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The Theory of Editorials; Don't Believe Everything You Read

This is to explain the attitude the Emerald takes towards its own editorials.

In the first place, the Emerald is pessimistic about the number of people that read editorials. Except in cases of controversy, the Emerald believes that not over one person in four reads the editorials with any idea of thinking seriously on the subjects offered. This low figure will probably not hold true with faculty members and students very active in public affairs, these persons being always in line for commendation or censure through the Emerald columns.

The Emerald believes that by far the greater part of editorial reading, all publication being included in the argument, is done by upperclassmen, and for the most part, seniors. Therefore, in writing editorials, unless the subject matter be of particular interest to individual groups, the Emerald has in mind, when writing, the older and more experienced minds of the campus.

It obviously follows that these persons are able, competent and anxious to do their own thinking. By the time the average undergraduate has reached his junior or senior year, he has suddenly decided that an education may possibly be of some value to him; and consequently he finds a nascent interest in the affairs about him, and proceeds to whet his appetite for opinions concerning these same affairs. Incidentally, and all important, is the fact that this person is perfectly capable of thinking for himself.

Summed up, the foregoing may be briefly stated as follows: Those who read Emerald editorials are able to think for themselves; and are capable and in the habit of formulating their own opinions.

Also, it follows that Emerald editorial readers are as competently fitted to express opinions as the Emerald. Ever think of that?

Granted the foregoing, the question arises—Why have editorials? Why not use the space for good live news?

This question must be answered, in the opinion of the Emerald, in this wise—

Editorials are thoroughly justified, not in their ability to form the opinions of the readers, but to stimulate thought on mooted questions in the minds of the readers. Only on this basis is an Emerald editorial justified.

Consider how that works out. If a question worthy of discussion arises there are at least two sides. Both sides will have good arguments, or else there would have been no cause for dispute in the first place. Granted.

Getting back to the Emerald, if the question be worthy of argument, the editorial writers will be compelled to take a decided stand. No one wants to see any fancy gymnastics on the fence; and in that case at least half the readers will disagree; and half will lend their voices in acclamation. The Emerald in most any instance is assured of equal condemnation and approbation.

So it is—the Emerald wishes only to stimulate interest in the problems of our campus, and caring not in the least what the individual students hold as their private opinions, the Emerald tries honestly to give its own opinion for one purpose only—to stimulate mental activity in the minds of its readers. And finally, any disagreement with the Emerald, viewed in the above light, is a sincere compliment to your newspaper.

Baseball Fans Should Clearly Indicate Their Attitude

Baseball at the University of Oregon will not be abolished. Or, to put it differently, Oregon will be in favor of retaining baseball as a college sport at the next meeting of the Pacific Coast Conference at Seattle, December 11 and 12, when the fate of the great American game will be decided. So assures Professor H. C. Howe, this school's representative and president of the conference.

If baseball is not abolished, the University will have a schedule of at least eight games and perhaps more, according to a telegram received yesterday from Graduate Manager Benefiel, who is in Chicago dickering with an eastern team for a football game at Pasadena New Year's day and another game for Oregon at Portland next Thanksgiving day.

Baseball as it is at present conducted has many unpleasant aspects which make it objectionable to the members of the conference, thinks Professor Howe. It encourages professionalism, he says. It is the one of all college sports in which the line between amateurism and professionalism is closely allied. Yet, in spite of all that, he thinks there is a remedy and if a remedy can be worked out baseball will remain as a college sport in so far as Oregon is concerned.

So much for Professor Howe. As for Graduate Manager Benefiel, he firmly believes that baseball in the northern conference, as at present conducted, is on its last legs. The expense to Montana, Idaho and Washington State, all many miles east of Eugene are great; much too great for the interest shown in the sport, he thinks, and a time will come when the eastern schools will pull away.

But Benefiel does not wish baseball abolished. He has, what he hopes, is a solution. He has suggested that Oregon, Washington and the Aggies play four or six games against each other, three or four on each campus, and as many other games as the schools can schedule, but at least to have these eight or twelve games regularly scheduled college contests. What does the student body think of this plan?

Petitions will be passed around today to feel out the sentiment on the campus regarding baseball. The questions the signers are asked to answer are these: Do the students want baseball? If they get it, will they support it?—S. W.

