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Initialing Editorials

The Emerald is printing today a friendly criticism in its forum column in which W. J. C. asks that in line with the Emerald's exhortation yesterday morning of anonymous letter-writers the Emerald should initial its editorials.

We did initial them for a while this fall, W. J. C., just as a measure to show the students which members of the editorial staff were doing the writing. Unsigned squibs were the product of the editor and initialed ones came from the staff editorial writers. Then the next morning students or faculty would come up to us and say, "Did you write that editorial this morning?" This general misunderstanding of what the initials stood for showed the practice to be worthless so it was discontinued.

Initialing editorials is mostly a matter of practice. College papers do it to some extent, but city dailies rarely do. Any opinion printed in a paper's editorial columns represents the official opinion of the newspaper and has the backing of the editor, whether or not he himself wrote the piece. Writings which are contrary to the paper's policy are not printed.

This policy holds true in the Emerald. The daily is prepared to stand back of anything it prints in its editorial columns, whether it is written by the editor or by his assistants. The particular editorial referred to by W. J. C. was written by the editor.

Sophomore men are preparing to institute a beard-growing contest for no apparent reason except to give the class something to do. Choosing winter term, when most house formals are staged, would seem to be a rather inappropriate time.

Los Angeles kicked recently that U. S. C. students stole barber poles as souvenirs. To which San Franciscans facetiously remarked that they should take them in nights like they do sidewalk.

A Montreal college daily quotes a speaker as claiming that certain waves compose matter. Among them is not the famous permanent variety.

The new plans for a junior vodvil sound just like the old ones. Something like that celebrated "professorial" coaching contract.

The mayor of Wilkes-Barre, Penn., says all hatless men should be declared insane. He must be a haberdasher on the side.

Oreganized Dementia

For the benefit of those who have lost or loaned their student body tickets and will have to listen to KORE broadcast tonight's game with the Oregon Aggies, the Dementia sports staff has generously provided the following graphic description of the scenes that will take place at McArthur court. This article will better enable the radio audience to visualize the perspiring athletes as they are walking on each other, dodging the referee, and diving into the co-ed bleachers.



Radio Basketball Guide

See the men. There are ten men. They have a ball. It is a big brown ball. It bounces. The men like the ball. Some of the men want to throw it through a little round hoop. But the rest want to throw it through another little round hoop.

Everybody is telling them where to throw it, but they won't listen. The men in orange are bad men. They won't let the men in green mind the people. Will their mama spank them? No, she thinks the men in green's mama is stuck on herself.

The men run fast. They have rubber on their shoes. The man with the whistle must keep out of the way. He likes to blow the whistle. He is a selfish man. He will not let the other men blow the whistle.

Are the men wearing their underwear? No, it belongs to the University. Are the people afraid of the man who shot the gun? Yes, that is why they are going home.

While we agree with Mr. Burdneste, our high-brow bard, that the following poem should be condemned to the lowest depths because of its rank, disgusting sentimentality, we are nevertheless permitting the banal eye of our public to view and memorize it. Its author, Theodor Coma, who will never be bald so long as he has his eyebrows, thinks it is good. So here it is:

Cynicism vs. Optimism

There's a dear little girl
In mem'ry's store . . .
There's just one little girl
I can't forget.
There's a sweet little girl
I'm longing for . . .
There's a true little girl
Who loves me yet.

(That is to say, there are four unusual little girls.)



"Hooley!" bellers Burdneste. "That poem is terrible. It's insufferable. The feminine impression is over-balanced. And on top of that—an unpardonable defect—it almost rhymes. Hooley!"

One Fr'a Penny
By Guilfin

TO A LADY

I have seen your face
Cameo-framed in
Wisps of golden - threaded
light . . .
Is it any wonder
The stars shine
Less bright for me tonight?

To Her Again, Tomorrow

I have knelt in wonder
At the shrine of
Golden sunsets, cast in light . . .
I have seen the moon,
Pale silver set in black,
Glory dying in the night . . .

I have watched the roses
Grow in music's moonlit song . . .
Now can you wonder
I love no one for long?

—Bob Guild.

