

# Oregon Emerald

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## An Open Letter to Hitler

THE world openly acknowledges your accomplishments and acquisitions of territory as a **fait accompli**. It recognizes that you have brought Germany to the fore again. It has repudiated the Versailles treaty with you. You succeeded in Anschluss; you wanted that, didn't you? You regained the "lost provinces" of Bohemia and Slovakia (plus), didn't you? You have quashed all internal opposition to the Nazi regime; you wanted that, didn't you? You have seared the daylight out of nearly every nation in the world; you have formed an alliance with Rome that England and France failed to break; you recouped Memel; you have brought attention to the fact that the Reich is desperately in need of economic betterment, and that is what you wanted, isn't it? You have satisfied the most of your insatiable appetite, haven't you? You have managed to command the proud respect of your people and the envy of your fellow dictators. That was what you wanted, wasn't it? Now that you have given yourself almost everything you sought achieve, could German greatness rise in you to give the world one thing in exchange—peace? "There are circumstances in which it is better to be defeated than victorious; better to be Prometheus than Jupiter." (signed) Two Billion People.

## Let's Keep Our Aprils

SERENELY the blue millrace flows past the Anchorage. By Villard the grass is the greenest of spring's greens. The trees of the campus are budding and the bees hum and the birds twitter in the sunlight. Carefree youth meanders campus lanes between classes and lounges in the cool grass or plays at tennis or softball or goes canoeing. At very worst, youth studies or works. At night the stars look down on the calm of April evening. Shirt-sleeved boys and coatless girls breathe the warm air of April. And almost the knottiest possible problem is a tough economics assignment or a broken date. IN another April it wasn't quite so. Twenty-two years ago this campus was trying its inexperienced best to become a war camp. Twenty-one years ago this April an earlier generation of boys wasn't quite as carefree. It was exciting, all right, but these boys were bound for a land of shrapnel and mud and hell. And the girls of this earlier era were eating brown sugar and keeping the home fires burning, helping to "save democracy." There will be other Aprils, and we wonder which is preferable, this April or the one of 1918? And some April to come, if President Roosevelt isn't "back in the fall," may be a great deal blacker than the one of '18.

ALMOST forever, we assume, there will be Aprils and the millrace will be calm and there will be cool green grass under Oregon's trees. What right has anyone to encroach upon our Aprils? Or our Mays or Junes or Decembers? We still are several thousands of miles away from Hitler and his ilk. After all, airplanes haven't yet made the world small enough to put us in Europe. Let's keep our Aprils like this one.—P. F.

## In Thirty More Years

AT Harvard the freshman class recently committed political suicide by voting to abolish freshman class elections. What appeared to be suicide, however, was merely a coup de grace, since the class members had little opportunity to know each other and as a result votes were dictated by "false and illogical standards." At Oregon all four classes elect officers. On many occasions the votes have been dictated by false and illogical standards. In one election they were purchased by the interested candidates. Last year several sets of officers were chosen by a group of twenty-five or thirty politicians, meeting late in some fraternity house. In all classes only a privileged few who purchase the right to vote at

## Students Distrust Neutrality Act as Peace Guarantee

By Student Opinion Surveys of America  
AUSTIN, Texas, April 17—Ask one hundred typical American college students whether they believe the present neutrality law can keep the United States out of war, and less than seven will answer "yes."

An overwhelming majority of 9.3 per cent of the students of the nation shake their heads at the possible effectiveness of the law in case of war, interviewers on campuses from coast to coast have discovered in a poll conducted by the Student Opinion Surveys of America. The Oregon Daily Emerald cooperates in the polls.

**Students Agree With Populace**  
With congress wrangling over neutrality and the president reportedly ready to back any move to repeal the act, student opinion is in tune with general public opinion, which has given various indications that the United States should take a firm stand on the side of the democracies.

The question in the survey: "Do you believe our present neutrality law can keep us out of war?"

The answers:  
YES ..... 6.7 per cent  
NO ..... 93.3 per cent  
And with remarkable uniformity, students of almost every part of the country think the same way, in almost identical numbers.

**No Law Effectual**  
Most common reason given for the ineffectiveness of the neutrality act was that no law of any kind can keep the country out of a general war under the present system of international politics, mainly because of our economic interests. Said a Michigan student enrolled at Wayne university, "The act is little more than useless. We could keep out of war probably if we aided countries in defeating nations which are endangering our peace."

That opinion seems to reflect the sentiment of the majority of college men and women who in previous polls have voted this way: Sell planes to democracies and not to dictatorships, 52.8 per cent; approve of rearmament, 71.8 per cent; build an army and navy strong enough to protect the entire western hemisphere, 62 per cent.

