

Letter From Heywood

(We received a letter from Barbara Heywood yesterday. But Barbara, long-time associate editor of the Emerald, whose writings seemed to amuse and interest almost everybody until she graduated winter term, should have known better than to suspect that her letter, or a portion of it, wouldn't get published.)

Barbara won't be down for Junior Weekend. She's too busy on the St. Helens Sentinel-Mist. But that is no reason why the campus shouldn't enjoy some of her humor—even if it is received second-hand.—Editor.)

Dear Mr. Smith (Boy Editor to me):

Wish to compliment the Oregon Daily Emerald on what seems a very sly move.

You know, the thing that's always bothered me about traditions is—how do you get loose of the darn things once you start them? Even some of the nostalgic tappings of Junior Weekend can get boresome afterwhile.

I deduce that maybe the Emerald is beginning to yawn over the Jupe Pluvius editorial (The Buchwach Edit). The top line was omitted. Now, I reasoned, to avoid causing a stir in tradition-minded circles, perhaps the Emerald is going to slide out of the tradition of publishing this clever, but bearded editorial by omitting one more line each year. By 1997, omitting one line a year, there won't be any more Jupe Pluvius edit. Very sly, Mr. Smith!

Speaking of such things, I enjoyed Dizzy (Stan) Turnbull's article on Junior Weekend traditions—which sounded like it was written under the influence of an overdose of sleeping pills.

This subtly iconoclastic attitude the Emerald is assuming pleases me no end. If we always stuck to traditions, we'd all of us—everyone—still be wearing chastity belts and walrus mustaches.

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Dear bh:

Please read page 6 and shudder. We're running the edit twice this year just to make sure if it rains today we won't be blamed and termed "anti-Junior Weekend."

(Besides, you know how short of copy we get some days.)

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Commendable, But

The move by AGS to take a poll of all Greek houses to determine the most "popular" greek candidate for the ASUO number one spot is surprising, to say the least.

AGS will not be bound by the results of the poll, but at least the poll will give the party some indication of the fraternity and sorority people's desires—and AGS portends to represent these people.

And that word "popular" is a little misleading, too. For this poll is not the usual popularity contest—rather, the AGS is attempting to discern which of the four persons it considers near-equally qualified for the AGS nomination has the best backing of the Greek students.

At each fraternity and sorority the qualifications of the four contenders—Barry Mountain, Herb Nill, Gerry Smith, and Will Urban—will be read. No other comment, other than an explanation of voting procedure, will be made.

If this is an honest desire on the part of the AGS to ask for opinion on possible candidates, then it is well that AGS has made this move.

One fault with the system is the one thing typical to Greek bloc procedures through the years—and that is the seemingly automatic and arbitrary limiting of contenders. The four men named are undoubtedly interested in the presidency; but they are not the only fraternity men interested, or perhaps qualified, to be a nominee of the AGS. Other men, perhaps not so well known, may be better qualified. And many fraternity and sorority persons might care to cast their votes for these "less-pushed" individuals after hearing their qualifications.

And of course, it would be better if all the persons desiring any nomination might petition and be voted upon by members of the party.

But this is a step AGS does not care to take.

In the Bag Evictions

Letters

(The editorial referred to in the following letters concerned a housing unit on the University housing list which evicted student-residents because the residents had guests which were non-caucasian.—Editor.)

Dear Sir:

I approve heartily the stand taken by the Emerald on May 11, 1950, in the editorial "No Approval." Don't let this issue die down! No housing which sanctions discrimination of this sort should be approved by the University. The implications of this issue are too important to let it slide.

Miss Carlista Farrell

Dear Editor:

I wish to express my hearty approval of your editorial in today's (May 11) Emerald. The place should be removed from the University housing list, and posting such rulings should be required to expose other similar places.

K. Malin

Just Stuff Spring Stuff

by Vic Fryer

At last spring is here, or at least the weather of the last few days would make us think so. I don't know whether the famous and traditional "Buchwach" editorial in Tuesday's Emerald had anything to do with it, but it is nice to look forward to a warm and sunny Junior Weekend.

Even the Oregana got into the spirit this year and came out on time for Junior Weekend. It didn't help studies much the last couple days though, what with most students taking time out for a few hours of browsing through it.

