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Many students contend that the Emerald has been "on the fence" throughout the year. Since that accusation implies that editorially the Emerald hasn't stood tight for a single thing, it must be recalled. The Emerald would be a flat failure if its policy hadn't accomplished anything.

As far back as October 28, a budget system for A. S. U. O. finances was recommended, and the A. S. U. O. constitution embodying this feature was supported by the Emerald when it was presented for adoption.

The Emerald expressed student sentiment as in favor of the three-term plan and against the two-semester plan when the faculty considered changing back to the old system.

The "Thundering Thousand" is a phrase which the Emerald tried in vain to put over. One of the biggest attractions of a football game is the rooting of two rival institutions. The Emerald felt that by capitalizing this and naming Oregon rooters the "Thundering Thousand" would be valuable advertising for Oregon.

The Emerald defended the Homecoming bonfire as an Oregon institution and tradition when various forces sought to abolish it.

Higher scholastic standards for Oregon were always supported, although the Emerald did at times feel that the faculty were making changes too fast and incorporating features such as posts and probation in the program that did not belong.

Such impromptu rallies as that which broke out here after the Oregon-O. A. C. football game were discouraged and the action of the student council in frowning upon such rally dances as broke up the routine of classwork was upheld.

A plea for more class spirit has been made from time to time with but little apparent result, although many students have come to the realization of the need for more of such spirit.

The Emerald has always stood against cheating, although it did not recommend an honor system that would sacrifice student honor by compelling him to tell on his neighbor. Such honor systems as there have been no complaints about the journalism were upheld as being true honor systems and the real way to eliminate the cheater.

The inducing of prep athletes to come to Oregon by telling them of educational and athletic inducements here instead of taking money has been the subject of

several Emerald editorials.

When the cost of the Frosh Glee seemed likely to exceed the amount of money in the coffers of the freshman class, the Emerald protested and helped the class to stage a party within their financial limits.

"Star chamber" sessions of the athletic council were deplored by the Emerald. When that council sought to obtain a football coach for Oregon, the Emerald announced itself in favor of last year's coach as against any high-priced mentor or one who was unknown and handicapped by some of the factors which caused the athletic council to seek a successor to last year's coach.

Oregon sportsmanship was harped upon in several issues of the Emerald, and good sportsmanship of Oregon rooters in several games was commended.

When the faculty changed the time of the opening of school and shortened Christmas vacation by a week, the Emerald asked the faculty to reconsider and readopt the old plan.

Delay on the part of the athletic council in electing a baseball coach and delaying the start of the season was shown and haste urged. The same attitude seemed apparent in the construction of the Hayward field oval and haste again asked.

The athletic council was asked to hunt for a competent graduate manager instead of accepting one only candidate, and later the advantages of a graduate manager familiar with the duties of the offices was pointed out.

California's attitude towards the northern members of the coast conference was declared to be dictatorial and selfish, and a northern conference urged as to the best interests of Oregon.

The Emerald cannot say that these things have pleased everyone. They have followed a policy based upon honest belief. They are summed up merely to show that upon certain points the Emerald has followed one track and has not straddled a fence.

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