50 cents per head officially participate in activities.

It might not be a bad idea for Oregon to following the example set by Harvard. The class system of student government took 100 years to fall completely at the latter school. It is fast nearing the end of its usefulness on this campus. But then perhaps it will take Oregon students 30 more years to come to a similar decision.

## Onceover Lightly

The Alpha Gams must have thought they hit the jackpot when they woke up yesterday morning to find their front porch strewn with pictures, lamps, guestbooks, and draperies.

But the payoff came when the boys from seven different fraternities dropped around to collect their belongings which had been mysteriously disappearing since the beginning of spring term. Evidently some prankster had been pulling a raid on the Beta, Chi Psi, Sigma Nu, SAE, Sig Ep, Phi, and Sigma Chi houses.

Today's Bad Time Story: Nisma Banta got turned over Forest Van Dym's knee yesterday afternoon, for a good old-fashioned spanking. We don't know exactly what for, but at least he didn't hurt her feelings in public. He took her out of sight behind Dr. Erb's holly hedge for the little ordeal.

Attractive Barbara Benham, who created quite a furor on this campus last year, will be up from California for Junior weekend. Barbara was chosen the ideal coed at San Mateo junior college which she now attends.

We'll wager that the B. J. Caldwell stock sure goes up after the masculine population gets a look at the white satin strapless bathing suit she wears in the musical, "With Fear and Shaking All Over."

And another act that is good show stopping material is Janet Eames, in her ballet number.

It pays to be good. Phyllis Saunders, Theta, and Ray Dixon, Phi Delta, were so good at just out and out dancing, that they've been pressed into service, and now they, too, are in the musical.

Next year's Oregon editor, George Knight, lost no time in turning over his Phi Sig pin to Reva Horsley, Hendricks haller.

And Steve Fowler, Sig Ep left his pin with Marian Paine Sunday night.

Anne Frederiksen, AWS president, now has Bob Stephenson's SAE pin, which came back from Trudi Harland just a few short weeks ago.

Norm Foster, Delta, planted his pin on Barbara Neu, Kappa. And you can't say it isn't Neu's.

The poor kid who was on the receiving end of the DU and DG flour-bagging concession, at the AWS carnival, was heard to remark: "I wish people wouldn't say it with flours."

Mr. Gump, Jean Farrens' little black puppy, even goes out on weekend dates with her. Jean takes him along whenever it is convenient, and when the gentleman of the party doesn't object.

While on this subject of dogs, you really gotta hand it to campus pooches when it comes to carrying on a good, clean, wholesome popularity campaign, which leaves even the winners still leading nothing but a dog's life.

And something else: The Chi Psi's "quin-puplet" entry in the dog contest are the beer drinking little mess of pups.

## In the Mail . . .

### REVIVE TRADITIONS?

To the Editor:  
What is Oregon tradition? I never heard of it, says the majority of the freshman class. Hello walk? Where is it? Senior bench? Never heard of it. And this, my friends, is the sad state of affairs as far as Oregon's traditions are concerned.

Yesterday two freshman girls were told to walk down hello walk and urged to say hello to everyone they met. Out of the 20 people they met, seven they knew, and those seven spoke. The other 13 walked by with their noses in the air, without even answering the girls' feeble attempts at reviving the old tradition about speaking to everyone they pass on hello walk.

Are we snobbish? Is Oregon going to forget all of her old traditions? Just yesterday three sophomores sat on the senior bench for 35 minutes, and what happened? Nothing.

Ten people who were interviewed yesterday, said that it was their opinion that tradition makes the school, to a certain extent. One had advanced the opinion that tradition would be a great selling angle for this University. A girl in a speech class Monday gave a speech upon this subject. She spoke from a freshman's viewpoint in saying that Oregon's traditions were not revealed to her until she had been here a term or so.

Is this neglect on the part of the living organizations in not telling the traditions to their freshman classes. Or does anyone know all of the old traditions? After considerable interviewing it was

concluded that almost all of the students are in favor of reviving our traditions. As someone calmly put it, "Let's shake the dust off of them and bring them back."  
Betty Hamilton.

### WHO'S TO BLAME?

To the Editor:  
I wish to make an answer to that half of the students who, reported in the first page editorial of Tuesday's Emerald, said that the cause of cheating was "a laxness of exam supervision."

When such a belief as this one persists and half of the student body do not see the obvious fallacy of such a belief, a question arises as to what is the real cause of the fallacy.

