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Welcome, Editors

IT IS with pleasure that the Emerald joins the campus in welcoming editors and publishers from every part of the state to the 19th annual press conference being held here Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

The University in many respects presents a much brighter and more interesting panorama for visitors than it has for several years past. Increased enrollment has inspired a new spirit, and the number of new buildings on the campus gives a picture of a progressive

IT WILL be seen that the University is presenting a better front; but still it is doing its best to maintain a high standard only under the hardest of difficulties. Increased enrollment has not been met with increased funds for higher education, as one would suppose; but on the contrary, income is declining. The state system today is receiving \$2,-000,000 less than it did six years ago, when enrollment was approximately 8,500. Total students now number well over 9,000. To meet this deficiency of funds the state board has asked the legislature for an appropriation of \$1,317,000. Visiting editors might well look beneath the surface of conditions here and see that this need is justified.

But despite the needs for more funds, the University is carrying on. It enjoys playing host to a group of statewide leaders and moulders of public opinion like the Oregon editors and publishers. It sincerely hopes that these guests will enjoy every minute of their stay from the formal business sessions to the informal bull sessions.

Punctured Self-Esteem

THROUGHOUT the almost four years we've spent bounding after the elusive sprite of higher learning at this institution one thing has been a constant source of irritation-seven-day books.

Back in the childhood of our mind-when Hearst to us was only a man who gave us 16 pages of colored comics and Bernarr Mac-Fadden in his publications delighted us with blood-thirsty tales of soldiers of fortunewe used to read Liberty magazine. And it was our constant intellectual consolation that we could read each article in better than the specified reading time. Why, we recall artieles where the editor rated 12 minutes as the average time required, and we would skim through it in from eight to ten minutes. Alas, but it gave us an inflated idea of ourselves.

 \mathbf{B}^{UT} that inflated self-esteem was thoroughly punctured when we tried to read a few of those ponderous tomes that the library insists we should be able to read in a week's spare time.

We read a fractional few-hundred pages of Will Durant's "Our Oriental Heritage," before the five-cent daily fines began to pile up. Samuel Flagg Bemis' "Λ Diplomatic History of the United States" would have kept our light burning far into many a night, if we'd tried to read it. Ralph Barton Perry's "The Thought and Character of William James," a two-volume work running four figures in number of pages, was too colossal a task for us even to attempt within the

Here is a question in library philosophy: it is better that one student should read a book thoroughly, or that many students should read a book scantingly?

PROBABLY the present system is best, even with its drawback of "extensive" rather than "intentive" mental cultivation. But couldn't there be a compromise made in favor of students that they cannot complete a book in the seven days allotted?

For instance, might not the present fine of five cents a day for over-due seven-day

books be reduced to three cents a day?

This would look like a reasonable penalty; for it would enable students to keep books out a little over-time without incurring too great expense, and yet it would serve sufficiently to deter thoughtless persons from keeping out books for which there is great demand any unnecessary length of time.

Men and Nations By HOWARD KESSLER

If you see a big, smiling Irishman with a sideof-the-mouth smile and sparkling eyes on the in anything with a wrong name in campus Saturday, you may be looking at Jay it. Cooke Allen, one of the six best foreign correspondents today who cover Europe.

Maybe the past few months of covering the national suicide in Spain for the Chicago Tribune, of seeing the horrors he depicts so vividly in a recent issue of Scholastic, have erased the gay grin from Jay's face, but I doubt it. He came through ten years of crack reporting without a mental scratch, and travelling with Franco's troops should be no more nerve-wracking than covering the disarmament conference at Lausanne and Geneva by himself, a job that the New York Times assigned four men to perform.

The last time I saw Jay Allen was in Malaga, Spain. He was temporarily on the loose, having resigned from foreign corresponding.

No More Newspaper

"A man should know when to sign '39' on the chapters of his life," he told me, "I'm finished with newspaper work. It's back-breaking, unremitting labor, and it leads nowhere but to an early grave. I'm going to write biographies."

The next thing I heard about Jay was in my home town paper last July 20, three days after the Spanish civil war had broken. The dispatch from Gibraltar read:

"Jay Allen, a correspondent of the Chicago man to the next and to the next. Tribune living in Spain, arrived here today and And soon he had gone to every sintold of being attacked by a mob in La Linea, gle newspaper person at the con- of ours, is the result of a childhood things. We're hoping for the best Spain. He said that while motoring with a chauf- ference and said my name is John accident and now it's making him when this bill reaches the legislafeur through La Linea yesterday his car was Jones and how are you. I am a a fortune. Andy may be signed as ture," said Dr. Smith in closing. struck by 23 bullets."

End of chapter?

Jay Allen is a newspaperman, soaked for 15 years in scoops and scrambles for news, in wild go around and see all my friends night rides, in sweaty plugging over a typewriter that begins to look like a Frankensteinian mon- that was held at the great universter about three o'clock in the morning, in wait- sity. I shall beard them in their ing, waiting, waiting, outside oaken doors for a dens and they will undoubtedly give story to break, in cussing stupid customs inspec- me a position. tors, in pleading with marble-smooth diplomats for just a few words of quotable material. All that Jay Allen hates, because he evidently can't escape it.

