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Emerald KORE Contest

To the Editor:

During a journalistic flurry following football season, the Emerald printed a picture of our jovial coach under the heading "Quo Vadis Spars?" Fortunately the rumor died, but if the situation had not ended so favorably the answer to the Quo Vadis would probably have been "Where all good professors go—away from Oregon."

To my memory returns shades of good professors who have left Oregon. Perhaps you remember Ralph Casey, Jack Horner, Ernest Sutherland Bates, Oberteuffer. Perhaps you have fond memories of Verne Blue, John Seifert, Dr. Reinhardt, Sinfieroso, Padilla, Hermande, Williams and Gray and many others who do not present themselves to my fleeting memory.

It is said Tom Turner of the Portland baseball club has had enough good players in the last three years to have two pennant winning teams—but he didn't hang on to them. So it seems Oregon has had enough good profs to make a first rate university, but it hasn't hung on to them. Why?

If the state of Oregon can support a university, can it not afford to keep good men to make a worthwhile university. Should it be necessary that Oregon students must follow their professors east in order to get an education?

Of course, some good instructors have remained, probably because the climate is desirable, because we made them deans, or because their families are located here; but the climate can not compete with wages to attract ambitious profs. We cannot make all men department heads, and marital ties are not the only ones that bind. Some other effort must be made to offset that bromide, "Quo Vadis?"

Sincerely,
W103.

Popping Candy Bags

Dear Editor:
Again the question of noisy libraries is brought up by a person who can study under ordinary conditions, but because of these "ordinary conditions" have been completely destroyed, it seems necessary to voice his protest.

Special reference is made to that necessary evil, "Condon hall." It has been a policy of late for a group of pledges from a certain sorority to congregate at the back of the study room several nights a week and hold a social get-together. Such a group may unconsciously cause a disturbance, but the last meeting was a pure case of intent to disturb. After all had been seated and views exchanged upon the various topics which college students are interested, refreshments, in the form of candy, were served to all the group and a few admiring boy friends. The meeting was brought to a close by the popping of candy bags, amid hilarious laughter and the exit of a few students who desired to study to other parts of the room.

Every student should respect the rights of others, especially when there are a great number of us who are not gifted with the ability to "get by" without studying.

A Despondent Student.

Good Professors

Dear Editor:
We listened in on the first Emerald-Kore broadcast Sunday night and would like to make a few suggestions.

We wonder if we were the only ones to notice the confusion resulting from the audience present in the College Side. Laughter and remarks could be plainly heard during the presentation of the programs. The presence of a visible audience seemed to entice the entertainers to play up to them rather than to the radio public to whom the programs were really addressed.

Making allowances for these being the first programs, we still believe that they could be greatly improved; and the first step would be to move the studio back to the regular broadcasting rooms from which the programs were released last year. This would eliminate the rather annoying by-play which drifts into the mike from the on-lookers and would result in better performances by the entertainers.

MIKE and IKE.

Book by Williams Will Be Published

Plant, Animal Life Covered In Latest Work

"Introduction to Biochemistry" is the title of a new book by Dr. Roger J. Williams, professor of chemistry, which is to be published this spring by D. Van Nostrand and company. Unlike any other book of its kind, the book covers the whole field of chemistry of plant and animal life. Most books on this subject deal only with the medical or plant chemistry.

Dr. Williams has also had another book published three years ago by the same company entitled "Introduction to Organic Chemistry." This book has been very successful as over 300 colleges are now using it for text books.

In collaboration with Elizabeth M. Bradway, who received her master's degree from the University last spring and who is now working on a fellowship at the University of Iowa, Dr. Williams has recently written an article on the "Further Fractionation of Yeast Nutrients and Their Relationship to Vitamin B and Wildier's 'Bios.'" The proof for this article has just been received and it is to appear in the February edition of the Journal of the American Chemical Society. Miss Bradway did most of the experimental work in connection with the article.

'EAR AND 'AIR

What do you think of house-mothers... for fraternities?

Kelsey Slocum: I believe house-mothers might be practical for fraternities if a complete revolution could be made in fraternity life—and that would be something.