The fundamental cause of the fallacy is that students who cheat, as well as those who do not, simply want to pass the buck on the cheating issue. Students showing a certain weakness of character will blame anyone else, do anything else, but they won't do the proper thing; blame their own members whom they know are cheating and begin to make it hell and hot for the student who does cheat.

This ought to be a student problem, handled by students in a student way; but what apparently is lacking is plain courage.

By all means, let us solve the cheating problem, but put the blame where 99 per cent of it belongs: on the students, not on the professors.  
Wyburd Furrell.

## Looking Back . . .

WITH JIMMIE LEONARD

One year ago—Oregon's tennis squad won from Willamette, 7 to 0. The frosh baseball team won their first game from Lincoln high, 7-6, and tied the second, 0-0, after rain stopped the game.

Led by Bob Beard, Jack Coleman, Bob Hardy, and Ford "Flivver" Mullen, the varsity diamond boys tripped ONS, 7 to 4.

Barbara Ward, contralto, and Marian Hagg, pianist, pleased a large crowd who heard their recital in the music auditorium.

LaVon Oddy was Bernadine Bowman's "Coed of the Week." Miss Oddy was a senior in physical education, and came to U. of O. from Butler university in Indianapolis, Indiana. She was a member of the University Co-operative house. At Butler she was affiliated with Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Alice Rogers informed: "We learn of vice and virtues from very different points; The good we learn  
At mother's knee—  
The bad at other joints."

Two years ago—Ten candidates were chosen for queen of Junior weekend. They were Frances Johnston, Florence Smith, June Martin, Frances Schaupt, Helen Mitchell, Rhoda Armstrong, Betty Pownall, Cherie Brown, Peggy Vermillion, and Betty Jane Casey.

After winter term house GPAs were released, it was learned that Pi Kappa Alpha led with a 2.8506. The University Co-op was second with a 2.8225.

Three years ago—The Christensen ballet company ended the ASUO spring concert series at the Igloo.

John Lewis, basketball star, and Del Bjork, all-coast football guard, were running for the Order of the "O" presidency.

Four years ago—The Ducks dumped Portland university, 5 to 0. Don McFadden tossed three-hit ball; Andy Hurney hit a homer; and Harvey McCall batted 1.000.

Five years ago—With the Igloo decorated as a Japanese garden, the campus shook loose at the Frosh Glee.

The Oregon nine took Willamette, 6 to 3.

Ten years ago—The freshmen published that worthy campus organ, the Emerald.

Epitaph:  
"Here lies the body  
Of Sam McKee;  
He offered a drink  
To an Alpha Phi."

### EXAMINER OF DRIVERS TO BE IN EUGENE

Glenn Bown, examiner of operators and chauffeurs for the Oregon state automobile license department, will be at the Knights of Pythias hall downtown Thursday, Friday, and Saturday to examine applicants for licenses. He will be on duty between 8 in the morning and 5 o'clock.

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## Calliope!!!

By BILL CUMMINGS

Finding a suitable man to oppose John Dick in the race for ASUO president seems to be a difficult task, judging from the number of meetings which have been held by the Delta Upsilon faction, which is openly working for the defeat of the Sigma Nu candidate.

Last night the six small houses again got together with the dorm representatives to talk over campaign plans, following a meeting Monday night at which it was tentatively decided to run a dark horse candidate. Name of the dark horse is being withheld until the faction makes a definite decision, but that decision was very likely reached in the DU pow-wow room late last night after the Emerald was put to bed.

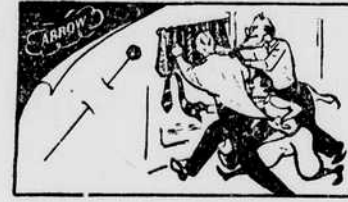
So far, the aspirants for student body president run like this: John Dick, Scott Corbett, Verdi Sederstrom, and the dark

### DR. HUESTIS TO TALK AT WESTMINSTER HOUSE

Dr. R. R. Huestis of the zoology department will speak on war problems at the social problems discussion group at Westminster house, Mrs. J. D. Bryant announced yesterday. The meeting will be held from 9 to 10 o'clock Wednesday evening.

horse candidate. Just which of these men are picked by the final boss remains to be seen, but shakeups in house alignments will settle the race down to two main candidates before the campaign is over.  
Sophomores are confronted

with much the same situation, as the campaign for junior class president will be controlled largely by ASUO politicians seeking to line up straight tickets. Bob Carlon has appeared on the scene as a possible opponent for Jim Pickett for prexy of the junior class.



IS THERE A STRAIN ON YOUR FAMILY TIES?

ARROW TIES ARE BETTER BUYS SEE THIS WEEK'S POST