

# Oregon Emerald

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## BOB pollock's folly

**MIGHTILY PERPLEXED** was black-browed Barney Hall, ASUO prexy, a couple of weeks ago . . . along with his perplexity was a generous sprinkling of fear, for Barney, like everyone, is human and has the same fear of flunking that haunts us all.

The occasion was a skiing trip to Mt. Hood during the Christmas holidays and the innocent cause of it all was the Oregonian's Mr. L. H. Gregory, sports editor par excellence. Mr. Gregory—who gets his dope from Mr. Bruce Hanby of Oregon's publicity department—had blandly announced in his widely-read sport gossip that the huge Mr. David Silver, one of the University's towering basketballers, had stubbed his big toe—quite by accident.

**THIS, THE NOTED** sports editor said, might keep the aforementioned Mr. Silver from the casaba courts—but, he added with a pleasant grin, this would not incapacitate David from pursuing his duties as president of the Associated Students of the University of Oregon.

You can well imagine the grief and dismay this caused Mr. Hall. After striding practically unscathed through the bloody political warfare of last spring and then to be thus cavalierly thrust out of office—it was preposterous!

**THEN THE** disquieting thought struck him: Had he flunked out? They did that to pre-med students sometimes. A little further cogitation reassured him, however. For Silver to succeed him it would be necessary that not one, but three people—Hall, Vice-prexy Benson, and Second Ditto Schupp—get the axe. It couldn't be, he felt sure. Mr. Gregory had made a mistake, unbelievable as that might seem. Or Mr. Hanby had made a mistake. Somebody had.

Anyway, Bernard Hall is still ASUO prexy and the Oregonian has not canned Mr. Gregory and the University still employs Mr. Hanby.

And Mr. Silver's toe is entirely well.

**RICHARD LITFIN**, ace politician from the windy town of The Dalles, is known throughout the riato not only for his political maneuverings, his nice-looking grin, and his Esquire clothes, but also for his almost phenomenal successes with wimmen.

In 1936 the estimable Mr. Litfin, young, yes, but still a smoothie, went to North Carolina with the elder Litfin to attend a Republican convention. While there—and in the short course of one month—he met, wooed and won a belle of the deep south. Her beauty was breath-taking, her old gent had gelt, and Richard was really pitching in there.

**THEN HE** returned to The Dalles, the scent of magnolia still in his nostrils and the Southern belle still tinkling in his brain. And he did not forget her. In the course of a year or more he received 88 air mail letters from south of the Mason and Dixon line and it kept the Litfin budget in a permanently strained condition answering them—also by air mail.

But distance blurs charm, and No'th Carolina is a long way away. So Richard fetched out his charming grin, and entered once more upon the hunt. It is hardly necessary to relate his successes here. The world knows that.

**THE SOUTHERN** belle? He still has her picture and various other tokens, but the romance has went. If one were a punster, one could almost say it had Gone With the Wind. And all Richard has is the above-mentioned tokens.

And the 88 air-mail letters. Thus the saga of an almost true love. After all, you can't expect magnolias to grow in The Dalles.

## Future Lawyers To Hear Morse At Today's Forum

Pre-law students will have a chance to hear Dean Wayne L. Morse of the law school speak this morning at 11 at an assembly in the Oregon building. Dean Morse will use as a subject, "Is the Bar Overcrowded?" His talk will be followed by an open forum discussion of problems relevant to students preparing for law.

Dean Morse emphasizes the importance of students who plan to take law having the necessary background courses preparatory to their work in the law school. He hopes to introduce special courses for pre-law students in the near future, to be taught by members of the law faculty, pointing out that the mortality among law students is great, only about 30 per cent of those entering first-year law completing the three-year course and graduating.

## To Straw Vote, or Not to Straw Vote

A great many University faculty members have, in the course of lectures or conversations, expressed doubts as to the success of the competitive system in the field of higher education.

There has, however, been little serious consideration given, in the past, to the faults of the system, faculty dissatisfaction has not led to action, and few suggestions as to how the system might be improved have been produced.

Yesterday Dr. Warren D. Smith, head of the department of geology and geography, rose up in faculty meeting and suggested that the practice of making grades public be abolished and suggested a substitute procedure. Although Dr. Smith's motion was referred to a committee, the faculty will this term be given an opportunity to vote on the findings of the committee.

**THE** competitive grading is one of the major blemishes on the scroll of university education. In a series of articles written for The Emerald last year on the topic of an ideal university, several faculty men indicated that the present system was, in their opinion, at the root of the problems of cheating, the failure of the honor system, poor study habits, the general decay of intellectual curiosity—and even the lowering of standards in business fields which students enter upon graduation. The competitive system is probably also one of the leading causes, directly and indirectly, for maladjusted students.

