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## The Publications Committee Distinguishes Itself

We have long considered the student council to be the one organization on the campus which could be counted upon to do the wrong thing, but we are now forced to admit that we have been too good to the student council in permitting it to hold this title undesired, for the publications committee has definitely proved itself worthy of sharing a part of the honor.

Upon recommendation of the publications committee the executive council yesterday decided that the Oregonian should be published as usual this year. On the face of it, this decision does not seem very important—certainly not one to cause much painful cerebration.

The executive council has an ingenious scheme whereby the year book may be published on the date scheduled without a loss of money. We sincerely hope this works out, but even if it does, the publications committee cannot be excused for the preposterous decision which it reached.

Here are the facts. Ron Hubbs, business manager of a detailed and conservative estimate of expenses this year to the publications committee. This report declared that, though the subscription drive just conducted was the most successful ever held on the campus, the book could not be published for less than a deficit of \$1200.

At the same meeting, Marion Sten, editor of the Oregonian, admitted that her work had stood at a standstill for the last few weeks and that she didn't see how she could possibly get the book out on time.

In the face of this, the publications committee voted to recommend continuation of the Oregonian anyway. Jeanette Calkins moved that the Oregonian be published even though a loss of \$1200 seemed certain and Miss Sten (the editor, mind you) seconded the motion. The two votes were sufficient to pass the recommendation over the dissenting vote of the only other member eligible to cast a ballot. Dr. Clarence Valentine Boyer, capable but possibly not much interested member of the committee, was not in attendance.

It seems that such free-handed disposal of student money not yet raised is a betrayal of faith which should not be passed by without comment. Living up to responsibility in such a manner might be expected from a freshman, but hardly from a senior and a graduate. The decision was little short of amazing, and it is a fortunate fact, indeed, that the executive council had the power to refuse to accept the recommendation and no doubt would have done so had not the scheme for making up the deficit been discovered.

## Free Subscription Cause Dean to Worry

In another column we publish a communication from Eric W. Allen, dean of the school of journalism. We mention this fact here so that the communication will have a double chance of being read, for it presents an unbiased, concise and clear consideration of the situation which has arisen on the campus since the criticism aimed at the Emerald recently by Dr. E. T. Hodge.

We find, however, that our communicant seems much more worried over the fact that we have presented Dr. Hodge with a free subscription to the Morning Register than does Dr. Hodge himself. We agree with Dean Allen that there are "plenty of other people" on the campus in need of a good daily paper, and regret our inability to furnish these. And this, despite the fact that he admits it is altogether too early for the Emerald to present anyone with free subscriptions.

The Emerald has not consciously as yet assumed a "top-lofty" attitude, as our correspondent would seem to intimate. We realize that we do not publish a perfect newspaper; and even more poignantly realize that we cannot publish a perfect newspaper if we attempt to do so from now to doomsday. We do sincerely feel, however, that we give our best in an effort to publish the best newspaper that we can.

We were led to criticize Dr. Hodge's criticism for several reasons, some of which are listed below.

First, the criticism was made in class, whereas it might much more profitably have been made either in person or in writing to the staff.

Second, that we considered the publication of world news thoroughly at the beginning of the present term. We came to the conclusion that we had no member of our staff who had both experience and time necessary to handle this news. We had no money to pay one of our numerous professional newspapermen to take care of it, and no money to buy a press service. Further, we came to the decision after considerable investigation that readers of the Emerald were not greatly interested in international news as a part of their student newspaper, but that if they cared to keep posted on such news they would prefer to consult the more comprehensive accounts in the public press.

Third, that we felt Dr. Hodge was unscientific in his generalization to the effect that newspapers do not handle scientific news in a scientific manner.

It is only just to Dr. Hodge that we admit our belief in the fact that his criticism was levelled at us in good faith.

We did not agree with some of the points that he raised and we told him so in the most forceful manner that we could. If that manner was "flip" we can only say that we would rather be flip than afraid, and we feel certain that Dr. Hodge, while perusing over his coffee cup a thrilling account of Washington's war on bootleggers in this morning's Register, will agree with us.



## The Ambler

to bed and isolate yourself.—Fredrick M. Stricker, M.D., Oregon State Board of Health.

Yesterday we saw:  
LARRY OGLE whispering confidences... MARY ELLEN MASON with her arm around RUTH GAUNT... LARRY HARTMUS arguing on pressure... ERNEST DESLER bent on attending class... EUGENE HENDRY fingering her upper lip... PRESTON GUNTHER on the verge of studying... MARGARET MUNCY with her feet on a chair... JOYCE MADDOX and another Gamma Phi... HARRY BROCK looking hard... PAUL LUY in need of a fresh shave... HAROLD BAILEY masticating some of Wrigley's favorite.

There are several ways of producing a bad newspaper. One is by going too far afield, writing of things too distant and recondite, losing touch with the paper's actual readers, and surrendering local influence to attain a vague virtuosity. It should not be assumed too easily that Dr. Hodge wants anything like this.

Another bad way is to stick too closely to little day by day facts close at home, to comment upon these only from the point of view of first impressions, happy hunches, and local prejudices. In justice to all, Dr. Hodge ought to admit that it is pretty early in the season to assume that this represents the probable achievement of this year's Emerald. A student paper seldom demonstrates its characteristic qualities before mid-year, and some years the Emerald has been a most excellent paper in its class.