ALUMNUS NOW IN PARIS
Word has been received here by Oscar Richards, of the zoology department that Mrs. W. John Brackelbank, formerly Mary Chambers, is now in Paris where Mr. Brackelbank is studying. Mrs. Brackelbank graduated and received her M.A. degree at the University. She was graduate assistant in the zoology department here for several years.

SEVEN SEERS

IF FRANKLIN HAD GONE TO COLLEGE

EARLY TO BED AND EARLY TO RISE, AND YOU'LL BE MUCH DUMBER THAN THE OTHER GUYS.

Who's that guy,
With the glass eye,
And diamonds on his finger?
He has more eyes,
And the things he buys,
All come in gold and silver.
He acts so queer but he's a fooler,
With his eyes laid out upon the counter;
For ya see he's an optician and a jeweler.

"TWILL BE A BATTLE FAIRLY WAGED AND WON BUT I'LL BE A DIRTY SON-OF-A-GUN," said the gridiron star as he stepped out upon the muddy field.

Pretty—Pretty
Look at this dame
With the funny frame,
See her passing by,
With that manly looking eye.
She's a whizz, my boy!

She must be her mother's pride and joy.
A night golfer, did you say?
Sure silly, that's just a knickered college boy.

WHAT GLOBY?
An All-American eleven should be selected from the bench warmers. If such action is ever taken we wish to apply for the end position because there is always the chance of getting pushed off the end of the bench and getting injured. Think of the glory of being injured and hearing the students cheer as you were carried from the scene of battle, or the battle of seat.

Sabhi Allah Maneush
Back east and out west all the big coaches as well as football players have been anxiously awaiting the Seven Seers' choice for an All-American football team. Now we've gone and done it. Play the slow music professor and will the ladies kindly refrain from smoking their pipes for a brief moment. There may be some surprises and some dark horses in this section.

Stewart BallLE
Jack "Lynn" JonesLT
Campbell ChurchLG
Jimmy ForestelC
Duke CarterRG
Sol AbramsonRT
Walter MalcolmRE
John SwanQ
Barney McPhillipsLH
Frank LogganRH
Walter KiddF

Second team choice goes to the following:
"Red" Grange RE, "Red" Grange RT, "Red" Grange RG, "Red" Grange C, "Red" Grange LG, "Red" Grange LT, "Red" Grange LE, "Red" (Harold) Grange LH,

H. (Red) Grange F, and Robert Theodore Mautz Q.

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Today's award, a dear little comma, goes to Mary Stewart because she's in love and we sincerely sympathize and hope that she may avail herself of this opportunity to get into a better condition. This award should place her completely in a state of comma.

Professor Howe Gives Opinion On Baseball As College Activity

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action, but it did not take any conference action to put it in effect at Oregon.

The fundamental objection to baseball as a college sport is that it is a professional game. It grew up as a professional game. All the rules, ethics and practices of the game are made for and by professionals, and express the professional spirit. Furthermore, there are always playing on college baseball teams men who are strongly suspected of being themselves professional baseball players. That it is so, I do not actually possess proof. If I did have the proof that any college player at Oregon or elsewhere had ever played summer baseball, I should have to take steps immediately to have him forever barred from participation in any college sport. That is my main business as Oregon's conference representative—the maintenance of the amateur status in college sport.

But though I do not possess any such proof, it is commonly believed that every college baseball team is actually tainted with professionalism—that it is, in fact, a rotten spot in college sport. I have, in past years, heard that opinion expressed by men representing other institutions in the Pacific Coast Conference. If it is so, and students will not themselves take steps to shut professionals out of their teams—and I have never heard of students taking any such steps—it may at any moment be felt by the Conference that the sport should be forbidden as an intercollegiate sport.

On the other hand, I cannot help feeling that the excitement is altogether a tempest in a teapot. From past experience I have no reason to believe that the Conference has any intention of closing down on baseball at present. If we had at Oregon a president who was determined to maintain the amateur status in college sports at all costs, he might instruct me to vote for the abolition of baseball in the Conference. If so, I should have to vote for its abolition, though I do not believe there would be a majority vote for its abolition. But there is no president at Oregon. Naturally, I am disinclined to take any such radical action without instructions to do so, and especially disinclined to commit whoever may

Coming Events

Saturday, December 5
Conference high school officers and press.
Oregon Picture Schedule
Saturday, December 5
Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Campus Bulletin

Pi Lambda Theta luncheon Saturday noon, December 5th, at the Anchorage.

