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Impartiality ...

One of the Emerald's faithful letter writers has questioned the paper's impartiality in the recent election. His charges are printed in the "Telling the Editor" column on this page.

The Emerald agrees that the paper has not remained impartial throughout the campaign. An issue last week contained a letter to the editor which the editor had never seen. The letter was solicited by a staff member from a bloc leader. It appeared in the news columns of the paper, in the same issue as the letter it answered, and it replied to only one side of the charges made in the original letter.

The Emerald challenges the writer of the letter in today's issue to back up his other charges with facts, as the Emerald's reporter, Herb Penny, did in his story on the unauthorized American Legion posters. As long as Mr. Lau's charges are not backed by accurate information, they can be branded only as mudslinging. The Emerald will print the facts that Mr. Lau hints he possesses if he can prove they are accurate. It has printed his letter only to allow him to express his opinion.

In answer to today's letter, then, the Emerald re-states its position. An impartial paper does not overlook underhanded political strategy by any person or groups.

This Collegiate World

(By Associated Collegiate Press)

GI students at Kent State university (Kent, Ohio), who last year were standing sentry duty in the Ruhr and the Philippines, today are hiring out as "baby sitters" in their spare time.

Said one brawny ex-sergeant: "It's easy work unless you happen to get an ornery kid, and even that experience may come in handy some day. 'Course there's the money angle, too. A fellow can make up to 50 cents an hour and do his studying at the same time."

What do the mothers think of GI sitters?

"I'd rather have one than a girl," declared one Kent mother. "Girl sitters are too young and not always dependable. A veteran is very responsible, and in case something happened, I'd feel that he would know what to do."

"I like to have veterans watch my children at night because my little boy needs someone to 'talk tough' with him," said a mother of three children. "My kiddies like the vets and my husband and I want to help the boys earn a little extra money for their college expenses."

No Preference

Give an old adage a modern twist and it reads, "A gal is a gal for a' that." To illustrate, the men in a class of effective living 152, Michigan State college, were asked to indicate their preference for either the extremely feminine or masculine type of woman. By vigorous hand waving one male gave a vote to each. "Say, you voted both times," the prof reprimanded. "That's o. k.," shouted the student, "I love 'em all."

Sunny Ally

The sun is a blistering ally of University of Texas drug stores these days. After each session of sunbathing, tennis, baseball or other outdoor sports, sunburned victims flock to the druggists for remedies.

A sad-faced victim with heat waves dancing around his leathery skin rushed into one of the local drug stores recently and began examining the sunburn lotion stock. After he had read the directions of a half dozen bottles, the clerk asked him if any of them were suitable.

"Nope," he replied. "All of these are preventatives. There's no use closing the gate after the horse is out of the stable."

Congressional Comments

By Ted Hallock

We are sorry if our column has seemed unintelligible to various readers. Not sorry, or apologizing, for any lack of lucidity on our part; merely sad because readers cannot yet discern between truth and untruth. Only an informed citizen is able to read understandingly comment upon governmental affairs. A few sheep-like students, after investigation of their own thought processes, might find that organizational rams do not always supply complete sets of unabridged facts. Unless it is to the group's advantage to do so.

The Legion and Trouble

American Legion posts seem to possess a certain enviable knack for getting into trouble; an attribute which usually succeeds in bringing both the public, and their own national headquarters, down on them immediately.

The local mis-use of Legion reputation is not new. In Hood River the established post, under the legion's supposed sanction, managed to refuse admittance to all Nisei veterans and strip the city's roll of honored war dead of two Japanese-American names. Even the national authorities took their time about "chastizing" Hood River officials for their act.

DeMille and AFRA

The Legion's Wall Street post went one better. Last summer they made a publicized point of granting Cecil B. DeMille a gold medal, for his "outstanding work in radio." At said time Mr. D. was off the air, having been banned because of his obvious anti-labor stand during AFRA's California fight. He had refused to pay a one dollar AFRA assessment, to be used for a lobby fight against certain pending state legislation which would have helped kill completely all of labor's rights to bargain collectively in that state. DeMille said the assessment was being pressed under duress. The facts: AFRA's entire membership had voted, by individual ballot, overwhelmingly in favor of the tax and its purpose. The Legion was slow this time, too, before it had properly admonished Wall Street members for their somewhat rash action.

