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**NUMBERS** err in this—ten censure wrong for one who writes amiss.  
—Pope.

## Communications

"The State"  
Gold Hill, Oregon

To the Editor:  
The editorial policy should stimulate rather than express student opinion. Otherwise the paper might have to be suppressed altogether, unless students have vastly changed since my time.  
The "state," so much to be feared if an "uncontrolled" paper is circulated freely, cares far less about ideas than it does about golf-knickers. I admit that there is much bitter criticism of plaid socks. I have never heard these formidable taxpayers mention your ideas.  
Sincerely,  
MARGARET CARTER BUELL

The Law Says—

To the Editor:  
Inasmuch as Mr. Biggs is a potential lawyer it might interest him to know that the editor of the Emerald can legally be held in case of libel, contrary to his statement of a few days ago.  
It is a general rule of agency that the agent is always liable for his own torts and the fact of agency makes no difference.  
Citations: Stephens v. Elwell; 4 M and S 259; Peterson v. McMannus; 187 Ia. 552; Mechem on Agency; 1480; and countless others.  
One should know whereof he speaks.  
Obligingly,  
LAW

Harmony?

To the Editor of the Emerald:  
Why does the student body president and student council believe that in placing the editor of the Emerald under advisory control of the Publications committee, that closer relations between the students and the editor would result?  
Actually, the condition would be more remote. At the present time, the editor is elected by the students and is responsible to them. Under the proposed legislation, he would be under the thumb of an appointed board. Why isn't the student body president similarly placed? It would be just as logical.  
While inferring that the editor does not represent student opinion, does the student council represent it with any more accuracy? Do they consider themselves infallible in this respect, and also more able than the editor to form the editorial policy?  
If the students honestly feel that the editor is all wrong, they have the recall as their weapon. If this

legislation is obsolete, why not revise it instead of introducing an inferior one?

Letters favoring the proposed amendment have been decidedly unfair in making the matter one of personal tone, directed at the present editor. This would suggest that the "gag" proposal is a personal reprisal, instead of what it assumes to be, a movement for closer harmony.

### A SENIOR

One for All  
To the Editor:

I believe that your stand of preserving the individuality of the Emerald is good to a certain extent, but when whole pages are used to set forth the evils of the so-called "gag rule" (a clever misleading slogan) then we must agree that something is wrong with our organ of unbiased college opinion. Of course, you as editor of the Emerald must maintain your stand against all opposition even to the extent of attacking the Order of the O, who, we are informed by your editorial of this morning, threatened you with bodily violence. But what if they had executed their threat? You would have appeared as a martyr, and the cause of unfettered editorship would have been greatly advanced. Possibly David could have met them on the field of battle, and slew the mighty giant.

We can't all be editors, some of us are just "heroes of the sinewy arms," and some of us are merely students, for this reason as a mob without feeling or thought we can not be expected to have any of them reflected in the editorial policy of our daily. After weeks of rigid training, and weary hours spent on the football field, Oregon was about to enter one of the hardest games of the season. We will have to agree that the student body was heart and soul behind the team, but no, an editorial appeared in the Emerald belittling all athletic endeavor. Can you, for you probably did, imagine the result of such an editorial on the team, yet such an editorial, which expressed your individuality, was wholly foreign to the sentiment of the student body.

What if this individualism you crave would forward itself to the utmost extent? There would be no concerted action which has spelled success in the past. True there is no danger of it right now, but following it out to its ultimate end we would have an institution that is only intellectually bent. Were we to stroll down a pathway with our eyes on the ground, and no more physical life would resound than that which comes from the graves on the hill. Is that a fair picture to paint or is it an exaggeration from

one who cares for the life of the University?

But the point of it is that we are afraid that this expression of individualism will lead to a Babylon like disorder, for no two men think in a track that is the same. For concerted action let us have concerted endeavors—that can not come about by such radical individualism. Of course, we may be all wrong about whether or not the general student opinion is of this light, but one guess is as good as another. Please let's not make this a hot bed for young intellectuals—entirely.  
Yours for a better Emerald,  
FRED WILCOX

### Too Late

The Editor:  
Now that the question of the control of the Emerald has been argued so ably and abundantly on both sides, perhaps the time is ripe for suggesting some agreeable conclusion. We must be all aware by this time, even the oldest and least thoughtful of us, how excellent are the principles espoused by both parties to the controversy, and how unanswerable their contentions.

Both the editor and the student council, we are assured, equally represent student opinion, for were they not both elected by the students, and for the express purpose of representing them?

But the interesting anomaly arises that in practice these two representatives of the students sometimes utter their constituents' opinions in different, even discordant, voices, one of them saying one thing, the other its opposite. How can one hold on the same subject two opposite opinions at the same time?

Any student in the beginners' course in psychology however (and we are all psychologists now-a-days) can readily dispose of this paradox: The student body (or rather its mind) has a dual personality, and the student council embodies one of these personalities, the editor (or the editorial staff) the other.

In the nature of the case both the personalities are representative; but, as happens with cases of dual personality, they are apt to be mutually exclusive. Hence the trouble.  
Let us consider for a moment how different the two personalities may be. In one respect, and that a vital one, they are, we gather from their testimony, in fortunate agreement: they both entertain unexceptionable principles and a sentiment for public service. But in other respects how different!

