

Search for a President

Friends of Oregon State College can be thankful that, in resigning the presidency of the college, A. L. Strand gave a year's notice. Certainly in that length of time a qualified successor can be found. The search will be of interest to all Oregon residents, however, not just to those who wear orange and black to football games. For Oregon State College, we hope, will remain an important institution for the education of Oregon young people and for service to the lumbering, industrial, agricultural communities of the state.

President Strand, with 18 years of service, has been president of a major state institution longer than any except three men in Oregon history. Only B. L. Arnold and William Jasper Kerr at Oregon State and Prince Campbell at the university exceeded his long service. In that much time, a man gets to be pretty well known, as Mr. Strand is in every corner of Oregon. His successor will spend many years on the job before he can possibly attain the high level of personal popularity that Mr. Strand has achieved—and that he has used so to the benefit of the college.

When Met Wilson resigned as president of the university last winter, he told reporters that he was irritated by the talk of friends who kept saying, "We want another one just like Met." Far from that, Mr. Wilson insisted, the alumni should want a different type man, a man who would bring a new element into the development of the university. Such, we would think, would be the wish, also, of the partisans of Oregon State. Great institutions should bear the stamp not of one man, but of a succession.

So what kind of man do we need at Oregon State? (And be noted here that we do not apologize for asking "do we need." We do need him. The whole state does.) We should like to see the state again pick a man who is distinguished in a special field, as Mr. Strand is distinguished in entomology. Such a choice helps assure that good faculty will continue to be attracted there, for one of the truisms of higher education is that "good faculty goes where good faculty is." Also, he should have had experience in higher education. This is no job for a greenhorn.

Oregon deserves a first-class institution in the image of Oregon State College. We should like to see a man who puts quality foremost in his blueprint for his college. Across the nation, colleges and universities are

getting not only larger, but also better. It doesn't take a genius these days to make a college big. The birth rate and prosperity take care of that. But it does take a good man to so employ the limited funds at his disposal that he creates a distinguished institution.

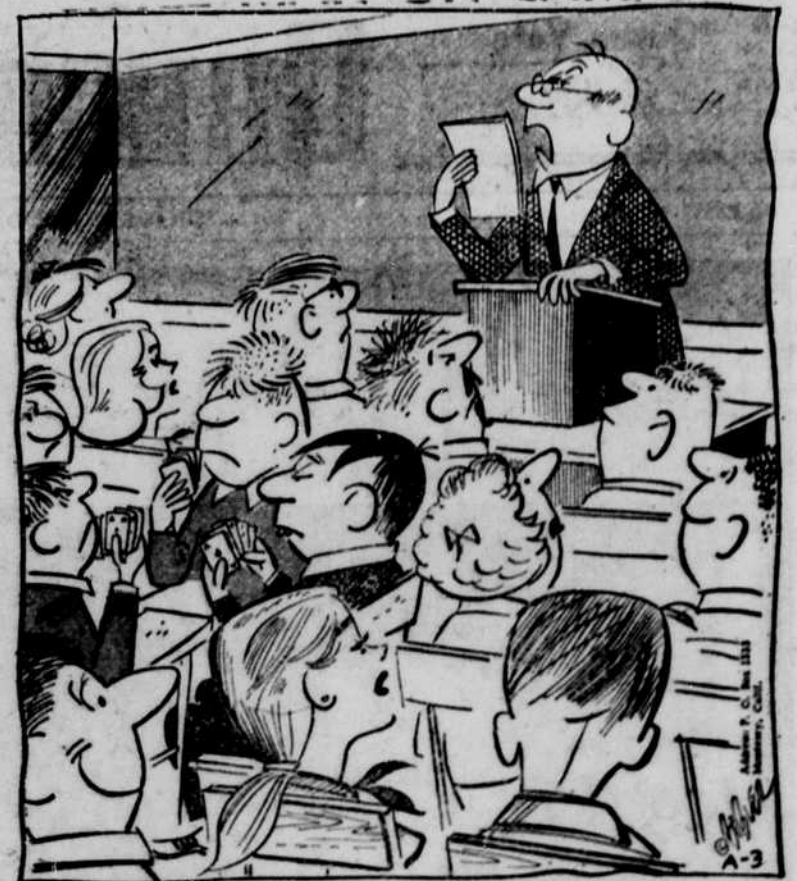
Oregon, with limited resources and a seemingly inexhaustible supply of youngsters, can't squander its precious educational dollars. There should be no room for empire building. We have in this state a unified system of higher education. This means that various institutions share the educational task, each performing the functions it can perform best. We hope the state board of higher education, in hiring a new man understands this concept and, equally important, that he sympathizes with it.

We shall need, for Mr. Strand's job, a man with a will of iron, a man who will fear neither his own faculty nor his own alumni. For Oregon State College, for better or worse, has a faculty and an alumni that can be troublesome. The faculty, more's the pity, suffers from an unwarranted inferiority complex because Oregon State College is not an institution at which everything under the sun is taught. The alumni suffer from the same unfortunate feeling. Together they put terrific pressure on the president, causing him to ask for expansions that are plainly unwarranted by the facts. Higher education in Oregon is not a Saturday football game, in which score is kept. It's serious, and expensive, business.

