

Counting Our Blessings

So you're off for home today—Thanks-giving dinner, a chance to catch up on your class reading, and four wonderful days when Mom will let you sleep until 11 o'clock.

But if a couple of days away from the class grind is all you consider Thanksgiving, you're missing the main point.

Thanksgiving, our oldest truly American holiday, is a day when we should all pause, reflect on our blessings and give thanks.

And when we do have many things for which to be thankful. First, of course, we live in a world which, although troubled, is free from war. Our material needs are well supplied, but many people are much less fortunate.

Most important of all, we live in a free land. As college students this should be the most important blessing of all. A full plate of turkey and all the fixings wouldn't taste nearly as good if we had a bayonet at our back as we ate.

We live in a land where we are free to learn, a privilege not enjoyed everywhere. And in our advanced society, education is respected. The educated man is the one who leads.

We have freedom to think, and to reflect on the material we learn. And to pursue advanced study on subjects which interest us.

This basic freedom, the keystone of our democracy, is something we should cherish. Without it our other blessings would mean little.

Confused Amendement

The Oregon Students Party—sponsored amendment to the ASUO constitution (which will go before the voters Dec. 4) is apparently designed to provide a student government which will be more truly representative of the entire student body.

The amendment does not say it in so many words, but that is the avowed goal of the OSP, and it must be assumed that the final result of a constitutional convention's deliberations is expected by OSP-ers to be a brand new method of choosing officers and senators.

This is just one of the factors hidden in the proposed amendment which need clarification before the OSP can expect the student body to vote intelligently on their amendment—or, indeed, to vote at all.

For instance: the amendment calls for election of 30 delegates to be selected from "University interest living groups." The question may fairly be asked, "how are these elections to be run?" Are the candidates to petition, to be nominated by a committee, or simply to say, "I'm running." Will the elections use a preferential ballot or a simple "mark the ones you want" system? And who will decide—the ASUO president or the "interest living group?"

Another for instance: the amendment speaks of "interest living groups." Why does this "interest" have to mean the old Greek-Independent split, which many thought was on the way out?

And a last for instance: the final paragraph of the proposed amendment states, "The Constitutional Convention will con-

clude its deliberations by the seventh Wednesday of winter term, the present Constitution remaining in effect until that date. (The bold face is ours).

Here is the most crucial section of the whole amendment. According to the wording of the paragraph (and this may simply be misinterpretation on our part) any new constitution which the convention may have come up with by the seventh Wednesday of the term automatically replaces the old constitution. This without any kind of approval from the student body.

That may not have been the intention of OSP—in fact, probably wasn't. But the ambiguous wording of the amendment leaves a decision as to what was actually meant by the writers up to interpretation at a later date. In such an important matter, the meaning should be stated in black and white, leaving nothing to the voter's imagination.

The OSP may have nothing but good intentions for their proposed amendment and new constitution. But this kind of legislation should be more accurately worded and more of the details of its proposed consequences should be outlined before it is brought before the voters.

In its present form, the amendment should be rejected.

Wasted Talent

Aside from Saturday's final score and the post-game cavalcade of sports, we must honestly report some feelings of regret. After four years, we've spent our last afternoon in that cradle of creativity, the student stands.

Press boxes offer a great view and serve hearty buffet lunches, while sidelines give a much-needed perspective to football-watching—but the men's rooting section offers a variety show as well.

With the usual observance of the pigging tradition(?), the male stands remain as bachelorhood's bastion—and how! We imagine that the unfortunate coed within easy earshot is not so fond of clever, caustic and off-colorful remarks.

This season, with feeling running high behind a remarkably successful Oregon team, spirit (and spirits) usually present in the stands has been well in evidence. Madison Avenue could use some of the ingenious brains up there, let alone the rally squad down in front.

To attempt to channel all this hilarity is impossible, even for a yell king with a hi-fi megaphone and superhuman lung power. Sad but true. Those that yell loudest (and funniest, to be sure) seldom follow any direction but their own.

We've enjoyed those Saturdays of being passed up and down, and of fighting through packed aisles to that roped-off paradise on high. But we'll continue to wish, hope and feel that somebody could put all this wasted talent to work. It's been fun, but really sort of useless.

