

# Oregon Emerald

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## There's No Future in It

COMES a time each fall, with the approach of the annual football clash with our educational twin and nearest neighbor to the north, the state college, when there is a general throwing up of hands in these parts, and of exclaiming: "Well, it has started again." This is particularly true of years when the game is to be held on the home field of either rival.

That time came yesterday or the day before, whenever it was that it was discovered someone had given the "O" on the butte a going over with a striking combination of orange and black paint. Not exactly a "guess who" piece of work.

There are one or two considerations, however, which lead the careful observer to believe that nothing has been indeed started, at least offensively from local quarters, unless high school lads take it into their youthful heads to espouse a cause not their own.

In the first place, even the liveliest of campus spirits here have never been much for paint-splashing, especially since one job along these lines cost six Webfoots a neat \$75 in damages a couple of years ago. Paint-smearing is too much trouble, it costs money, the unions are likely to get after the brush-wielders, and besides Hitler put it out of fashion long ago.

ABOUT all Webfoots seem to be interested in is keeping their own back yard intact. Once the "O" on the butte again glitters in yellow it is certain that freshmen will watch it for recurrences of Monday's disgrace. They will guard the "O," and they will guard their bonfire in shifts just before Homecoming. But they will probably let it go at that.

Just when the "O" took on its new coloring is something nobody seems to know. The freshmen have been pretty busy these last few days with their election and campaigning, and if they hadn't been so busy it is doubtful that it would have occurred to them to watch the butte. The new frosh prey, it is rumored, said "What 'O'?" when asked what he was going to do about it. And even the most experienced heads would not have expected such a visit so early in the season. No blame can be placed on the frosh for permitting the painting, everyone was fooled.

THE most serious thing about this painting of the "O," outside of the affront to tradition, lies in what might be aroused by means such as this. Spirit is a grand thing to have around, but it ought to be kept in its place. If allowed to grow it could get out of control, have serious results. While in the last few years both schools have shown evidences of a more and more enlightened policy it is hard to predict when a new outbreak may occur; it may occur for no reason at all except that human nature is just that way. Interschol rivalry has very little to do with it—it is a psychological phenomenon, related somehow to the emotions of the mob.

Agreed, then, that some degree of school spirit is highly desirable; that marauding does not pay in the long run; that snowballs are too easy to start growing; that it is better to play in one's own yard. An American argument is that it would be foolish to go to Europe to fight, and this can be broken down to fit our own case.

So let the frosh hang a glistening yellow dress on the "O" again; then let them defend what they have, but no more.

## Skull and Dagger To Discuss Plans Tonight at the Side

Skull and Dagger, sophomore men's service honorary, will whip its fall program into shape tonight at 10:30 when President Jack Lansing meets with the members in the College Side.

First official act of the group in their new white sweaters with green and yellow emblems will be ushering at the Lawrence Tibbett concert tomorrow night. Freshman boys will help with the concert ushering.

## Visitors Honored At Banquet Friday

Oregon high school representatives at the annual press conference sponsored by the University of Oregon school of journalism this weekend will be guests at a banquet Friday evening at the Osburn hotel. Dean Eric Allen of the school will be the main speaker, and new officers will be introduced at this time. Immediately after the banquet the visitors will go to the Lawrence Tibbett concert at McArthur court. Sigma Delta Chi and Theta Sigma Phi are in charge of arrangements.

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## ORDI Directors Meet, Elect New President; N. H. Comish Attends

Dr. N. H. Comish, professor of business administration and secretary of the Oregon Retail Distributors' institute, attended a board of directors meeting of the institute.

The meeting was held in the office of Charles F. Snell, Meier and Frank company, Tuesday evening, to discuss plans for the spring conference to be held on the University campus, and to elect a president and director to succeed Eric M. Stanford, president, who accepted a position with the Boston store in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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Celebrating the football game Potter's Co-op will have a house dance Saturday evening. The afternoon's enthusiasm will be expressed in the football theme.

**Informal Parties**  
Informal get-togethers are scheduled by several fraternities. Phi Kappa Psi has planned a fire-side on Friday night and Theta Chi will have a radio dance Friday in honor of their new freshman class. The dance will be preceded by a pledge banquet. Delta Upsilon and Phi Sigma Kappa will also entertain at radio dances over the weekend.