One more thing: time. The board has shown it will not be rushing into finding a successor for Mr. Wilson at the university. And that is fine. We want the best man we can get. However, time is not unlimited. It is fair neither to an institution nor to a temporary chief to wait too long. The institution suffers when needed long-range planning is deferred. And the man is put in a bad spot when he has more responsibility than he has authority. The quest, so far fruitless, for a university president has possibly acquainted the board with some of the available men, perhaps with men who, though unsuited for the university presidency, are just right for Oregon State. Let's hope so. For both schools need good presidents, and need them promptly, if Oregon education is to advance with the crowded years ahead.

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Little Man on Campus



"AFTER LOOKING OVER THESE TEST PAPERS—I'D SAY SOME OF YOU COULD WELL AFFORD TO PAY MORE ATTENTION IN CLASS."

Letters to the Editor

Emerald Editor:

In answer to criticism of their climb on Three Finger Jack, the leaders of that climb paraphrased from a standard mountaineers guide to Three Finger Jack, what they considered to be a standard and safe procedure for the ascent of that mountain.

I CAN ONLY plead that this was by no means a "standard" ascent, in view of the very unstandard ratio of experienced to inexperienced climbers.

Clearly, there is involved here a question of standards.

The mountaineering guide that these men based their climb on was written as a rule of thumb for well equipped parties with a solid core of experienced leadership; making no pretense as being a set of inflexible laws.

There are inflexible laws in mountaineering, e.g. A climber will never do anything that might endanger the members of his, or other parties. These "laws" however, only have a tendency to make all else extremely relative. Relative to the parties: physical condition, experience, equipment, etc.; and even to the state of the digestive processes of each climber.

IT IS BECAUSE of these multiple, varying, conditions that I have concluded "standard" climbs do not exist; for on such climbs some very interesting things can happen. I know a fellow who climbed a certain mountain many times. Each time he sat down to eat his lunch on a particular boulder. On the many'th plus 1 time, the boulder took off down hill, the climber with it. His life was saved because he and his friends were familiar with these annoying little acts of God, and had put up with the inconvenience of eating while still roped up. This illustrates two points; (1) A climb made last year can only serve as a rule of thumb for this year's climb. (2) Experienced leaders can counteract improbabilities prior to their occurrence.

It is the leaders' responsibility to see that all dangers are circumvented in the most efficient possible manner. And this, after a rather extended digression, brings us down to the climb in question. 1. There were not enough ropes. 2. There were not enough experienced climbers. 3. Individual members were ill equipped: proper boots, ten essentials, etc. 4. And last, there

were four inexperienced women along. (An experienced mountaineering female on level ground can be awfully unpredictable.)

THE LEADERS of this climb made a few minor errors. The big ones are easy to see, so the small ones are the ones that get you.

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Emerald Editor:

After casually reading Mr. Glenn's lengthy letter, we felt as though we had missed the answer to his opening query regarding the purpose of the University of Oregon. However, on second reading, (blaming illogical conclusions, fallacies and half truths on an inaccurate translation from the original greek manuscript); we discovered that it wasn't only a rambling tirade against all majors outside the field of Liberal Arts, but he also claimed that the Liberal Arts majors were scholars, and all others were "Caged Rats."

SINCE THE intelligence of all non-Liberal Arts majors has been questioned by this self-appointed scholar-philosopher who began his illustrious college career two long weeks ago, I accept Mr. Glenn's challenge to defend a major course of study directed toward a future occupation.

Our first point is to prove that we "Rats" can also be scholars. While composing his letter, Mr. Glenn undoubtedly referred to Mr. Webster's definition of the word scholar, "One who learns of a teacher or is under a preceptor; hence, one distinguished for the pursuit and possession of knowledge; a

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Khrushchev's Actions at UN Reviewed

(AP)—Premier Khrushchev's actions — by all the orderly standards of the United Nations — have been abnormal. It seems fair now to ask: How much balance does he have?

FOR 22 DAYS in this country, instead of appealing to reason and fairness, Khrushchev has tried repeatedly to obtain what he wants by threats. Whether or not his fits of anger are real or for effect, his purpose has been to intimidate.

One after another his proposals have been frustrated. Each frustration seems to have driven him to a new excess.

He could have presented his ideas in one well arranged package. Instead, he seems to have improvised, thinking up new extremes as he went along.

IF HE FOLLOWS through on some of his threats, then his main accomplishments in visiting the United Nations has been to wreck it.

He said he wanted disarmament. But he also said he wanted

ed Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld thrown out and replaced by a three-man secretariat, one representing communism, one the West, and one the neutrals.

Then he coupled disarmament with Hammarskjöld. Khrushchev said that if he didn't get the three-man secretariat, then there could be no disarmament.

EVEN THE DULLEST UN delegate could see what Khrushchev wanted was not really a three-man, balanced secretariat but a hunting license.

If Russia tried an adventure anywhere in the world and the three secretaries sat down to discuss action to stop it, the secretary representing communism could prevent with a veto anything the other two secretaries wanted to do.

As time passed and Khrushchev saw he was making no progress on this, he went much further than just saying there would be no disarmament un-

less he got his three-man secretariat.

HE SAID THAT unless he got it—even though every other nation voted against him — "we shall uphold our interests outside this international body, outside the UN by relying on our own strength."

What are Russia's "interests"? They could be anything Khrushchev wanted them to be. This threat, if carried out, will in effect wreck the United Nations, leaving it a kind of shadow organization.

It is not only his continuing threats but also his seeming obsession with the idea of war, destruction and death which seems peculiarly abnormal. He never stops talking about it, linking it obliquely with his threats.

HE HAS lost at every turn, on everything he wanted at the United Nations. Now the world has to wait to see whether he makes good on his threats.