Jo Stoffel: It would give fraternities a desirable chaperon and hostess—but the present attitude toward house-mothers would have to change and the men's manners improve.

Howard Ragan: The time hasn't arrived yet for house-mothers for fraternities, however, it will be a coming thing in the future.

Margherita Hay: It would work in some houses—for darned socks and soothing troubles—but it would all depend on the woman and on the men in the house.

Glen Bessonette: Thumbs down! I think it would be the bunk! I don't think men's houses need them, and they haven't, in my opinion, been successful where they have been tried.

Psychology Department Plans Evening Discussion

Reports and moving pictures on the American Psychological association meetings on December 29, 30, and 31 at Iowa City, will be given at the meeting of the Systematic Psychology class on Wednesday, January 21 at 7:15, at the Seashore home, 2193 Alder, according to Dr. Seashore. All members of the psychology department, and majors are invited. Those planning to attend are asked to notify Dr. Seashore at any time before the meeting.

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EPITAPH

He used to be a radio fan, McDermott Z. McNally; But ne'er again will he gleefully chirp, "Oh goody, thereth Theethil 'n Thally."

The only reason we wrote that bum verse above was to give us an opening to use our latest radio song: "She was a broadcaster until she gave up trout-fishing and started reducing."

YES, DEAR READERS, THE ABOVE PARAGRAPH HAS A POINT IF YOU ONLY HAVE THE DILIGENCE TO SEARCH FOR IT. WE DIDN'T.

ANOTHER CONTRIBUTION

Little Alec says that it was downright cruelty to make Admiral Byrd, after suffering so many hardships at the North and South Poles, speak in an igloo when he got to Eugene.

Quite so, Alec, quite so, but if that's the case imagine how the admiral's soul must have twitched upon hearing some of the female contingent in his audience refer to him as a nice man.

The gist is vague, but if you have any leisure moments you can get it.



AND NOW IN REGARD TO THE SUNDAY NIGHT RADIO CONTEST, THE EMERALD, UNFORTUNATELY, IS LIMITED IN ITS CRITICAL PRIVILEGES SO THIS COLUMN WILL TAKE UPON ITSELF THE DUTY OF GIVING PUBLIC THE PURE QUILL.

The highlights of the program Sunday night, technically speaking, were the phonograph records with which the Kappa Sigs bewitched the ears of their audience. We have no prejudice against phonograph records, mind you, in fact we enjoy them. But when

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ANNOUNCES

That he has returned to Eugene and the campus, and will again be at his old place at the Log Cabin Shine Parlor.

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LOG CABIN Shine Parlor
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such a brawny tong as the Kappa Sigs get so languid and careless as to let the machine run down, why that rather spoils the beauty of the selections. It is too bad that they overlooked such a minor point as cranking the phonograph, as that mere misstep, looking about the 'talent on the campus may cost them the prize. Who knows? We don't.

As for the Kappas, Connie Baker sang all the extant popular numbers, but unfortunately Connie didn't know quite enough songs to fill out the entire half hour. While she did sing, though, it sounded quite ducky.

ENOUGH OF THAT UNTIL NEXT SUNDAY

We were almost moved to comment on the basketball series last week-end but Phil Cogswell, our sports editor, came rushing in and stopped and asked us what the heck we thought he was going to fill his column up with today. He gently intimated that sports was out of our realm.



Enough, Philip, enough. We readily confess that the games were far from humorous. Anyone who'd laugh at them would be the type, in our estimation, who'd kick his grandmother in the face.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Cosmopolitan club will meet at Gerlinger hall at 8 o'clock tonight.

Varsity and freshman tennis players report at the Igloo today at 1:30.

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Alpha Delta Sigma will have a special meeting at 5 p. m. Wednesday in Mr. Thacher's office. Very important.

Charm School of Philomatele will meet Thursday evening, 7:45 to 8:45, at the Westminster house. Topic: "Cosmetics."

Varsity Managers' club will have a dinner and meeting at 6:15 tonight at the Theta Chi house. Attendance imperative.

Greater Oregon committee town chairmen and chairmen of Portland high schools meet at Condon hall steps at 12:45 today for Oregon picture.