The tendency in education has been, in theory, distinctly away from competition as a motive or a spur to study, but nearly all the arguments in favor of the grading system are based on the fact that, through competition, individuals or groups are urged to greater efforts. Aside from the evils arising from this competition, leading educators have come to question whether it does, all things considered, add anything to the student's education in the long run and whether the desire to top someone else is conducive to that spirit in which the opportunities for intellectual betterment should be approached.

**THE** motion which Dr. Smith placed in the faculty's hands yesterday went even

further than de-emphasizing and stopping the publication of grades by the elimination of letter grades.

Dr. Smith proposed that "honors," "passing," and "incomplete" be the only grades given. This would eliminate all marks of failing and might be conceived as an even more radical departure than the basic move for de-emphasis which Dr. Smith asked.

The elimination of the "failure" classification was deliberate on the part of Dr. Smith and met with both opposition and approval from the faculty. Since the University requires no entrance examinations and since it is somewhat difficult to flunk out or be kept out of the institution, the abolition of failure grades isn't an important point. And if Dr. Smith intended that any student not doing satisfactory work should be given an incomplete and a chance to meet the course requirements, his argument seems fairly logical.

**ALTHOUGH** still giving marks of failure, Mills college has operated for some time on a grades basis much like that which Dr. Smith suggests. The student at Mills is given one of four marks, "PD," which means "passed with distinction," "P," or passing, "F," or failure, and incomplete.

At Mills the numerical or letter grades are kept on record, just as Dr. Smith suggests, to be used when the student wishes to transfer to another school but they are not released to students or parents.

**IN** the primary and secondary schools of today there may be found justification for the use of letter grades and the competitive system. In the university, however, where individual research and the attempt to arouse intellectual curiosity are supposedly stressed, there seems no place for the archaic system and the impetus to "cut corners" which it represents.

Grades, because of current abuses, have come to indicate at least to some degree, the capabilities a "student" has at apple-polishing, cheating, picking easy courses, or getting to know graders. None of these things have ever added much, either to the world's fund of knowledge or the intellectual capacity of the individual practicing them.

## New Marks for the Children's Report Cards

**THE** history of straw votes is not too savory. We all remember the notorious Literary Digest poll during the last presidential election. However, another system of polling, conducted by the American Institute of Public Opinion under the direction of a Professor Gallup, has been doing much of late to reinstate the "testing" method of balloting as a reliable means in discovering how the public pulse is pulsing. They say even the president harkens to the results of this organization.

While The Emerald does not claim to be as efficient in its "feeling" of the campus pulse as the Gallup surveys, it strenuously denies that its poll on the coaching candidates is as inefficient as the first-mentioned vote. It will admit that certain corrections of the totals must be made to counteract stuffing, lack of widespread vote, jokesters, etc. But even after these have been made there remains a reasonably strong sentiment,

and that sentiment is overwhelmingly for Gene Shields.

**THE** Emerald vote represented a total of about 500 student opinions. Due to the duplication (300 were straw votes, and 200 were taken at living organizations during the dinner hour) at least 100 of these votes can be tossed out. On the same percentage Shields still retains over 200 votes. His nearest competitor, Waldorf of Jefferson high in Portland, has only about 35 votes in a similarly corrected total.

The above correction also includes possible "stuffing" of the ballot box itself. However, as McGurk (adviser on important decisions says) "If a man's got energy enough to vote 20 times for one coach, it must indicate some pretty strong sentiment."

The Emerald editors also wish to thank the kind contributor who dropped the penny into the ballot box. We shall use it for a fund to conduct bigger and better straw votes in the future. P.D.

## SIDE SHOW

Edited by . . . Bill Cummings, Campus Paul Deuschmann, National

### Campus

Organization is generally a good thing, but too much of a good thing is sometimes bad. And it would be too much of a good thing if each department of the University were to organize its own student body, as the various departments are thinking of doing. Specialized activities for each group of students would be promoted, it is granted, but the thing would inevitably be carried too far and would tend to undermine the strength of the student body as a whole.

Everyone admits that setting the law school aside from the rest of the University with a student body of its own is a desirable setup, but carrying the practice into other departments—with the possible exception of the school of business administration—would bring about an undesirable state of affairs. (Lawyers need seclusion, wherein to ponder over musty books in their inimitable style. They also need student-body

meetings of their own to promote a highly specialized type of studying. Furthermore, they need special social activities so that they can relax in their own quaint ways.)

But the other departments would, by organizing into student bodies of their own, contribute to the already too complex system of organization which bewilders the average student. It would be especially undesirable if these departmentalized student bodies were to hold assemblies of their own at 11 o'clock on Thursdays, as has been suggested. There are too few ASUO assemblies as it is.