The Itchy Foot

Jay Allen is an adventurer.

At 18 he joined up in the American navy, hoping to get into the World war.

Sent to attend the University of California, he skipped off to Honolulu.

For a few months he attended Washington

Answering a help wanted advertisement of a long time and then would say oh City Editor Burnett of the Eugene Register in yes, I remember now. And then 1920, he worked for a year at reporting. Says John would go into the sales talk he learned to write a news story in three hours, he had thought up to spring on

Met Ruth Austin, a journalism major whom them and he would get all excited he later married. Decided to attend the Univer- and worked up with fervor and

Reported on the Oregonian from July, 1922, until August of 1923.

Attended Harvard for one year.

Left to attend the Sorbonne in Paris.

Got a job, at \$48 a month, with the Paris edi- Jones went back home and worked at 7:30 in Deady hall. tion of the Chicago Tribune. Barely enough to in his father's grocery store. He Subjects for the papers have not support two people.

Then came bigger pay, better assignments, and 10 years of covering all western Europe. Proud is Jay Allen of his record of never having been

In Spain Today

And now he comes from the Spanish checkerboard with tales of blood lying palm-deep in the Badojoz bull-ring, drained from 1800 loyalist corpses; of priests soaked in gasoline and set afire; of men and women shot down mercilessly as they ran out of their homes with arms overhead. The Spaniards are still Inquisition-minded

Perhaps Jay Allen will say once again he is through with newspaper work, and you can believe him if you will. There will be a lot of journalists at the Press Conference who may feel just as resentful towards the maw of the linotypes that keep demanding food when heads are weary and eyes are aching, and I'll wager that Jay Allen will be no more successful than the other 90 per cent of newspaperemen who swear to quit the game "pretty soon."

Campus Comment

PERSISTENT SHEPPARD

To the Editor: Mr. Hopkins is right . Although I have talked with two people who have seen both the stage performance and the movie version of "Winterset" and they both say that the play lost practically none of its power as presented by the movie, I still think Mr. Hopkins is right. They should have kept the tragic ending. I will go farther and say that they should have enlarged on it. Why not have Margo shoot her father (he was the one bad carryover from the play) and have Trock shoot Mio and as he dies he could strangle Garth?

While all this is going on the could be overflowing its banks and drowning everybody in New York. Think of what Cecil B. DeMille could do with a scene like that. The fade-out could show the water up to the 86th floor of the Empire State building and still rising. And Al Smith with his head out of a window reciting poetry. "Give me a house by the side of

ROGER P. SHEPPARD.

Hop's SKIPS & JUMPS By ORVAL HOPKINS

By JACK TOWNSEND

SHORT short: Once upon a time there was a young man who went to a university which gave a ccurse in journalism. At this great wealth Club. university he worked away and tried with all his might to become a newspaper man. He learned how to be a reporter and he learned how to read copy and he even got Show. so he would rather die than hand

He was very ambitious.

Then one day he got to be a senicr. And every other day something or somebody would remind him that in a few short months he be out in the great, cold, cruel world. Sometimes people would say you'll soon be out there hitting the old ball, son. Then they would chuckle

But then there was announced that at this great university would be held a swell conference of newspaper persons. From all over the state would gather there all the editors and publishers and such like. And the college boy said to himself what a chance for me! Anw many of his professors and instructors advised him to get in there and get around while the newspaper persons

Religiously he went from one senior now. Goodbye.

WELL, finally the days passed. as days will, and John Jones graduate. Now, he said, I shall who I met at the big conference

So he packed his little bag and he cranked up his car and he went round and round all over the state. And wherever he went he stopped in to see an editor or publisher. And he would say I am John Jones. And they would all say who? And he would say John Jones. I am the guy you met at the big conference at the great university last winter.

And they would look vague for that. stuff. He was sure one of them

But they didn't.

Welcome!

Tune 'er

TODAY'S BEST BETS 12:45 P. .M. - KEX-Common-

5:00 P. M.-KGW-Irene Rich. 7:00 P.M.—KGW—First Nighter. Governor Martin's support of the Pi Kappa Alpha; Arleigh Bentley, 7:30 P. M. - KGW - Varsity measure is certain to bring it some

And still we go on struggling dope. Oh Well!

According to Helen Broderick, feminine star of the Twin Stars program, she will change Victor Moore, male star, into "What a Man" Mcore instead of his present 'What a Dope" Moore.

Tune tonight to KGW-6:30. ...

KGW at 3 p.m.

band will be the main feature of and their commercial utility." the Pontiac Varsity show tonight. A \$50,000 appropriation for both last night. In fact the U. of M. will provide 1937 and 1938 is provided in the the whole setting for the world bill. premier of this new program. The "During the past dozen years," glee club will be an other one of said Dr. Smith, "the state has been the big features.-KGW-7:30.