The Oregana seemed to take a rather light-hearted attitude of campus politics and last spring's campus elections. Whether or not they are something to take seriously or make light of, campus elections are almost here again. Monday the USA will hold its open assembly to nominate its candidates, and the AGS candidates are to be announced a couple of days later. That will leave less than a week for campaigning before the actual elections.

The new constitution will be on the ballot again at this election. I hope they have more luck this time in getting out the necessary fifty percent vote for its adoption.

It looks like "justice" is taking a holiday at the University of Oregon. The Order of the "O" is having a little trouble convincing "tradition" violators that they should submit to dunkings and accompanying forms of "justice." So far less than half of the listed tradition violators have shown up at the daily noon "court" on the Fenton Hall steps despite warnings of worse things to come if they aren't on hand.

Orchids to Orides

Handshakes to Orides for leading all undergraduate groups in winter term grades. Also to the Tekes for topping the list of men's organizations.

The grade list once again appeared with the men's groups all in a bunch at the bottom and the women's all in a bunch at the top. Fourteen women's groups made GPA's between a 2.94 and 2.602, while the top men's house started at 2.601.

Many theories have been advanced on this puzzling phenomenon. Whether it will ever be fully explained we don't know.

But a suggestion for remedying the unbalance was printed previously this year, and we would like to repeat it. Mary Lou Turnbull '23, wife of the ex-dean of the journalism school, said in a letter printed March 30 which referred to fall term grades:

"... why not put the good students in with the poor students, and the poor students in with the good students, mix them up in a democratic manner and give everybody a good deal?

"In other words why not move 25 Fiji's into the Kappa house, and let 25 Kappas go over to the Fiji house. Let 25 men from Zeta Hall go to the DG house and 25 DG's move into Zeta Hall and so on down the line. This plan at least has the advantage of never having been tried.

"There will be some stick-in-the-muds of a bygone generation who will object to this plan, but I'm sure it will not meet with the student opposition."

Stick-in-the-muds, speak now, or . . .!—A.G.

Outside Only Monday

If Monday's paper seems a little skimpy when you pick it up, think nothing of it, but just be grateful that you got as much as you did.

The edition will be two pages large—something of a let down after today's 16-pager. But original plans called for no paper at all Monday—the staff was going to get a well-deserved rest Saturday and Sunday from Emerald duties, and they still are. After all, journalists have every much a right as anybody to enjoy Junior Weekend.

The ASUO constitution requires that amendments to the constitution be printed two consecutive publication days in the Emerald, the election being held one week from the last publication of the amendment. That means, since the election is scheduled for May 22nd, that it has to be printed on Monday the 15th—a rather difficult job if there is no Emerald that day.

So there will be an Emerald Monday—a constitution edition, composed of the constitution.

And while it won't be particularly fascinating reading at the breakfast table; it will give students who care something to keep for later reference.

The Cinemas

Best Movie Bets

by George Spelwin

It seems very unlikely that anyone will want to or will have time to go to a show this weekend; however, in case some do decide to collapse in a local cinema—to relax and get away from the hustle and bustle of floats, proms, serenades, picnics, and tappings—here's a preview of what's on.

Rosalind Russell will be having a spirited time at the Heilig in "Lady of Distinction," with Ray Milland. If this comedy is as good as her last, "Tell it to the Judge," then it will be mighty funny. It is probably a thoroughly nonsensical movie that relates absolutely no message at all.

While this comedy would be just the thing to watch and relax, the co-feature is "The Black Hand" which has Gene Kelly in his first straight

dramatic role for MGM. The consensus of critics remarks seems to be that Kelly and the picture, while good, are nothing over which to go wildly crazy.

The photograpy in supposed to be tops in spots, and action rapid in spots; but the other spots are the ones that get persons worried.

Greer Garson and Walter Pidgeon are teamed in "That Forsyte Woman," which the Mayflower will show Sunday and Monday. It is in technicolor, has Errol Flynn besides, and is a pretty good drama. Greer Garson acts like Greer Garson; Walter Pidgeon acts like Walter Pidgeon; and Errol Flynn acts like Errol Flynn.

Which makes me think I would rather go to the Heilig and see Rosalind Russell act like Rosalind Russell.



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