Personality A is temperamentally conservative. It stands for stability, continuity, tradition; it is ready to believe in the possible superior wisdom of the older men, even in those who are put in authority over us. Freedom is its watchword, but by freedom is meant freedom from the demagogic in student politics who is clever enough to win students' votes and ears and to beguile their minds. It is an advocate of progress, but progress by evolution, not by revolution or by fits and starts.

How different is personality B! It is constitutionally radical. What to A is stability to B spells stagnation. For tradition is substituted reform. For precedent innovation, and for experience enterprise. Freedom is equally its slogan, but by freedom is meant freedom from any authority which does not vindicate its inherent reasonableness. It is ardent for progress, progress by reform; if need be, by revolution, but at all costs progress.

Now to personality A personality B is a suspect; does not history tell us again and again how a single elected public leader becomes a public misleader, representing not the thought and real will, but the impetuous and unthinking elements in his constituents, (especially when he has not to carry out his own policies)?

To B personality A is equally repugnant; does not history teach us again and again the danger of playing for safety, and the decline that inevitably follows excessive reliance upon the past?

And now to the practical conclusion. If the students' journal is to make the best of both worlds (I mean of both of these very excellent personalities), and if it is to be truly representative of the total student mind, its columns should regularly find room for both the personalities to express themselves. And this it might do by continuing its present form of editorship, but by placing a proportion of its space, say a weekly page or two, or a daily column, at the disposal of the student council, should the council on any occasion wish to make use of it. In practice perhaps the council would make use of its ration only when the ordinary fare appears to it unpalatable; when, that is, the two personalities are found to clash. But it is only when they have another opinion that the students would need to be told what their other opinion is.

Yours very truly,  
H. G. WYATT

### Resolution

To the Editor:  
Theta Sigma Phi at its meeting, Tuesday, adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, Every member of the Oregon chapter of Theta Sigma Phi, women's national honorary journalism fraternity, after seriously and sincerely studying the points at issue in the proposed amendment,  
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Our idea of the dumbest man on earth is the one who reads all the blurbs on the backs of novels and believes them.

And speaking of blurbs, here's one that varies slightly from the ordinary.

### ADVICE ON THE CARE OF BABIES

by  
A BACHELOR WHO CAN'T BEAR THEM.  
The Crying Need of Grandfathers-Fathers-And Expectant Fathers-And Their Wives

"Why did Bob Hunt stop singing in the choir?"  
"Oh, he was absent one night and someone asked if the organ had been fixed."

It's easy enough to be pleasant, When life flows 'round and 'round; But the girl worth while, Is the girl who can smile, When her socks are coming down.

### TODAY'S SIMILE

As useless as a pair of cuff links on pajamas.

Gretchen says her boy friend is the worst tease. He knows the most naughty songs but he'll only whistle the tunes to her.

"Is that statue over there Ven- us?"  
"You mean the one with the disarming look?"

### THE DEMOCRATIC WEST

Down in Medford they are now observing "Better Homes Week." The home of the city garbage collector is being used as the city's model house.

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Down on the cool green Grass and laying there and R l i g v r o l n o e And o e v r . . .

"Is President Hall in?"  
"No. He's in a conference."  
"Oh; what time does he awaken in the afternoon?"

Whoever said scientists have no sense of humour? Haven't they predicted annually for the past five years that each one of those years was going to be without a summer?

"IT TOOK A HEAD TO COOK THIS DISH," SAID THE MAN AS HE ATE THE CALVES BRAINS and SCRAMBLED EGGS.

"Is Mencken a poet?"  
"Yes, he writes versus."  
—Pelican.

### TODAY'S BULLETIN

"Let's try and keep Oregon politics on the high level which they have occupied for so long."



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Phi Chi Theta meeting in room 106 Commerce, 7:15 tonight.

Phi Sigma Kappa announces the pledging of Wesley Brandhorst, of Portland.

Dial meets Wednesday night with Dr. Stuart, at 11 street, 7:30.

Dial meets tonight, Wednesday, at 7:30 at the home of Dr. Bertha Stuart.

Sigma Delta Pi—Dr. Warren D. Smith will give his illustrated lecture on the Philippines at 7:30 p. m. in the geology lecture room. Anyone interested is invited.

Temenid meeting at Craftsman's club, Wednesday evening, 7:30. Delegates from O. A. C. will be present. Social and initiation.

Alpha Delta Sigma will meet Thursday noon at the Anchorage.

Book lost—A binder's dummy of blank paper, of no value to any but the undersigned, disappeared from Journalism building between January 9 and 16. Was in registered package addressed to me. Will gladly pay \$5.00 for its return.—E. W. Allen.

### William H. Bunch To Teach at Idaho

William H. Bunch, graduate assistant in mathematics for the past two years, has been appointed as instructor of mathematics at the University of Idaho, beginning next fall.

He will complete the work for his M. A. degree at commencement this year. Mr. Bunch was graduated from Walla Walla College and took further work at Pacific University. He has taught several years in high school before his work as graduate assistant here.



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