

# Oregon Daily EMERALD

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## 'Senior Rides' at Oregon?

Hazing of stately upper classmen by six lowly freshmen at the University of Wisconsin this week and the consequent \$10 fines levied against three of the freshmen ought to draw some kind of condemnation.

The Associated Press reported the frosh took a car from an upper classman, picked up two other upper classmen, drove them out of town and left them beside the road minus their billfolds.

For this a Madison judge fined three of the freshmen. Charges against the others were dismissed.

Now the question is whether we should condemn the frosh for molesting their scholastic superiors, the upper classmen for being unable to cope with the situation, or the judge for having no sense of humor.

Take the situation at Oregon. The traditional "senior ride," should prove a good example.

We are personally acquainted with one "victim" of a senior ride last year who beat his hazers back home. The secret of this accomplishment is forever locked in his memory (in other words he ain't talking). But it may have had something to do with the fact that the hazers had a flat tire on the way back.

And there are seniors who may be found with a dollar or two carefully hidden away in their shoe during the senior ride season.

Yep, we'll always maintain that upper classmen are too smart to be outwitted by a group of frolicking freshmen. K.M.

## Pinballs and Slots on Trial

Fans of "free play" pinball and slot machines will have the levers lifted right out of their hands if the Multnomah county district attorney wins a case now before district court in Portland.

"Free play" machines give the winners games instead of cash. Coin-paying pinballs and slots are illegal under the state's anti-lottery laws.

Illegality of the money-paying machines is based on three conditions:

A consideration is paid to participate.

Chance predominates in selection of winners.

A thing of value is given as a prize to this chance winner.

"Free play" machines fill the first two considerations.

The third makes the test case which may well go to Oregon's supreme court for a final decision.

Is a free play a thing of value?

It's of as much value as the money which would ordinarily be paid for the game (we say, with admitted ignorance of the legal quirks involved).

If the coin-paying machine is to be illegal, so should the "free play" fall to the law.

## At Last -- A Chance for Success

We noticed with joy that they are going to put grass around the student union.

Year in and year out the Emerald edit page has been warning students to keep off the grass. These edits usually meet with disgusting failure—students would continue to walk on the grass, and finally a cement walk would be placed where the grass used to be but was no more.

It was beginning to look like the Emerald would always meet with failure on its keep off the grass crusades; it looked like the cement walk would always be the final victor.

But not this time, because the cement walks are already in—it's the grass that's coming later.

So, please, when they start planting grass around the student union, keep off, will you, huh? The front landscape to the building is practically all cement anyway.—D.S.

### THE DAILY 'E' . . .

to Eve Overback, whose patience as chairman helped guide a joint dormitory-Panhellenic committee through a long Tuesday evening of "what to do with freshmen pledges."

### THE OREGON LEMON . . .

to campus planners for creating quagmires by leaving construction of the mall until the rains came.

## Letters

# The Campus Answers

### United Sound Effects

Emerald Editor:

In the Tuesday, October 3, 1950 issue of the Emerald was found an article entitled "Duck Spirit One Topic of Council."

In this article suggestions for the improvement of Oregon spirit, which were offered at Monday night's Executive Council meeting were listed. In all probability these suggestions have merit. However, we believe that the main obstacle to school spirit at the Oregon-California game lay in the lack of an integrated rooting section.

Students at the game were obliged to sit in bleachers which ran along the Oregon side and into the end zones. We understood that the stadium in Portland has to be rented for each game.

If, in order to pay this rental fee, space for an organized rooting section has to be turned into

a general admission section, we can see no remedy for the lack of spirit.

But we feel that the team is out on the field representing the students, and that the students should at least be entitled to a solid section in the stands behind the Oregon bench. It is impossible to have an organized rooting section with the student body strung halfway round the field in a ten-row-high section.

The rooters were at the game. Let's give them a break and put them all together in their own section. If they don't root for their team then, God help Oregon.