Two facts, which bear directly on the local incident, and on past national incidents, have been thus far disregarded by campus journalists. One: the American Legion's charter and constitution specifically forbid its participation, as an organization, in politics of any kind. If legislation is to affect a veteran, national defense, or, perhaps, conscription, the Legion will then act immediately, regardless of what party may be fostering such acts. Otherwise it is unbiased politically as a body.

Two: The Legion, having been granted its right of organization by the congress of this country, is protected from having its name banded about by any crafty advocates of shady deals. In the past, Legion officials have invoked the coverage of such protection, and have prosecuted offending parties under the penalties of federal statute. It is wise not to meddle unscrupulously with the reputation of an organization which now fights for its life against rival veteran groups.

Hot Air and Congress

This week's New Yorker's "Wind on Capitol Hill Dept." carries a

very interesting series of short quotes from debate which somehow slipped by us. We recommend it as excellent reading.

Governmental Efficiency: The FCC district office in Galveston, Texas, had been accumulating files (composed of duplicates, triplicates, etc.) for years. At long last the inspector in charge, weary of a warehouse crammed with meaningless paper, in the midst of a nation-wide shortage of same (it was then 1943) wrote his Washington headquarters for disposal instructions. The reply: if he re-wrote his inquiry, in triplicate, he could expect instructions within a month for disposition of the files; with the provision that carbon copies be made of all papers contained therein (the warehouse) for permanent record.

Bills in the senate: S. 2201. Will grant retirement pay to officers who have established a 30 per cent, or greater, disability which is service-connected. Means that officers who were not "boarded out" of the Army may now re-apply, if they choose, for such action. When and if the measure becomes law.

This column ends a term of eventful wranglings. We will return next fall with the facts, only more of them. Keep in mind, only the truth hurts.

Telling the Editor

Dear Editor:

Herb Penny's editorial yesterday brings to the fore a question which has been in the back of many students' minds. Is the Emerald supposed to be a politically neutral and non-partisan publication or not? Miss Montag, the editor, says, "yes," and yet, obviously biased editorials have been printed recently, culminating in Penny's bleat in yesterday's paper. It would seem that the Emerald's neutrality is questionable.

Regarding his charges; they might well have been leveled at many other campus organizations other than the Greek bloc, with a higher degree of accuracy. Judging from the election returns, the bloc leaders are not the ninny's Penny would have us believe. Again, on the basis of the election returns, it is evident that the I.S.A. does not even represent a majority of the independent students.

Penny refers to methods, which leaves him slightly open, as his own during the campaign were not exactly beyond reproach. Neither were the ones used by the I.S.A. which he campaigned so vigorously for. Is Mr. Penny unaware of the old adage which reads, "people who live in glass houses should not throw stones"? —Larry Lau.

Way Back When ...

Lapel Gardenias Were In Order For 1936 Mortar Board Ball

By Dottie Habel and Trudi Chernis

Thirty Years Ago

For the first time in the history of the University, women made their athletic debut in a track and field meet. Events included canoe races, archery contests, ball games, golf and track.

Dr. John Straub, attending school exercises at Creswell, met W. W. Scott, the first student to register in the University. He said he paid his tuition fee at the age of 14, in 1876.

"Next September the law school on the campus starts on its third year, and the course of instruction will be extended to take care of the third year for senior students in the school."

Twenty Years Ago

"Oregon women combined with 50 representative athletic girls from O.A.C. to enjoy sports for sport's sake in "Play Day." Tennis, canoeing, and hockey were featured." Girls must have been athletic little rascals in those days.

From the column of the Seven Seers:

How Troo

There was a young man from Sigma Nu,

Who thought he knew much more than he knew;

He told in his sleep

A secret so deep

And his frat brothers dated her, too.

The annual Emerald banquet featured cash prizes to be awarded on the basis of the best work in copy writing, reporting, day and night editors, and feature writers. Emerald "O's" were also awarded.

Ten Years Ago

Saturday night ten years ago saw another Mortar Board Ball. "Given at the Eugene hotel the entire lobby and dining room were converted into the ballroom. The dance was a formal with the men wearing tuxes or white suits. Lapel gardenias were in order.

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