

Letters to the Editor

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building which would be of no use to it. But if, in order to raise money for a different bookstore site, the Willcox Building were sold to commercial interests, it would almost certainly be torn down. It obviously does not have the commercial value either to the Co-op or anyone else that a newer, larger (and probably less interesting) building would have in that choice location. It appears then that it can only be saved as a kind of monument by someone's making a financial sacrifice.

But who can be asked to do this? Not the Co-op, surely. That is not its purpose. The State? The University? Not likely after October 15. Perhaps those who wish to save the Willcox Building can themselves raise the money or can find a philanthropic group or individual willing to pay. That appears to me to be the only terms under which they could justifiably expect to "Save the Side," and it is awfully late now. Maybe this could serve as a lesson to all who want to preserve fine old buildings. Provisions for saving them should be started before it becomes practical to tear them down.

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Fees—No Benefit

Emerald Editor:
Compulsory athletic fees may be fine for those who are able to find the time to benefit from them. They do represent an advantage over the buying tickets for all of those events now covered by an athletic card.

For many others, compulsory fees for athletics represent a sum of money from which no benefit accrues.

It is also the contention of some that the compulsory aspect of the fee should be abolished, and that the fee become optional in the form of season

tickets.

If the approximately 10,000 students on this campus decided to pick up their athletic cards to which they are entitled, and if they all decided to attend an event which was covered by the card, would the Athletic Department have seats available for them? Would the alumni be confined to reserved seats?

Perhaps this explains the strange fact that students are forced to pay a compulsory athletic fee, while they receive their athletic cards on a voluntary basis. Why not give the students their athletic cards along with their student body card at the time of registration, since they are being assessed for them anyway?

Why not make the athletic card optional at the time of registration?

Donald M. Allen,
Graduate in Biology.

On ROTC Types

Emerald Editor:
Knowing that there are those who wear their combat boots in complete ignorance of the proper lacing methods, I thought I might pass on a small fund of information that came into my hands the other way. I was lying on the couch surveying my literature when my roommate came catapulting through the door waving a pair of great black clogs and shouting, "Boots, boots, boots." I said, "Yeah, I know, Kipling." He said, "No man, I mean black ones, ROTC type."

Well, I suppose every young man goes through a period of his life when combat boots are the thing to wear, but he was serious and he proceeded to try them on, only to find that he didn't know how one was to lace. Safety First-DC & TSC-ds-1-2289/R-58311 type boots. Hoping the Army would, we proceeded to phone the post and

were finally connected (through the chain of command, I suppose) with a sergeant.

Now, I used to think tying boots was a relatively simple chore, but after hearing a twenty-minute dissertation on the various methods and techniques of boot lacing and a brief history of the American army boot, I changed my mind. I found that, to begin with, boot lacing presupposes an elementary knowledge of various situations and the appropriate type of lace and that the Paratroopers have a special "fancy" way of doing it.

Now, I didn't know that there was more than one way of doing it; that one could really be ignorant of how to tie his boots but I guess you just keep on learning. First of all, if you are going to be a really good boot lacer, you have to know the trick about tying a knot at the bottom of the boot to keep the laces even and the one about tucking excess lace into the left side of the boot just 2½ inches from the top. Then, for formal occasions, you have to know how to lace on the outside of the boot. Now if you're still confused refer to your manual ROTCM 145-45, page 5, "Strategy and The Military Service" for a complete guide to boot lacing, for this is not, as you may think, a trivial matter. The sergeant told me so.

Michael Salvesson,
Sophomore Philosophy.

Compulsory Music Criticized

Emerald Editor:
An open letter to the new dean of music:

Once upon a time there was a school of music. It was located at the University. It had a dean. His name was Kratt. The dean was famous for his democratic ideals. For example, on more than one occasion the professors in the school of music tried to put in-

to effect a rule making it compulsory that music students attend a certain percentage of university concerts and musical programs each term.

Although the professors argued heatedly and at great length that the students needed to become more familiar with repertory, since the bulk of them would become music educators, the dean remained unmoved. He never allowed the rule to be put into effect. Some said it was because he believed that the rule was contrary to democratic free choice. Others said it was because he realized the students clearly had enough to do, without burdening them further, since the students would receive no class credits for attending concerts, and especially since the persons most affected by the proposed regulation, that is, the students themselves, would have no voice in the decision to accept or reject it.

Still others said the only reason the faculty wanted to pass the rule at all was because they were required to attend concerts when they were students, but quickly added that that didn't necessarily make it right, even though the very President of the University himself had to attend chapel when he was an undergraduate! One rumor even theorized that the dean thought graduate assistants should have more noble things to do than act as attendance clerks at public functions. Another rumor hinted that the regulation was only intended to insure large audiences at faculty recitals, but it was given little credence.

But unfortunately, as inevitably happens, the day came when the dean, well along in years, grew very ill and passed on. Before a new dean could be selected, the professors met. At long last they could pass their rule, and they did so by unanimous approval, with this notable omission: Not one professor suggested that some research be done before the thesis "that compulsory attendance would miraculously produce better music teachers" be accepted as valid! What rash, unscientific action!