TABLE THE SIXTH

Once upon a time there were two lofty icebergs floating majestically in the frozen sea. They were nominally associated with a group of islands, for the most part smaller, but this was not very evident, for the inhabitants of these icebergs were very strange creatures—distant, aloof, eye-brow raising—they were queens of their environs and they were conscious of it, even distinctly audible concerning it.

Many were the poor unfortunate little females who had hurled themselves against these icebergs, only to be met with the chilliest disdain, and cast from the insurmountable heights of the great icy piles. These disdainful females were capable of choosing their associates, and they were careful in their selection, being more than scrupulous to take in only those that would carry on the old, dignified, but slightly cool traditions. Now it came to pass that a strange new creature, bearing a brand of fire, came to the islands, seeking admission to them. The new one created more than mere comment all about the islands, for you must know here that the use of fire was prohibited, and spoken of only in awed whispers. Especially was this true on the two icebergs, for icebergs cannot take chances—that is well known. However, the new creature gained admission to two of the islands, in succession, and was very much admired. (The islands had fewer frozen traditions and were therefore more careless.)

And then of a sudden one of the icebergs, the more southerly and less forbidding of the two, set up a terrible clamor and wait for the new creature. A conclave was called, and many things were said and done, all on account of the new creature. And it was finally decided that the iceberg should be granted its request, and the fire-bearer took abode there permanently.

And no sooner had this happened than the inhabitants of the iceberg, having been denied the knowledge of fire for so long, beset the little creature for information upon the use of her innovation. Alas that this should have happened! The new creature was willing, and in a short time almost all of the inhabitants had become adept in its use and there were small fires all over the surface of the great magnificent berg.

Alas! For now the sharp crags once so high and forbidding had been softened and made less difficult to scale, and the ice is melting in many places, running into the sea in rivulets.

The other iceberg melted but slightly, almost imperceptibly, on account of proximity (The strait between them was very narrow). Parking was allowed on one side of it only on this account.

But the more southerly of the two—a sad tale it is . . . alas . . . a sad tale . . . alas . . . (or rather, hurrah!)

FORUM

The Emerald does not print unsigned letters to the editor. Such a letter was received yesterday by special delivery but the writer failed to sign his name to it so it cannot be printed in accordance to the policy of the paper. These names will not be printed, if requested, but the editor must know the author of all communications.

FLAYS LIBRARY STEPS

To the Editor:
I am becoming sick of the vague and puerile letters and statements which have been appearing in the columns of this publication from time to time in feeble defense of

the library steps scenes which a few members of the student body are determined to revive.

Now comes one who seems to be laboring under the delusion that our school rests upon such weak foundations as can be supplied by a group of traditional rules which are not supported by the majority of the seriously minded students of the campus.

He looks back through the days of the infancy of our institution, observes that certain childish acts have been practiced by certain ones throughout this period, and sagely declares that such things would not have been unless there had been "Adequate and Justifiable Reasons." He does not attempt to state even one reason; perhaps he could not think of one at the time.

There seem to be many cases of "parrot fever" on the campus—students who can only repeat what others say. The same weak excuses are repeated indefinitely without thought. I therefore make the following offer:

I will willingly give one of my hard-earned dollars to the man, woman, or child who can offer reasonable proof

1. That the paddling of offenders against University traditions is sane, intelligent, or reasonable;

2. That this practice is psychologically beneficial, or even harmless, to the victim and to the one wielding the paddle;

3. That such a practice actually instills true RESPECT for the University of Oregon in the minds of any intelligent person, be he the victim of the assault or an observing senior.

A disgusted senior has spoken.

—A. L. F.

WANTS INITIALS

To the Editor:
The thrust in this morning's Emerald entitled "Insanity" was a well-timed effort for a worthy cause. Although it gives great pleasure to see ones "pennings" over a clever or historic pseudonym, yet such a practice does lack the frankness so generally attributed to the American college student. It is, however, paradoxical that the editorial itself was unsigned.

"It may be modesty which brings a person to ask that his name be kept out of print at the bottom of his pennings" or it may be mere oversight. It should, I believe, be the privilege of the students to know the author of that editorial which finds their favor or his favor. Would it be asking too much to suggest that Emerald editorials be signed, or at least initialed by the author?
Signed, W. J. C.