University postal authorities request that students refrain from placing Red Cross Christmas seals on the address side of mail. Mr. Carl Joy reports that a number of students have overlooked the fact this is against postal regulations.

Graduate Club—Meeting Tuesday noon, December 8, at Anchorage. Phone your reservations to Anchorage, phone 30.

Temenid meeting at Craftsmen club Tuesday evening at 7:15.

Mu Phi Epsilon active members: Important meeting Sunday afternoon 2:15 o'clock at Alumni hall, Woman's building.

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be the new president to a policy which he might not approve of when gets here. As I am disinclined to start anything, and as Mr. Earl and Mr. Benefiel have no vote in the matter anyway, what is there for the students to get excited about?

H. C. HOWE

Communications

To the Editor of the Emerald:

"The University of Oregon Army would be at home in Napoleon's grand flight from Russia." This with a few other remarks composed your editorial in yesterday's paper. Without recognizing the change which has taken place in the Military Department in the last few years, you are returning to the attitude prevalent on the campus four or five years ago. The write of this letter signed the petition against the Military Department five years ago but is still connected with that department and can see the change which has taken place under the regime of Lieutenant Colonel Sinclair.

Permit me to call your attention to a few aspects of military training at Oregon at the present time: Enrollment in the department at the present time is entirely voluntary on the part of the students of the three upper classes, more than that it is selective. At the present time 504 undergraduates and 54 upperclassmen are enrolled in the department. These upperclassmen are paid and aggregate of approximately \$1400.00 per term. The president of Associated Students of the University of Oregon is the ranking Cadet Officers. The Military Department maintains, trains and equips a fifty piece band which represents the University at all games, rallies and gatherings. In the Armistice Day Parade, the only public appearance of the University unit this year and in which all other local military units were represented, many observers said that the Cadet Corps exhibited esprit de corps and training surpassed by no other unit in the line of march.

You say that the romance and chivalry have been taken from the noble profession of arms and by modern methods, as opposed to the good old days when the Romans tearfully cast their prisoners to the lions and mailed knights politely tweeked one-another on the chin. Mr. Editor, there are still a few who are just squeamish enough to prefer having their eyes gouged out with a bayonet in preference to having them picked out with a hat pin at the battle of knicker-piffle. True enough, the University golf course has been rudely invaded by

the R. O. T. C.'s engines of war. The golf club has been cast down for the musket. The rhythmic tramp of men has not been the Charleston. But the grave yard has been left inviolate.

Adverse criticism of the War Department's work in the Colleges of the country at the present time either shows a profound ignorance of the policy of National Defense, set up by the act of 1920, and of which the R. O. T. C. forms an important link, or a fundamental lack of patriotism. Your editorial is especially felt by the twenty eight seniors in the Military Department, who spent six weeks in training at Camp Lewis, Washington, last summer, in company with delegations from colleges ranging from the University of California, Southern Branch, to the University of Washington, and from the University of Hawaii to the University of Wyoming, and who feel that the personnel of the Oregon Cadet Corps compares very favorably to any there represented. Mr. Editor, do you speak from the standpoint of experience in any military activity?

HERBERT B. POWELL

To Mr. Powell

Dear Mr. Powell:
And Other Patriots

In your letter I find the following:

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Ah, indeed, your editor, being either ignorant or unpatriotic, can scarcely reply for the shame he bears. His ignorance, perhaps, is innate, unless it comes from the fact that in his first two years of college he was forced to spend so much time in the R. O. T. C. that he had no time to spare in school.

lastic pursuits. He wishes to add, however, that he is sorry he can't be counted among the 100 per centers.

"Mr. Editor, do you speak from the standpoint of experience in any military activity?"—H. B. Powell.

Now Mr. Powell, that stings. That hurts. So unkind of you. Of course I've had military experience. Great amounts of it. During the World War I was a Boy Scout, and collected old magazines and old newspapers with more than a little valor. I also spent three months in a cadet corps in the Walla Walla high school, where we practiced with wooden guns.

I might add that I supplemented this valuable early training with two splendid years in the University of Oregon Reserve Officers Training Corps, those being the days when we wore leggings whether we wanted to or not.

Those two years were the most
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