The Emerald has been most widely quoted throughout the state and has attracted most attention both on the campus and elsewhere in those years in which it has grappled effectively with questions close at home yet has applied to their solution something of the logical eugeney, the knowledge of underlying principles of social science, the awareness of general social and political forces outside, the carefulness in the evaluation of facts, and the skill in presentation which a university is supposed to represent.

Whether the Emerald prints telegraphic items is comparatively immaterial. But the paper need not be narrow, limited, superficial, deficient in imagination, unable to wrestle with local problems to some fine moral or practical end. Energy and acumen are required even to find out clearly just what the problems are. Energy and faithful patience are necessary to get together the necessary facts. Energy and imagination are necessary to determine just what can be done. Energy and courage, together with judgment and tact, are essential to get the paper's well founded views accepted.

If Dr. Hodge is possibly too premature to be entirely just in his criticisms, it is, on the other hand, altogether too early also for the Emerald to assume a top-lofty attitude, or to present anyone with free subscriptions to the Register. Its achievements for this year are still almost entirely in the future—which is no reflection upon anybody.

ERIC W. ALLEN.

To the Editor:  
For the week ending December 1, 418 cases of influenza were reported to the state board of health. Now that influenza is undoubtedly epidemic in this state, it is well to know how to treat this disease and how to control it. Both the cure and prevention of influenza depend on knowing the cause. The best way to keep from taking influenza is to keep away from people having this highly contagious disease.

When you feel an attack of influenza coming on, take a laxative and a glass of hot lemonade and go to bed early. Eat lightly, drink water freely and stay in bed until all symptoms have disappeared. Isolate yourself. Just because some one has passed this disease on to you is no excuse for your being careless. This is not a spectacular course of treatment nor will it produce striking results, but it will cut down greatly the chances for complications, such as pneumonia and other infections.

The streptococcus hemolyticus is usually unable to invade the healthy body but gains entrance in persons who are run down by influenza. Streptococcus pneumoniae is a very serious complication and the chances of pulling through after this infection has invaded the body are none too good.

The importance of calling in a physician early can not be too highly emphasized. Many of the complications of influenza can be prevented by proper treatment. For the sake of others it is well to remember that influenza is a contagious disease and it is up to you to keep it to yourself. Use your handkerchief and prevent the spread of influenza. Sneezing and coughing spray out droplets of moisture loaded with germs and any one nearby is almost certain to get a good dose of this. If you have influenza, go

## Turning.. Back Pages-

In Campus History That Tell How The Collegians Used to Act.

Fifteen Years Ago  
From Oregon Emerald,  
Dec. 6, 1913

For the first time in the history of the Northwest conference a wrestling tournament has been scheduled for the six colleges that are members.

The formal sophomore hop will be held Saturday evening at the men's gymnasium. The decorations will be of a distinctly holiday character.

Professor Eric W. Allen of the department of journalism addressed the conference of the American Teachers of Journalism at Chicago last week.

Twenty-five Years Ago  
Dec. 7, 1903

Since the University of Oregon has no regular basketball team, several enthusiasts of the sport met Tuesday and organized one. They will attempt to schedule games with colleges in the Willamette valley.

The dormitory, which "is growing to be the center of the college life of the university" is to have new furniture in the reception room.

President P. L. Campbell spoke on the subject, "College Spirit as a Factor in Education," at the regular Wednesday morning assembly hour in Villard.

## Wetjen

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ginning of his literary career. His rich store of knowledge of the sea furnished the background for his sea stories which have appeared in magazines of nation-wide distribution, such as the Saturday Evening Post. Only recently has he turned to novels, the first being "Captain All," which created comment on the part of national critics. His most successful novel, the second and most recent, entitled "Way for a Sailor!" is rated among the best sellers, and has made his position among novelists secure.

"His sentiment and tenderness is concealed under his swagger, his profanity of the roughneck sailor. His stories are out of youth. Youth's eternal quest is his theme," says one critic. "The first saga of the steamship era. A story of the loves, and the fights, the ships, drunks and adventures of a boy who rises to be an officer," says another.

The sailor-author has his home in Salem, Oregon.

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Alpha Kappa Delta business meeting at 5:15 today in Woman's room of the Weman's building. Pledges please meet in the Men's room at 5:30.

Faculty Meeting postponed until tomorrow. The December faculty meeting, announced in the last faculty bulletin has been postponed from Wednesday, Dec. 5, until Thursday, Dec. 6. It will be held in Guild hall at 4 o'clock Thursday.

Council meeting of the Women's league tonight, 7:15, in league office.

George H. Peterson, of 5635 94th street, S. E., Portland, Oregon, desires very much to get the names and addresses of the two university students, who picked him up and took him to the hospital in Albany, on December 22nd, 1927, after he was injured in an automobile accident a few miles north of Albany. Will these students kindly notify the dean of men.

Greater Oregon committee will hold last meeting of year today (Thursday) in room 110 Johnson hall.



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REX—"Searlet Seas," featuring Richard Barthelme and Betty Compton. A romance of the briny deep. Also "Just Daddy," a Christie educational comedy.  
COLONIAL—John Barrymore in "The Beloved Rogue," the story of Francois Villon. Also Acrop's fables and Loyd Hamilton himself in "Blazing Away." Coming Friday Colleen Moore in "Oh Kay."

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