HITS AT "LIBE" STEPS

To the Editor:
Sixteen freshmen were punished on the library steps the other day for the heinous crime of leaving off their green lids. The sole reason given for wearing them, is that former classes have always done so and that to show real "Oregon Spirit" it is necessary to follow the same "rut" as others before them have.

Is it not rather more for the glory of Oregon to leave behind them traditions which embody cave-man tactics and resemble more the pranks of high school boys than self-respecting collegians?

The Oregon Knights may show the wisdom of Solomon, to-wit, "Spare the rod and spoil the child," or believe in "raising the freshmen with a board and raising them frequently," but to the ordinary observer, paddling of the freshmen is a most useful way of showing the power and glory of Oregon Knighthood.

There are two ways of abolishing a worn-out institution. If its abuses become too great it will be stamped out. The other alternative is that the foolishness and backwardness of an institution will be realized and it is allowed to die and takes its place in the halls of tradition. Let it be hoped that Oregon students will see the wisdom of the latter.

—The Ordinary Observer.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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WANTED—Girls, with some experience, to work in dining room at the Anchorage. Call in person.

LOST—Italian leather coin purse, between Administration building and University Press. Call 2682-W or 1045.



"Woman in Her Sphere" hobby group will meet Sunday, from 5 to 6 p. m., in the men's lounge of Gerlinger hall.

Sunday afternoon reading group will meet in the men's lounge of Gerlinger building at 3 o'clock. Warren D. Smith will read.

Phi Beta meeting at 12:45 today at the Alpha Gamma Delta house. This is a special meeting and all members are urged to be present.

Oregon Knights be at the igloo at 7 o'clock tonight to usher for basketball game.

Junior women who wish to make a team in basketball must turn out Monday as the team will be chosen then. Announcement of all the teams will be made in the Emerald Tuesday.

Personality discussion group will be held at 788 East 12th street, Monday at 4, instead of at the bungalow.

Lacrosse practice which was suspended for hockey will be resumed Monday. All girls wishing to make a team in lacrosse must come out during the next week.

General assignment reporters on the Emerald staff meet Monday at 4 o'clock.

Day editors on the Emerald staff meet Monday at 5 o'clock.

Listening In
On Lectures

"At all the gangster funerals in Chicago, the largest gift of flowers is always presented to the deceased by the man who bumped him off."
—Dr. Ralph D. Casey.

"I ought to have a periscope which I could stick out the window and thus enable myself to see the students who are coming late to class. Then I could save my breath and wait for them, instead of having to repeat myself every time a new straggler arrived."
—John Stark Evans.

"Personally, I am in favor of the wearing of green lids by freshmen. However, when any tradition becomes so outworn that it has to be enforced by physical violence, it is time for it to be discarded."
—G. Verne Blue.

"A newspaper's annual gross income is often regarded as a fair valuation of the paper."
—George Turnbull.

A streak of fortune, or good luck, will bring a man fame and he will become known throughout the ages, and be no hero at all; but becomes so through erroneous inferences.
—James M. Reinhardt.

No woman is ever eligible for the presidency of the United States because no woman is ever 35 years old.
—Dr. Waldo Schumacher.

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I approve of the recitation system because the lecture method is often the mere passing of information from the professor's notebook to the notebook of the student without going through the brains of either.
—Vernon G. Sorrell

The unusual makes a stronger impression than the usual and therefore is retained, and finally may be accepted as the usual.
—James M. Reinhardt.

If you must cheat, at least cheat intelligently.
—Louis M. Myers.

Lacrosse Scheduled
For Women's Sports

Lacrosse will now be resumed as a sport on the winter term athletic program, according to Mary Wilburn, head of lacrosse. Practices for it was suspended for hockey as Miss Janet Woodruff was coaching both and some girls wanted to go out for both events. Practices will be held on the field behind Gerlinger hall every day at 4 o'clock and three practices a week will be necessary to make a team. Practices will start on Monday.

Do You Know?

That five degrees were granted by the University of Oregon in 1878, and 597 in 1929? (The first class graduated from the University in 1878.)

That in one day, during the recent cold spell, a campus eating place sold 650 cups of coffee, and 360 doughnuts?

That out of 186 graduates from the school of journalism since 1916, 124 actually entered the journalism profession?

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