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This ends our career as editor of the Emerald. No more will we scour the campus for news, no more will the Dorm telephone ring for us a dozen times an hour, no more will we be approached by "interested" parties, we are a thing of the past, soon to be forgotten, and take our passing, quietly and gracefully, we hope.

And yet it is with a feeling of sadness that we give up this child. Little Emerald is a troublesome youngster, she requires lots of attention, she is always getting into trouble, and many a night we have been unable to sleep for worry of her; but still we have become attached to her and love her as our own child. Through her we have seen all things and heard all. She has been the medium through which we could be of service to our Alma Mater, and now in parting we forget the trouble she has been and see her only in her useful light.

At the beginning of the school year there were two policies open to us. One a conservative policy, which would make the Emerald a so-called dignified paper, neither offending nor helping the institution to any considerable extent, in other words, a mere chronicle of college events, the other a progressive policy, keeping the stories close to the pulse of current activity and the editorials bearing on thought vital to the welfare of the institution, in other words, make the paper a leader of college thought and activity. We choose the latter and have consistently and fearlessly struck where we thought we saw wrong, and lauded where we thought praise was due.

We were well aware that such a policy would invite both praise and criticism, for a definite stand on any muted question immediately divides ones support, we were therefore prepared to receive the "roasts" which were hurled at the paper from time to time; but that we were always honest and sincere, we at least know, and that in the main our policies smacked of truth you can judge by the success of the movements the Emerald has aided from time to time.

We have made mistakes that we faintly recall, and so has everyone that moves. Experience shows that the man who never takes a step until he is absolutely sure of its success, stays in his tracks and society carries him along. Leadership involves chance, for it explores regions unfamiliar to society, and the man has never lived who could lead and make no mistakes. Our civilization has been built up from the mistakes of our leaders. And so we, young and zealous, in taking our well meaning stands, have been forced to admit that at times they were not the best.

But this is all past now, and we rest on what we have done. To Mr. Onthank, our successor, we wish a career of great usefulness for the University, and as aid endow him with

a staff composed of the most efficient and best lot of college journalists the University has ever had. To this staff we extend our heartfelt thanks for the conscientious, faithful help it has given the editor during the past year. To the students, faculty, and alumni, we express appreciation of the interest, support and praise they have given the Emerald these nine months, and we close with "long live Oregon, may she ever prosper," and a "good-bye and good luck to you all."

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