Once each department had a student body of its own—the journalists, the physical education students, etc.—it is quite probable that these sub-organizations would grow stronger with time until they eclipsed the ASUO itself, like the law school has done in its own field. Let the lawyers band themselves together and ignore outside activities—that's for their

own good—but keep other departments subsidiary to the University as a whole. Let's don't desert the ship and let the ASUO sink in a sea of intra-organizations.

### KKK and Squeeze

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### Greek Letters Have Desserts

Starting the termly toll of desserts this week, Tuesday night found Sigma Chi playing host to Chi Omega. Wednesday night, Pi Beta Phi went to Delta Tau Delta; Kappa Alpha Theta to Phi Sigma Kappa; Sigma Alpha Epsilon to Sigma Kappa; and Alpha Chi Omega to Alpha Omicron Pi.

Thursday Theta Chi will entertain some guests from Hendricks hall at a dessert; Kappa Sigma, Tri Delta; Pi Kappa Alpha, Gamma Phi Beta; and Alpha Chi Omega, Delta Upsilon. Friday night Alpha Gamma Delta will go to Alpha Tau Omega.

## Campus Calendar

All house mothers and heads of halls are invited to attend the Book club meeting Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Theta house.

The Christian Science organization will meet in the AWS room at Gerlinger tonight at 8 p.m. Following the testimonial meeting there will be a short important business meeting.

Any Ordes members who wish to help on publicity, posters, etc., please meet at Westminster house between 1 and 4 today.

There will be a meeting of Alpha Kappa Psi, business honorary, in 106 Commerce tomorrow at 5 o'clock.

A 40-minute sound picture, "Heat and Its Control," will be shown in 103 Deady today at 11 a.m. under the auspices of the physics department. The showing will be open to the public.

Business ad majors will meet today for an assembly at the Guild theater in Johnson hall at 11. Miss Janet Smith, employment secretary, will lead the discussion.

Infirmity patients at the health service yesterday were: Bruce Giese, Kenneth Eichmow, Jean Weber, Margaret Can Matre, Louis Larson, Alice Mueller, Bill Feasley, Elizabeth Emison, "Smokey" Whitfield, and Robert Fulton.

Phi Theta Upsilon will meet Thursday, January 13, at 4 o'clock in the AWS rooms of Gerlinger hall. All members are requested to be present.

A meeting of Pi Delta Phi, French honorary, will be held at the home of Mrs. Hazel Howe, 1791 Alder, Tuesday, January 18.

The Sigma Delta Chi anniversary luncheon January 22 will be held in John Straub memorial hall, not at the Del Rey cafe as the Emerald mistakenly printed yesterday.

YW publicity committee will meet at the YW bungalow at 4 o'clock. A staff for the "Y's" Co-Editorial will be chosen. All Y members interested please attend.

Interfraternity council meeting at SAM house tonight at 6.

### Waterfront Open

(Continued from page one) ground at the time. Another man, missing for some time, was found unharmed later by the rescue crew of 30.

### Who's Wrong?

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Reversing the recent charges of several big-time business men, A. F. Whitney, of the Railroad Brotherhood, told the senate unemployment committee today that confidence among the working people rather than in business is the clue to end the so-called "recession." He testified that this confidence is necessary to restore buying power.

### Still Missing

PAGO PAGO, Samoa, Jan. 12.—Scattered remains floating over the water testified to the fate of the giant Samoan clipper, missing since yesterday. Airway officials were forced to concede that all seven fliers of the crew are dead. Investigators believe that the plane exploded while dumping gasoline in the process of making an emergency landing.

### Stanford Coeds

(Continued from page one) number of sororities be increased proportionately in a rising situation, suggested that either the "pledges," or that the sororities be abolished entirely and university operated dormitories substituted.

### Well, She Was . . .

She was only an electrician's daughter, but she had good connections. She was only a blacksmith's daughter, but she knew how to forge ahead. She was only a milkman's daughter, but she was the cream of the crop. She was only a convict's daughter, but she knew all the bars. She was only a parson's daughter, but she sure had her following. —Polytechnic.

### Charming Chewers

Chew and be charming is the important thing at Marquette university these days. The dean of women has given her girls rules on the niceties of chewing gum. Chew with the mouth closed, she advocated. Chew without gusto, except when alone or on occasions deemed fitting. Coeds agree that gum chewing would be in good taste while studying; while dressing; and before a hard quiz to relieve nervous tension.

## Hawaii Fails to Fret Over Oriental Crisis

Although Hawaii's population is largely oriental, with Japanese predominating, the present situation in China has caused no concern nor even worry in the territory, it was declared here by David L. Crawford, president of the University of Hawaii, who visited the University of Oregon campus this week.

## Cressman Receives Research Allotment

## Carnegie Institute Makes Grant for Continued Work

The search for evidences of early man will continue in southeastern Oregon next summer, under the direction of Dr. Luther S. Cressman, head of the University of Oregon department of anthropology, it was announced here today.

