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## This Is Your Question!

The Student Union committee met yesterday and got down to work. Equipped with "powerhouse" workers and a brand new office in Johnson hall, the real opening gun on Student Union for this year has been fired—with enthusiasm and a good amount of intelligence.

First on the docket is the question of the facilities which will be housed in the Student Union. To answer this, the committee proposes to survey student leaders, student service directors, and the whole student body. It then became apparent that THIS IS YOUR QUESTION.

What do you want in your building? What important things are missing in the present social and service setup for students here at Oregon?

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If ever the editor wanted letters, it's now. If the Student Union committee is going to be able to present completed plans and recommendations by the end of the year, it will have to be told what students want—what they have needed and wanted, what they will need and want.

Whether it's a bowling alley, or really adequate ASUO offices, whether it's a room to write letters in, or a dependable kitchen for banquets . . . the committee should be told.

What's holding the committee up right now—is this: **THEY DO NOT KNOW FOR CERTAIN WHAT STUDENTS WANT!** Oregon's Student Union has been placed at the top of the state's board's list, but it might be bypassed if budgets and blueprints are not ready and approved long in advance. Student Union plans must be prepared down to the last, most minute detail as soon as possible.

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What social, service, and recreational provisions do you want written into these plans? Tell the Emerald, tell the Student Union committee. Write it, the Emerald will publish it—say it, the committee will give your suggestions serious consideration.

Under "Letters to the Editor", we are printing Major John MacGregor's comments on this year's Student Union movement. Formerly ASUO president, class 1923, and now stationed in Washington, D. C., in the office of chemical warfare—his interest is one of the many bulwarks which this year's committee can depend upon.

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The Student Union committee is ready to go. Their first puzzle, that of facilities, is one which only the whole campus can help to unravel. This is your question, you are the committee's advisers.

M. M. G.

## Letters to the Editor

27 January 1944

Mrs. Marjorie Goodwin  
Editor, Oregon Emerald  
University of Oregon  
Eugene, Oregon  
Dear Mrs. Goodwin:

To acknowledge receipt of your special Student Union edition of the Emerald and to extend my enthusiastic congratulations on its publication has been my intention for some days. Please accept them now.

A number of the items recalled my student days on the campus (I had five very happy years there), some articles brought me up-to-date on the movement for a Student Union, and others showed a determination and drive on the part of the present student body which indicates the possibility of an early and successful solution of the problem. The story of President Campbell's sponsorship of the

project by speaking on the subject in spite of his illness particularly interested me because he did so at my request. I remember that we all but carried him to the platform and that he made his talk while seated in one of the wicker chairs which always graced the dais in those days.

The student body officers expected to raise the necessary funds by (1) individual pledges of ten dollars a year for ten years, (2) class gifts which theretofore went for worthy but less permanent improvements, (3) surplus income of the Co-op, (4) profits from student activities, such as athletics, dances, etc., (5) a student building fee of five dollars per term, and (6) any other revenues the students could corner.

My class (1923) stepped forward valiantly to make their pledges and pay cash on some of them, to

divert our class gift to the project and to "sell" the succeeding class on the idea of doing the same. The Co-op board, of which Owen Callaway was an influential member, passed a resolution directing that its profits should be paid over to the Student Union fund. The Emerald, edited by Ken Youel, actively advocated the use of funds from these sources.

The 1924 class, with leaders such as Claude Robinson, president ASUO, Paul Ager, vice-president ASUO, Arthur Rudd, Emerald editor, and others of equal ability, took the ball from us, staged a very successful drive for pledges and passed it on "clear down the field".

About that time the pressing need for other buildings caused a side tracking of Student Union funds. As a result, these peculiarly  
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## Spying on G.I.'s

By PAT FARRELL

Private George Barker spends a great deal of his time on this campus defending his home town against those people who think of Chicago in terms of the stockyards, the south side, and James T. Farrell.

"I've lived in Chicago most of my life," George said, "and I've only seen the stockyards three times."

This statement can hardly be interpreted to mean that Private Barker doesn't get around, because he has been in every state in the Union. If he could transfer his friends and environment to Florida he would like to live there after the war.

Before enlisting in the army George was studying for the priesthood at Quigley Preparatory Seminary in Chicago where he majored in eight subjects and minored in three subjects a year. He had to read the Iliad and Odyssey in both Greek and Latin but he still prefers the English version of the Grapes of Wrath.

George has post-war plans for rejoining his old band, "The Stardusters", who played at the Hotel Carleton. "The Stardusters" are scattered all over the world in every branch of the service but are going to have a reunion in Chicago. George has appeared several times as vocalist with "Fathah Bailey and Crew" on this campus.

When he is asked for his opinion of the state of Oregon George launches into rapturous praises of Diamond and Crater lakes. He is less voluble concerning Eugene and the University of Oregon.

"I can't make an original or witty comment, either, because my only strong impression is of the rain." And then he asks the eternal question, "How long does it last?" We left him there.

## Emerald to Ape 'Esquire' Mag

While women reporters who usually dominate the Emerald attend the Theta Sigma Phi Matrix Table banquet Friday night, the men's edition will be scientifically assembled for distribution Saturday morning, Editor-for-a-day Norris Yates reports. Yates promises that this edition will be different, a statement which his staff unanimously confirms.

Yates urges all Emerald readers to get up at 7 a. m. Saturday to see this masterpiece, as, in his opinion, they are going to "go Esquire."

## IF A BUDDY MEET A BUDDY-

By GLORIA MALLOY

We've got a few more reports on boys graduating from Fort Benning—Don Kirch, last year's big basketball star, Pat Cloud, big politician on the campus, George Olson, Bill Scharfe, and Elliot Wright—all of whom were Phi Deltas.

Another communique was received from naval air cadet Ted Bush at Monmouth, Illinois. His finals are over and now he will be given "my first taste of flying". His comments are: "Sure will be glad to get out of this hole. It's colder than 'it should be', and deader than Corvallis. Figure it out for yourself." If you

er, all in first term basic engineering.  
Thanks Kelly. It would sure be swell if a lot of other Oregon boys would follow suit and let us know what they're doing.

**Harley H. Davis is now attending midshipman's school in New York. He's been subscribing to the Emerald since he's been in the service and says, "Getting the Emerald has made up for a lot of things I have missed at the 'U'!" This is not a paid advertisement.**

Ensign Keith Jandrall, '43, and graduate in journalism, is stationed at the Amphibian Training Base at Little Creek, Virginia, but he expects to be transferred soon.

Cadet Curt Welborn, SAE, is in ASTP in Engineering at Northwestern State Teachers' college, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Fee Gee Kelly Snow sent in a long detailed report on the boys at Fordham, New York. He says that our boys are holding down the "extracurricular, extra-military activities." Aside from being editor-in-chief of the soldier newspaper, Dunc Wimpres is head of the band, and has Herb Widmer, Marv Myers, Darrell Thompson, Dave Fortmiller, and Don Dill playing for him.

Roy Seaborg is the "organizing spark plug" of the intramural league and is player-coach of the soldier-varsity basketball team. Don Sanders, Sherman Olts, and Bob Payne are playing on his "B" company football team.

Don Dill is head of the social set-up. Bill Belt and Al Howard are on the reporting staff of the newspaper. Also, five of our boys made the honor roll: Merlin Nelson, Bob Payne, Dave Fortmiller, and Herb Widmer, and Kelly Snow, himself. What a concentrated bunch of dynamite we have back there!

Other U of O men are Dick MacLaren, Jim Snell, Don Mack, Matt Myers, Bob Yost, and Roger Fras-



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