

A Modern Parable

(Editor's Note: The following manuscript was discovered among the Dead Sea scrolls and was only recently translated. Some of its meanings are unclear, but we reprint it for the timeless lesson it teaches.)

I
1. And it came to pass, in those days, that the wise men of the city of Mensagitat, in the land of Molem, gathered together to ponder and decide a name for a great structure which would shelter many neophyte worshippers at the city's shrines of knowledge.

2. The names for the section of the great structure were soon decided by the wise men: Douglass, Sweetser, Adams, Smith—good men who had once served well the city of Mensagitat.

3. But the wise men searched long and diligently for a proper name to give the entire structure. They considered every archive and record of the glorious history of the city of Mensagitat. They consulted with former citizens of great wisdom, with elderly priests who had once served the shrines of learning, and with others of wealth and renown.

II

1. One name was heard most often in the chambers of the wise men. It was that of George Rebec, a wise and benevolent teacher of philosophy who had administered many of the most important shrines of the city of Mensagitat and of its colonies.

2. The legendary teacher had been a humble man. In life he had been concerned with the welfare of poor but devoted maidens who had been among the worshippers at the shrines of knowledge.

3. As he felt the call of death, he decreed that his humble palace should be used to provide shelter for these poor but devoted maidens. And it gave him pleasure to do so, for he knew that after his departure he would continue to serve the city of Mensagitat and be remembered as the maidens' benefactor.

4. And behold! The wishes of George Rebec came to pass, and his memory was perpetuated among the people of the city.

III

1. Yea, the name of George Rebec was heard again and yet again by the wise men.

Only one other name was heard in their councils, that of another departed priest, Prince Campbell.

2. But one of their number saw immediately that this name was nearly the same as that of another structure in the city, and it was discarded with much merriment over the confusion that would have resulted, had they used that name for the great new structure.

3. One feeble voice was raised in protest, telling them that the same situation would exist if they chose the name of George Rebec. "He hath already been richly honored," spake the voice. "We must consider the maidens who live beneath the shelter of his name."

4. The answer was quickly spoken by the chief among the wise men. "So great a name as that of Rebec cannot be rightly honored 'til it graces our finest structure," he intoned, wagging his finger at the lesser wise men.

5. So saying, the chief among the wise men went forth to the chambers of the ruler of the city, and spoke to him of the deeds of George Rebec, and offered his name for the ruler's approval.

6. And the ruler, trusting the counsel of his wise men and being much concerned with the cares of his office, approved the name.

IV

1. The news of the decision soon reached the ears of the maidens who lived in the house of Rebec, and they waxed exceedingly sad. Their identity had been taken from them by the wise men, and some of the older maidens remarked in hushed tones that the memory of their benefactor's good works was to be taken from their safekeeping.

2. A humble protest was circulated by the maidens. And, though it was not the custom in the city of Mensagitat to question the judgment and decisions of the ruler, the maidens' humble protest was heard with sympathy by the people and many of their priests.

V

1. And it came to pass that the maidens . . .

(The remainder of the scroll has been lost over the centuries. There is no other record of the events described here, and the ending of the story is not known.)



Charles Mitchelmore

The Search for Security: It Does Exist on Campus

They were running down the alley one midnight last week. At least some of the urgency in their not-too-athletic strides came, I suppose, from the rather menacing presence of the shadow-hidden figure with the paddle.



But for purposes of dramatization, I thought to myself, this frantic sprint into the dead of night could easily be the symbol of the college student and his urgent search for security—in this case, the all-important security of a fraternity pin.

Add to this the chewed pencil points of desperate recall for activities on an ASUO petition (due in five minutes) . . . or the whitened knuckles and wide-eyed anxiety of the wait for announcement of queen finalists . . . or the exhilarating feeling of the honorary sweater, pulled on and smoothed out for the first Wednesday wearing.

These would seem to be the pearls of security that undergraduates seek—at Oregon at least. Security, that is, if one is to go under the assumption of the midwestern college editor who told Time that it's security the students are seeking.

And these would seem to be the best examples of what students are seeking, if one is to use overheard Fishbowl convention topics or Emerald meeting notices or living organization activity emphasis for indications of "security."

For as poorly as these examples of student motivation would speak for the reputation of an institution of higher learning, as right or wrong as they may be, they are still the most emphasized aspects of this business of being a college student.

Emphasized, that is, once the student is within the campus whirl. And this emphasis leads to the natural conclusion that this is what students are seeking nowadays: a "place" on campus as seen in queenmanship, the honorable honorary, the title.

Buckle-backs and white side-walls and liberal weekend allowances help establish the security "place" also, to be sure. But they are attractive accommodations more than alternatives.

This seems to be the security for which students at Oregon are looking.

But fortunately or unfortunately as it may turn out, this is not the security they are seeking. Students enter the activity mill here either for "something to do" or "for the good of the house."

Oregon students who are involved in activities are not seeking security at all. Too many of them don't know what they are seeking. There is little, if any, idea of the service function which some activities can fulfill. And even a reasonable selfish alibi—"because activities will help me"—is only an afterthought.

But so far this has been an examination only of the search
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Emerald Editor:

In Tuesday's Emerald, William Cook propounded the contribution of athletic teams to an educational institution. Having set himself on his pedestal as chief arbitrator of the proper functions of any good university, Mr. Cook proceeds to tell us that inter-collegiate athletics is in no way an asset to respectable schools, students, or communities.

Has Mr. Cook forgotten that, aside from recent accent on scientific development, the primary purpose and goal of our present day educational system is the preparation of the young man and woman for living and working in today's society? This preparation desires more than aesthetic and intellectual qualities. It is in need of and deserving of the versatility and "well roundedness" that is represented by our present day graduates. Who can doubt that a successful athlete is more than just oftentimes a successful businessman and a valuable citizen.

It seems ironical that college athletes would fall as prey to inconsistent attack by the same Mr. Cook who quibbles so last November on the subject of the Rally Board. It was then brought to our attention, you

may remember, by the now pompous Mr. Cook that the prestige of our university rested upon the showing of our Rally Squad at Pasadena. Now, the same Mr. Cook tells us that our reputation is on a sounder base than that of a winning team. I leave it to you which would seem the more important: the winning team or the Rally Squad.

Consideration of facets of college education is certainly important but there is a level of pomposity that may go with this consideration and in Tuesday's editorial, that level was reached.

Boyd J. Long
Jr. in Pre-Law

Emerald Editor:

At recent basketball games I feel the girls of the University of Oregon have been getting an unfair break in the seating arrangement at McArthur Court. There is a large section reserved for boys only, however, the girls have been left to find their own seats which are mostly in the end zones. As a freshman girl, I feel that much enthusiasm is lost as we are forced to sit in scattered positions. I have heard in the past a large part of the section behind the bench has been reserved for coeds only.

This section at the last game was apparently occupied by general admission customers and "piggers" (what has happened to the tradition of no pigging at games?)

I also feel that we, the coeds of the U of O, as a compact, enthusiastic group would give much more support to the team than the present mixed occupants and adults in this section.

These are merely the views of a freshman but they are put forth with the hope that this matter will be taken into consideration.

Judi Hensley
Freshman in Pre-Dent

Emerald Editor:

Three suggestions:

Every year bicycle riders risk life, limb and bicycle by sliding down a muddy path about 8 feet long and now almost as wide, just east of the library. Not too many slip in the mud and it is a darn sight easier than riding down the concrete steps (never try this), so we can't stop them. It's true that bicycle paths went out with the horse and buggy but now we see a new need. Please someone, build a nice concrete incline

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