A Real Bargain

One of the biggest events on campus occurred last Friday, and it almost escaped unnoticed in the welter of Homecoming activities. But we're happy now to inform all who haven't heard that the Pigger's Guide is out and going fast.

Freshmen who don't think they need a Pigger's Guide just haven't been seeing the right side of college life. Met a girl for three seconds at the mixer? You can find her in the PG. Want to get yourself a blind date? The social chairman of every living organization on campus is listed, very compactly, right at the front of the volume.

All these invaluable social contacts for just 60 cents. In this day and age, it's a bargain that can't be topped anywhere.

Scouting the Buckeyes?



"THREE TIMES NOW YOU'VE SEEN TH' ACTIVITIES OF TH' CHEER LEADERS—NOW, NEXT GAME KEEP YOUR EYES ON TH' BALL!"

Letters to the Editor

Emerald Editor:

Throughout October, The Emerald received numerous letters proclaiming that the University of Oregon was lacking in spirit.

Freshmen were disappointed because we didn't have a cheering section comparable with that of high schools. Upper-classmen reminded those freshmen that this was not high school.

William Cook now tells us that we do have a cheering section comparable to that of high schools and that it is aided by a junior high school yell king. In lengthy discourse, Mr. Cook tore apart Dick Stables for the lack of quality of cheering that accompanied Saturday's game.

Does William Cook feel that he could have done better? Does he feel that he or anyone else could have led a student congregation which sports a spirit quite different from anything I and many others have ever seen elsewhere.

Both at Hayward Field and at Multnomah Stadium during football games, I have heard alums, students, and other Oregon supporters say in disgust that our University only cheers a winning team. Perhaps Mr. Cook would blame this on Dick Stables also? Perhaps he would say that with a first-class yell king we could have a desirable school spirit and cheering section?

Is Mr. Cook aware of the poor display of cheering at the Oregon-Washington game? Dick Stables' attempts at rousing spirit were fruitless but yet certainly hardy.

Even in last Saturday's game as we were behind and spirit was dragging miserably it was Dick Stables who reminded us that we were still Rose Bowl bound in attempts at reviving our spirit.

Certainly there were examples of "spontaneous off-color yells" and without a doubt the Drakes showed their usual caliber of poor taste. It was Dick Stables, however, who attempted to unite the crowd and, although guilty at time of poor judgment, should be commended generally for his work.

William Cook expresses his hope that Yell Leadership improve for Pasadena. Let's improve student cooperation, I say. Let's show Mr. Cook and others that we stand behind a fine yell king and are able to show the rest of the country that we possess a spirit representative of a fine school. Meanwhile let's

all plan that forthcoming holiday excursion to Pasadena and "Beat those Buckeyes."

Boyd J. Long
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Emerald Editor:

The way it looks now, Oregon's so-called rally squad will enter the Rose Bowl with only four girls. None of them, with one exception, I believe are worthy of representing Oregon on such a colorful occasion.

I'm not positive of this, but as long as I can recall, I have never seen a rally squad in high school or in college with less than six girls. So now what happens? Oregon's chance-of-a-lifetime visit to the Rose Bowl will sport a rally squad where the boys outnumber the girls. This is bad.

An authentic story I picked up through the grapevine a few days ago made me even more furious. It seems our "Oregon Spellout" rally king held a meeting to decide whether to pick up two more girls to fill the vacant spots for the bowl game.

But as the story goes, three out of the four sorority girls represented, maliciously voted down Stables' appeal. What's the matter you three? Are you afraid two more girls might crowd you out of the light of the T.V. cameras? Or is it that you cannot tolerate having more than one girl from the same sorority? I think you are glory hounds! When "Blondie" became Mrs. Tourville, I bet you three jumped with joy because then you could get more of the spotlight.

What's happened to our Rally Board? Why aren't they doing something about building back up our deranged squad?

This may sound trite to some now, but when the eyes of millions of people are on our scanty four rally girls Jan. 1, you're going to wish that something had been done about building up the girls squad earlier.

Holly R. Hutchins
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Emerald Editor:

On behalf of the many spectators and viewers of the Oregon-Oregon State game last weekend, I would like to say that many of us found a very important "something" lacking in the famed game. The "something" is good sportsmanship.

All through our grade school, junior high schools, and high

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