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## "UNITED WE STAND"



THE University of Oregon can never hope to progress as long as the student body spirit remains as it is now. Today Oregon spirit is at ebb tide and unless different factions on this campus realize what their petty bickerings and childlike jealousies are bringing to Oregon, humiliation and defeat will be our share for many years. Right now we could be branded as a "haywire" outfit and once we stopped to analyze our situation we could have no comeback. We are "haywire."

There are too many separate factions on the campus each anxious to get at the others' throats and willing to injure the name of Oregon in order to cause humiliation to the other party. We are not united for a common purpose as we should be and instead of fighting for the University of Oregon different organizations and groups are fighting among themselves for no purpose whatsoever, except to even up cooked-up grievances.

A showing of college spirit which brought tears to the eyes of old graduates who returned for Junior Week-end was displayed by representatives of two campus groups at the two games held on the campus Thursday and Friday when we had a crowd of preppers as our guests. At these ball games these groups from their station in the bleachers jeered the players of their own team with voices so loud that their remarks were heard from one end of the diamond to the other. One of the Oregon players was not playing up to form and had several errors chalked up to him. Did the crowd back him in his endeavors and utter words of encouragement? It did not. Instead there were cries of "take him out," and the representatives of some of these blood-drinking organizations got together in an organized cry to "take—out" and "we want—". Oregon players were jeered by students worse than these same students would laugh

at errors on the part of a visiting team.

This spirit has been rampant for many months and during the basketball season the Oregon varsity five was fighting its own crowd of "rooters" in many of the games.

The reason for this cutthroat attitude is brought about by the fact that the organizations and individuals making the biggest noise often are not represented on the team. Yet these same institutions and individuals have never put forth one ounce of strength toward the support of any student body activity themselves. They support the student body activities by staging pink teas and jazz dances.

Friday the University track team meets the O.A.C. team in the annual dual meet of the two institutions. It is a pretty safe bet to say that about one-tenth of the students on the campus realize this fact and about one-half of that number intend to accompany the team to Corvallis to support it. Members of the varsity track team returning to Eugene for the past three weeks after a track meet held on a foreign field are met by their students friends with the question: "Where have you been? I haven't seen you for the past few days." Two weeks ago the varsity track and baseball teams left on a tour. Two freshmen were at the station to

see them depart and the Hotel Osburn bus to greet them upon their return. Is that the winning Oregon spirit?

Oregon students have not been educated in the art of losing. Hence when an athletic team or other student activities start losing it is the common inclination of all to crab instead of to support.

Every men's and women's organization on the campus has two courses open to them now. They can either start taking lessons in the art of unification or the art of losing, for it is certain that if they do not take the first course they will have need of the latter for the next many years to come.

NO PROFESSOR WORTH \$500  
EMERALD PLEA IN "LIBEL SUIT"

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school has suffered the humiliation of a defeat.

The real issue in the case is becoming "to eat or not to eat," where the editors are concerned, and perhaps, whisper some, the high cost of living has also affected the profs. "You see," confided Dorothy Duniway, associate editor, "we've simply got to win, for the staff banquet comes off next month. We can't afford to finance banquets and pay damages at the same time and we're not going to go without 'feed.'"

Let 'em sue if they like—Lyle Bryson, news editor of the Emerald, doesn't care. "One of the first requisites of a damage suit is money—somewhere," said Lyle. "They can get judgment by the carload, but if they can find more than thirty cents

in the coffers of the Emerald they can have it. Still," she reflected, "thirty cents is a lot of damage to award a professor."

"I hope that we lose our case." The surprising statement came from Neil Warwick, assistant news editor. "For if we do," she said, it will give us a chance to pay the law department back with some of those lead dollars that are reported to be permissuously floating about the Oregon building."

"Yes," said Maybelle Lavitt, who presides over the proof sheets, "any time the law department thinks that it can put anything over the journalists, they'd better guess again."

The stage is set for Thursday night. Sam Bass Warner is the prof whose ability as a raqueteer is to be defended as worth \$500. Gordon Wells and Lyle McChocky are to represent the plaintiff and Kenneth Armstrong and Ben Ivey will defend the Emerald.

## Kansas Seniors Elect May Queen

The senior class at the University of Kansas recently elected a "Queen of the May" from the women of the class.

## Some Lie Accidentally

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