive. But this spirit just might begin to pall during a long basketball season, with somewhat less success expected.

Perhaps the answer is a quick campaign, aimed to convert that right person into a would-be Yell King. As soon as the right person is able to develop the right prestige, the office should have no lack of applicants.

All these factors are a question of the right thing at the right time. Our only immediate suggestion is that this year's aspirants gird themselves for what may be a struggle—but one worthwhile to win. To capture a student body is not easy, but to win it is a real triumph.

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No Stipulations

The Hon. Wayne L. Morse spoke here Tuesday, and as usual the "non-political" talk turned into a scathing condemnation of the President and those who oppose federal aid to education. Veering from his subject (Crisis in American Education) toward the end of the speech, Morse launched into a frankly political harangue on the controversial civil rights bill (the Senator opposes it).

But his main topic was education, and on this vital topic Sen. Morse is a hard man for anyone, of either party, to take issue with. The facts are there, and they're not very pleasant. Overcrowding; lack of help for the gifted child; not enough teachers; too many drop-outs; falling behind in the race with Russia. All these and more are vital reasons why some kind of federal help is necessary if our school systems are to keep up with a growing population.

One point in the Senator's speech has us a little worried, though. In comparing the Russian schools with our own, he pointed out bitterly that the Russian high school graduate has around five times the training in physics, chemistry, mathematics and languages that our students receive.

Although he didn't say it directly, we interpreted the Senators' remarks to mean that he would favor placing a stipulation on any federal funds, asking the schools to put

more emphasis on technical subjects and less on electives.

This idea may not have been in the Senator's mind at all, but we have an idea that such a stipulation would not be hard to place on a federal aid bill, what with all the uproar over "losing the scientific race." This, we trust, will never happen, for two reasons:

(1) Curriculum should be up to local administrators, for they alone know the special needs of their students and their community. Having an official in far-off Washington, D.C., decide what the students in Eugene's grammar and high schools should learn would be ridiculous—as well as violating the rights of the state to rule in this field.

(2) The United States cannot and should not attempt to emulate the Soviet Union in matters of education. Schools in Russia are government-operated with just one end in mind: the production of scientists and administrators. Any social benefits the educational process leaves are strictly accidental.

Americans have the handicap of operating in a free society, which requires an informed and educated people for its greatest fulfillment. The Russian system is not interested in educating the masses so that they can play a vital role in the conducting of their own affairs.

In the long run, we could only lose by following the lead of that educational system.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Emerald Editor:

Last Wednesday evening the ASUO Senate declared that the Amendment election, over at 6:00 p.m., would be extended another day. This action was probably without precedent, not only with regard to the ASUO, but in the history of democratic government. It was indefensible.

The right to vote is basic to a democratic system of government. So is the right not to vote. A person is deemed free to determine for himself whether he will vote, and if he will, for whom or what he will cast his ballot. The Senate's action on

Wednesday night violated these democratic rights. It was another coercive measure to pass the so-called "election amendment." These practices failed as they should have.

However, a dangerous precedent has been set. The Senate now feels itself competent to extend set elections another day after such elections are over. It is not unjustified to reason that if they can do this with regard to an amendment election, they may try the same with regard to student body elections. Thus, were the Senate to feel that "their" candidates had not

received enough votes on the regular election day, they would "extend" the election still another day, or two or three, until the members of the senate had assured the re-election of the group they represent. Such action is not sanctioned by the ASUO Constitution and most certainly would be void.

Last Tuesday, in the editorial column of the Oregon Daily Emerald there was a note that one Wynn Dahlgren had usurped the throne and was now the campus political boss. If he had done this prior to Tuesday, certainly he

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