What an excellent master's or doctor's project that would have been for some aspiring grad student!! And what form of motivation did the professors utilize to encourage compliance with their new regulation? Did they explain to the students (many of them prospective teachers who would be influenced by the professors' example) the many benefits and blessings that would accrue to the students from attending the musical events? No. Rather, these honorable people chose only to threaten the students, saying, "Students which fail to maintain satisfactory attendance levels will be subject to disciplinary action by the dean's office." Or to paraphrase the statement, "Do as we say or we'll punish you," which is the antithesis of free, democratic institutions, and the basis of all militaristic, totalitarian systems.

But a new dean has been selected. Will he replant the democratic ideals of his late predecessor, or will he allow the weeds of arbitrary, dictatorial rules and regulations to continue to flourish in their place?

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June '63

Hindi, Swahili Classes Open for Registration

For those interested in the Hindi and Swahili languages, classes are now being offered by the YMCA.

The Hindi class will meet in 204 Chapman at 7 p.m.

The Swahili class will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, also at 204 Chapman.

There will be a charge of \$2 for each class.

Advertisement

Big Quack

When the swallows of Capistrano come flying home again, no Oregon Ducks will be out to greet them with the usual friendly quack. That will be reserved for the faithful, home-body Dairy Queen man and the maids who serve the curtipop delicacies at 13th and Hilyard without fail.

Two Views of the Side Controversy

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lars on a building that could not begin to pay its own way.

For someone that is neither a Co-op member or student Sabin finds it easy to find ways to waste the money of those who are served by the Co-operative.

Being neither a Co-op member or student, Sabin finds it easy to say "What's money?" and then look for a way to scrap 40 years of hard work all for the sake of a worn out building, preservation of which would only serve to profit those who wish it saved for their own selfish designs.

Land that the College Side stands upon is suited well to the future needs of the Co-op. This location is excellent for easy convenience of students and the Co-op annex with its knock-out walls, can be easily refaced and incorporated into the new structure.

It is unthinkable that the Co-op should give up this land to the restoration of a building of questionable architectural merit and a building which has far outlived its original projected life span.

Co-op members and the University Community at large make many demands upon their Co-op and in order that the Co-op might continue to meet these demands it is imperative that it embark immediately on an expansion program. An expansion program that utilizes land already paid for, land of adequate size and land located where it can do the most good for the greatest number of students.

When an organization serves many it must think of the needs of the group as a whole and cannot forsake these needs on the grounds of providing a plaything for a small minority, the leader of which is not even a member of the organization.

Duly elected officers of the Co-op realize full well that they have an obligation both to the Co-op members as well as to the University community to provide a new building that will be marked

by beauty as well as functionalism.

Co-op board members also realize that part of campus life is the opportunity to sit down with fellow students and faculty and talk informally over a cup of coffee in relaxed surroundings. The Co-op Board has instructed its architect to include space in the new Co-op for just such a place. The new Co-op building will be more than a book store it will be a center for intellectual discussion and culture, something that can be enjoyed by all students rather than the small number that would find anything of interest in the College Side.

Co-op members have an important decision to make and even more important an obligation to attend Wednesdays meeting and vote. Vote for that which will serve the members who for many years have worked diligently for a service-minded Co-op.

Should members through disinterest allow a self-motivated minority to destroy this work, a great disservice will be done not only to those now attending the University but those who will attend in the future.

As Co-op members the future of your Co-op is in your hands. Attend Wednesdays meeting and reaffirm your faith in the bright future of your Co-op.

Worthwhile . . .

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I asked why a complete financial report was not printed each year. I was assured that it was a waste of time to do this for college students couldn't understand such statements. I asked why we didn't talk with Vic Sabin who was making a lot of noise about the Side. Mr. Henson informed us that Vic would not listen to facts. I never did understand why the Co-op belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and why prices in the supply store cannot be lowered because other Eugene merchants wouldn't like it. I wondered why no one else would agree to a mem-

bership vote on the Side issue.

Toward the end of the year some other strange things happened. We decided, with no financial report before us, to grant a ten per cent rebate to members. The basis of our decision was the fact that the checks had begun to be processed with that figure, and a change in the rebate would mean that members would not receive their checks until summer.

On June 5, 1963, the Board of Directors passed a resolution changing the expiration date of membership from June 30 to Sept. 30, effective that same year. This was done to give graduating seniors and summer students a "better deal." Or at least that's what the reason was that night. During the summer Mr. Henson acknowledged to me that the primary reason for that change was to make it difficult for a summer meeting to be called. I felt that I had been deliberately deceived.

My experience on the Co-op Board has left me doubting the ability of the directors to make wise decisions on behalf of the members, possibly because so many votes were 6 to 1 or possibly because I learned something. I know that a board of directors with interest in the Co-op, qualifications for directing such a structure and time to spend is needed. At least we can resolve the fate of the Willcox building through membership debate and ballot. I hope the current board will continue this procedure to insure open discussions on possible reforms and a co-op that is run for students.

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YOUR CO-OP SAVE YOUR MONEY FOR BOOKS, SUPPLIES AND REBATES

28 PEOPLE ARE ASKING YOU TO SPEND YOUR MONEY ON A WORNOUT BUILDING.

ATTEND THE MEETING. GIVE YOUR BOARD YOUR VOTE OF CONFIDENCE.

JANUARY 22, 8:00 P.M.

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