Elza Schallert, interviews Hugh University and College depart-Herbert in her broadcast tonight. ments of geology and mining to do me." Mrs. Schallert comments on the af- the necessary work, which we, of One Million-Check fairs of the day.-KEX-7:45. Short Circuits:

a regular on the Benny Sunday night funfest . . . Ira Blue, one of Cuthbert Sets Cost NBC's crack producers, is limping around as a result of a freak fall, in which he skidded on the wet Dusen, the two girls will name Bambi series all look the part they committee. are playing. In fact in Miss Hayes' words "We could put on the show for February 26 in Gerlinger hall, in a theatre, at a moment's notice, following the Oregon-Oregon State and not a single character would game of that evening. have to be replaced"-little bit different from some shows we know

Times, it garnered 58 per cent of to contribute. the total votes cast . . . and that's

Miss McGirr, Russell To Read Math Papers

udent members of Pi Mu Epsilon, will read papers on subjects Omega hall; Jim Nicholson, Phi of general mathematical interest Delt; Ken Skinner, Phi Gamma Del-They just said sorry, Bud, come at the next meeting of the organi- ta; Al Bogue, Phi Psi; Morris back again some time. So John zation on Wednesday, February 3, Henderson, Phi Sig; Harold Faunt,

became a great success in that been chosen, Katherine Stevens, president, said yesterday, but they will probably deal with popular in textbooks.

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But I merely jest, gentlemen. phases of mathematics not treated

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Warren D. Smith Lauds State Geology Measure

"Oregon is the only state in the union at present which does not appropriate funds to the mining industry as far as I ca find out," said Warren D. Smith, head of the geology department, in answer to questions concerning the "state department of geology and mineral industries" measure to be introduced in the state legislature within a few

The bill is, at present, being prepared for formal introduction and 6:30 P. M.-KGW-Twin Stars. though it has not received any definite commitment from legislators,

SAE; Willie Frager, Sigma Alpha

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Marked currency amounting to

Westphal, who was taken into

later removed to the state insane

asylum for keeping, produced the

because "they're going to hang

A million dollar error in Oregon's

budget, brought to light by Wal-

lace Wharton, budget director, was

just a headache yesterday as the

house ways and means committee

derstanding that a surplus of

Instead, a \$480,000 deficit is the

starting point from which will fi-

nally come a budget plan. An an-

nuity tax on insurance premiums

will be considered by lawmakers

today as a possible solution to the

\$430,000 existed.

sponsoring names. Mu; Bob Braddock, Sigma Chi; "Governor Martin is the only Bill Hutchison, Sigma hall; Del trying to get by without any CBS governor of Oregon, in my time, who has had any real visions in Bjork, Sigma Phi Epsilon; Bon Reckon, Theta Chi; Pat Frizelll, this phase of the state's development," continued Dr. Smith. "While Zeta hall. These representatives Oregon will probably never be a will also act as publicity men in premier mining state, its mineral their respective houses. resources should not be neglected.

"We haven't had a geological Passing Show survey since 1923," continued Dr. Smith, "and if Oregon is going to All of the best skiing news and take its place along with other Blood Money where to ski, will be aired on the states and commonwealths, it will Woman's Magazine program over need to pass a bill which asks for \$390, which its possessor, Carl badminton singles will have to be a department to conduct mineral Westphall, described as "blood finished by the second of Febru-

custody in Eugene yesterday, and

doing practically nothing along bills in a card game and told in-NBC's feminine commentator, this line. It has relied on the State mates they might as well have it course, have been glad to do but which has taken a great deal of The sliding scale voice of Andy our time and some of our funds Devine, screen star and a favorite which have been needed for other was forced to forget its former un-

(Continued from page one) street during a rain storm, and fell committee of two women in each full length—the result, one broken living organization. The tag drive tce . . . The cast of Helen Hayes' will be placed in the hands of this

An all-school dance has been set

Spring Dance Planned

Spring dances are planned for Portland, Salem, Seaside and Med-"One Man's Family," the serial ford with all profits to go into the that portrays real home life, has turfing fund. The alumni of the won first place honors again. In a school as a whole and those of the recent poll by the Los Angeles Sigma Nu fraternity will be asked Appointments made in the men's

houses Thursday were Howard Backlund, Alpha hall; Jack Hay, ATO; Vern Moore, Beta; John Mc-Leod, Chi Psi; Jay Scruggs, Delt; Tony Amato, Delta Upsilon: Bill Betty McGirr and Ted Russell, Norene, Gamma hall; Leif Jacobson, Kappa Sigma: Arvin Robb

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Campus Tournament Drawings Are Posted

The pairings for the all campus tournaments in ping pong, handball, squash, and badminton were posted yesterday in the new men's gym, and time limits were set by which the first rounds have to be played.

Badminton doubles and squash singles are to be finished by January 27. Ping pong doubles and The University of Michigan studies and surveys of the state money," was on its way to the de- ary, while ping pong singles and partment of justice at Washington handball singles and doubles are to be finished by February 8.

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