Kwamas and Skulls and Daggers will have a joint meeting tonight at 7:15, at 104 Journalism building. Regular meeting of Skulls and Daggers will follow immediately.

Women's debate squad will meet from 7:30 to 8:30 o'clock in room 2 of Friendly hall. Read the articles on India and Gandhi in the Encyclopedia Britannica edition before squad meeting.

Professor Sweetser of the University is going to speak at 6:30

... Tuesday on "The Religion of a Scientist." Milton W. Weber, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, will introduce the speakers of the evening. W. G. Beattie is president of the men's club and will preside.

A Decade Ago

Honor system is practiced in law school with excellent results.

1921 legislature contains 13 names of Oregon grads.

Students from Washington organize a permanent club.

Robert W. Sawyer, of the Bend Bulletin, was elected head of the Northwest Newspaper Men's conference. George Turnbull of the University journalism department was re-elected secretary.



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Tax-Exempt Fraternities

"A hand in the hopper and another in the sack."
—Old Song.

OREGON fraternal living organizations meeting today to receive a two-year-old request for exemption from state and municipal taxation are heartened by the hope of placing a favorable bill in the legislative hopper at Salem. Such a bill is now in the hands of Homer D. Angell, chairman of the house of representatives ways and means committee.

Two years ago fraternities and sororities in colleges of Oregon combined to plead exemption in the case of Kappa Gamma Rho vs. Marion county under the provision freeing fraternal organizations not operated for profit, such as lodges, from tax payment. The Oregon supreme court decided negatively in the test case brought forward by the Willamette university fraternity.

Since that time the student living organizations have had to keep one "hand in the sack," yearly requiring of each member payment toward county, city, and state expenses. The meeting today is not only an expression of resentment felt toward the burden added when the students benefit little from their payment of taxes, but it is also a meeting to assure legislators that the question is no minor one to them.

About 52 per cent of the Oregon student body must make contribution to Eugene grade schools, to the county clerk's office, and to state projects although their houses have been made necessary by the University's inadequate dormitory provisions. That these students themselves have filled a need left by the state's financial incapacity, they believe, is no good reason for charging them taxes for purely local expenses.

Nearer Heaven Than Hell

IMPLYING that the University of Oregon has become devoid of all excellent professorial material and that the school cannot be counted among the first class institutions because it has had insufficient funds to "hang on to" that material, one correspondent has given voice to what he believes a deplorable situation through the communication column of the Emerald today.

When he named professors who have left the University through an offer from some other institution, he neglected to glance through the faculty list—he neglected to recognize the wealth of material now a colossal asset to Oregon. Many "good profs" still frequent the pathways through the campus. Vacancies left by those who have found other classrooms are filled by men who have left Eastern schools.

It is difficult to believe that a youthful instructor would remain a lifetime in one institution. Constantly the faculty of every university is being metamorphosed. Oregon is no different than other large schools—its give-and-take procedure is identical and we are inclined to believe it has profited throughout the past periods of change.

Not the University, but Oregon's weather has been given credit for keeping some good instructors. Weather, especially in a rain-drenched area, is seldom capable of influencing a man regarding his position with a university.

The University of Oregon is on top. It is not Utopia—neither is it Hell—but there are nearly 3000 students who believe in it, trust its officials, and strive to maintain its prestige.

Real Estate

CALIFORNIA, Arizona, Texas, and New Mexico will be sold to Mexico if General Rafael Melgar of the Mexican state of Oaxaca has his way. Of course Mexico is not quite able to pay the exact sum which the United States gave her for the same territory, but there might be other considerations which would make the big real estate deal worth while.

For instance, Oregon might have a better chance at winning Pacific coast sports laurels with her Southern competitors out of the Union; wets could easily establish a new Tia Juana across the border into the new Mexican state of California; Texas "cowboys" heard over the radio would no longer need to be apologized for as representative of American culture.

Finally, University students might suddenly realize that foreign students from those states have made the campus international-minded.

"Personal experience is the basis of all real literature," said George Henry Lewes. We've seen some real literature that should not come to life.