Yours for an organized section,  
Two grads from California.

### Vets, War III

Emerald Editor:

A University enables a person to accumulate knowledge and form opinions based upon facts. You would think then that stu-

dents would do so when confronted by the present day political situation.

But look at the Inquiring Reporter's column of October 3. Is this type of answer representative of the University as a whole? Is this the amount of attention and interest shown in a situation which can in a very short time become a much darker picture than World War II and which can have more disastrous effects?

A sophomore in liberal arts claims to be too busy with classes to pay much attention, and wishes there wasn't a Korean situation. May we remind the sophomore that she may not have classes in the future with which to be too busy. We agree with her in wishing that there was no Korean situation. But then who doesn't wish that.

Another respondent says it is quite a situation. This is really a statement of importance. Would you answer a history examination question in that manner?

From the same source, "I don't see how anyone could have any constructive thoughts knowing as little as they do."

A junior in art education wants to get it over with before the men leave. Just who does she think is going to get it over with? Imaginary troops? But on second thought, it is entirely possible that she may be helping this time and we can guarantee her that she won't enjoy it a bit.

Another classical statement here, "It sure louses things up." Yes, it does louse things up. Is this person's idea of war just a shortage of men?

We are looking forward to an Inquiring Reporter's column with the question, "Will T. V. Wiggles be killed or captured?"

May we suggest that these same people give their same answers to a doughfoc' up front in Korea and listen to their retorts and answers.

(Signed)

Hall Vets, W.W. II; Future Vets, W.W. III, Leo V. Nuttman, Donald D. Davis, Robert E. Johnson, Jack H. Schade, Earle A. Taylor, Hal Lindwall, Robert L. Mocabee, Donovan E. Lee.

### Sky's The Limit

## Columnist Puts Foot In UO Co-ed's Mouth

By Sam Fidman



Turning to the local scene, we find a situation that is, to say the least, disheartening.

After flying several sorties into such nationally dynamic topics as the anti-communist bill, the freedom scroll, and the question of mildly alcoholic pleasure for American forces in Korea, we are faced with the possibility that our readers simply do not care about the world that is going on about them.

The Emerald's Inquiring Reporter presented a question for Tuesday's issue of the paper which, though not as thoughtfully worded as it might have been, was still clear and definitely concerned with our nation's gravest problem at hand.

The question was:

"What do you think of the Korean situation?"

Six interviewees were approached; fairly enough three were co-eds and three were male students.

Maybe this woman suffrage business was forced upon an unsuspecting male population—we hope not, but of those half dozen answers, two (both from men) were sound and reasonable; two others (both from co-eds) were shameful.

The remaining co-ed reply was without any apparent meaning, while the other male answer, though not steeped in deep thought, was painfully forgivable because of its timeliness.

We recall only too clearly a not-too-distant national election when we overheard one woman say to another: "Oh, I'm going to vote for Bricker—he's awfully cute."

Our reaction to that was just plain "blah." During our then tender youth, we were blinded by the glamour of patriotism. Democracy seemed so completely wonderful that the very idea of its having faults was as remote from our thinking as is Northern Maine from Southern California.

But through study of governments, and realization that democracy isn't just a "thing" that goes on by itself, but must be energetically perpetuated by the people, at least two of those In-

quiring Reporter answers lend cause for concern.

The natural reaction to the aforementioned words—especially from the young ladies whose replies are under some degree of fire—would be something like "who does he think he is to criticize us."

Well, maybe it is fair for a young lady's uppermost concern in time of war to be the fact that her supply of dating material might be woefully depleted; but to whom is it fair?

To the young men whose lives are being ruined by the call of the military; to those who lie dead in Korean dust; to their loved ones who must learn to plug the horrible gap in their lives?

Democracy is a responsibility before it is a joy.

### It Could Be Oregon



"Hey, Worthal! It's Professor Snarf, who flunked you in physics last semester!"