A grant of \$500 from the Carnegie Institute of Washington, D. C., made largely on the basis of important discoveries already made by Cressman and his party to invade the little inhabited region for the third summer.

Artifacts and specimens found in the now famous Catlow Caves region of southeastern Oregon are evidence of a very old culture and civilization.

The grant is also regarded as a recognition of the high quality of scientific work under way at the University, it is pointed out. Carnegie grants are made only to reputable institutions and to scholars of proved qualifications.

## Novel Themes May Cop Prize Awards

An additional prize of two tickets to the canoe fete and two for the Jepson concert, will be awarded in the Junior Weekend theme contest, Zane Kemler, junior class president, announced last night.

First prize, as announced yesterday, will be \$20. The second award will be two tickets to each of the above affairs as well as one to the junior prom. Entries must be submitted by February 14. Kemler said. He also requested students interested in the contest to confer with him immediately.

The junior prexy added that drawings of 15 floats for the canoe fete, in keeping with the general theme, must be submitted with the entries. Ideas about any novel events to be included in the junior weekend program may also be included in the contest series and will be considered by the judges, he said.

Judges for the contest, also announced last night by Kemler, are: Horace W. Robinson, Maude E. Kerns, and Rex Underwood.

## Appointees Assume New Responsibility

Three new appointees will take over their duties this week on the Emerald business staff, Walt Vernstrom, business manager, said yesterday.

Bruce Curry will handle circulation, Bill Thompson will hold day advertising duties, and Ruth Ketchum will act as promotion manager.

Other posts will remain the same as fall term, said Vernstrom.

## Dr. Smith Speaks At Geology Meet

Dr. Warren D. Smith, head of the departments of geology and geography, attended a meeting of the Northwest Science association in Spokane on December 29. Dr. Smith spoke about Crater lake at the Sigma Xi breakfast, the first event of the conference; discussed provisions for geologic and mining work under the program of the newly created Oregon state department of geology and mineral industries, at the meeting of the geology group.

## Five Mile Limit

(Continued from page one) these. (Also humor?).

"Handshaking shall not be considered a breach of etiquette. "The walls of the hall being weak, a number of the students are requested to act as props, especially near the entrance. (Maybe that's what poor old Villard needs now—a few props.)

"For the benefit of science, as many as possible shall make observations on the weather." (Positively daring! Shocking, too.) What does grandpa's ghost up in the top floor of Deady hall or in any of the other of his old-time retreats think when he reads notices sprawled over the campus of a "Krazy Kopy Krawl," with the startling, daring, amazing feature (to put it in the words of its advertisers) of 50 fan dancers? Babe Einford will turn on the heat with his swinging modern band (say the notices). Poor grandpa! But, then, what in heaven's name will our grandchildren think of us?

## Students to Appear In Musical Recital

## Dorothy Johnson and Dorothy Davis Will Offer Selections

Two of the University's most talented musicians, Dorothy Louise Johnson, violin student of Rex Underwood, and Dorothy Davis, pianist, under Mrs. Aurora Potter Underwood, will give a recital of exceptional interest in the school of music tonight at 8 p. m.

The most popular of the classical composers will be represented in the selections played by the recitalists. Numbers by Chopin, Mendelssohn, Levitzky, and Schubert will be given by Miss Davis. Miss Johnson has listed among her selections compositions by Tschalkowsky, Kreisler, Ries, and Sarasate. She will also play the Saint-Saens "Concerto in E-minor."

Both Miss Johnson and Miss Davis have received favorable recognition for their unusual musical achievements. Miss Johnson is this year's holder of the Phi Beta scholarship, and last year was the winner of the state contest sponsored by the National Federated Women's Music clubs. She has had many concert and radio appearances.

## Oregon Law Review Sells 3000 Copies

Three thousand copies of the Oregon Law Review have come from the press prior to their distribution to members of the Oregon State Bar association and law libraries throughout the world.

The issue having a 33 per cent increase in student contributions and presenting a greater number of recent cases than any issue in the Review's history is the first under Editor Herbert Galton and his new staff.

Highlighting the edition are articles by Professor Paul Weidenbaum of Munich university on European law and William McInturff, law student, whose compilation of Oregon law on interest as damages, is already gaining recognition.

The Review, rapidly gaining a national reputation now has subscribers in every part of the world, China, Argentina, Brazil, England, Germany, and Italy.

**LEGAL LUNCHEON SLATED** Honoring their new pledges Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity is holding a luncheon at noon today in the Side.

The luncheon is the first in a series, expected to continue through the year, designed to better acquaint members of the law school faculty and the students.

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**Friday, Jan. 14 — Gerlinger**