Sigma hall was host at a fall preference dinner dance Tuesday night. The rooms were decorated in the fall motif with red leaves, and acorns on the placecards.

Zeta hall played host to Susan Campbell at a dinner dance Tuesday evening.

## WAA Sponsors Frosh Frolic

The Women's Athletic association entertained 150 freshman women this afternoon at 4 o'clock in Gerlinger hall. Janet Morris introduced Margaret Van Matre, president of WAA, and Warrine Eastburn, adviser.

The program which followed included a violin solo, a vocal solo, an acrobatic dance and a skit dramatizing the various activities which the WAA sponsors. Members of the association participated in the presentation. The program ended with a comic note as a group of girls headed by Pat Taylor in old fashioned baggy gym costumes frolicked and cavorted about, distributing the handbook among the freshmen.

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has a chance to meet any of the Portland lads. This may not run exactly true to form—but it is the general feeling. Some feel it must be a "no good" affair or fraternities wouldn't mind coming around—who cares if one's feet do get sore? The frosh and soph men are compelled to attend or go swimming in the cold, cold race—while the upper classmen who do come and apparently dislike the ordeal—are filled with spirit other than the joy of the occasion. . . .  
**SO I SEZ!**  
Personally, "I likes 'em!"—and think they're doing o.k. But why should anyone go who doesn't enjoy them. Someone has offered the solution of making open house compulsory for freshmen and sophomores and leaving upperclassmen out entirely. Well, I wouldn't know—I'm just campus comment too, so—

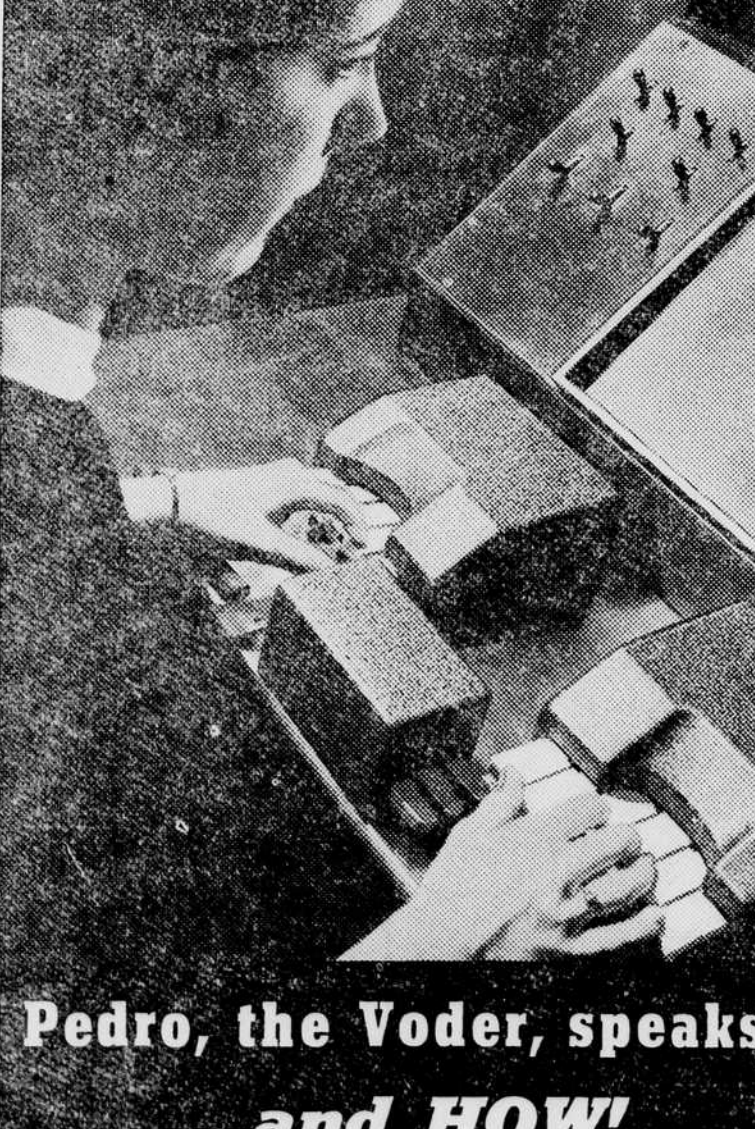
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