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The Emerald: An Opinion on an Opinion

A college newspaper should not give editorial opinion. It should present both sides and favor neither—not even on the editorial page—because that editorial page has a monopoly on the campus.

This is an argument we've heard several times in the last week and once or twice during fall term. It's an argument which was brought up at the last Executive Council meeting with reference to the Emerald's stand opposing the AWS activity point system.

Permit us to reprint part of this year's Emerald policy which was run in the Sept. 28 Emerald:

"We're going to take sides, Not in the news column. Only on the editorial page.

"That's our policy, and this is the Emerald's annual statement concerning what we're going to do in '50-51.

"Some critics of last year's daily say that the editorial page favored one side of an issue while it should have been an impartial presenter of campus opinion.

"That's incorrect.

"The Emerald's editorial page doesn't merit its ink if it doesn't stand for or against something. True, all sides should be looked at, facts should be absolutely accurate, and then the editor and the associates must draw their conclusions.

"They may be wrong. But their sincere and honest opinions will be presented.

"The editorial 'we' in our case stands for the associate editors, Tom King, Ken Metzler, and Don Smith, and the editor.

"Opinions expressed by the foursome will be our own—not necessarily those of the ASUO or the University."

The policy statement also states that "letters to the editor will always be welcome. Signatures are required, but the letters will be run unsigned or with initials, if requested."

And it concludes, "There, we've set down a fragment of Emerald policy. If you have a question, heed the editor's traditional invitation to come around to the Shack . . . the door is always open."

Permit us to reiterate: We're going to take sides. When our side agrees with yours, you'll like the editorial stand. When it disagrees, you'll probably be extremely human and disagree right back.

And for any faction or individual who feels that he has been discriminated against, the Emerald strongly recognizes the right of reply.

But we in turn reserve the right to the editorial columns. And as long as Oregon is a campus of vigorous young men and women, we earnestly hope these editorial columns continue to contain editorial comment.

Snow Foolin' -- It's Snowbelle

When it comes to the selection of campus queens of one sort or another, this page has maintained a neutral attitude.

But now comes the selection of a Snow Queen to represent Oregon at the University of Nevada Snow Carnival this month.

Really now, can there be the slightest doubt? To the everlasting honor of the University of Oregon, the famed honey blonde, the Belle of the Snow—Snowbelle, of course—is the "coed" we'll place our money on.

The St. Bernard sweetheart of Phi Kappa Psi may not shine when the convertibles show off the princesses during Junior Weekend or Homecoming. But take several inches of snow, add Snowbelle, mix thoroughly—and our guess is that she'll bring glory as befits a Queen of the Snow to this institution.

The press releases say any coed is eligible, which includes Snowbelle, because Webster says a coed is "a female student at a coeducational institution."

Our favorite Snow Queen stands a pert 37 inches high in stocking feet and weighs a trim 109 pounds. The five-year-old beauty says her favorite class is family relations, and adds that she'd be "delighted" to compete for the title.

So get busy with the grooming, you Phi Psis. You've got a queen on your hands.—K.M.

THE DAILY 'E' . . .

to Delta Delta Delta sorority, which is offering \$200 worth of scholarships to coeds, sorority or independent, who show promise of becoming a valuable citizen in their future communities.



By Marge Scandling

Like to Try to Kill Stalin? Magazine Gives Tips

Magazine Rack

"Why doesn't Somebody Kill Stalin?", AMERICAN Magazine asks in an article this month . . . explains just why it is that a man hated by so many people is still living . . . one reason is the medieval fortress known as the Kremlin, with its 40-foot high and 12-foot thick walls . . . author, well versed in Soviet affairs, reports that no one lingers outside them for a distance of two miles because of ever-present secret police who immediately stop loiterers and haul them off for questioning . . . a good way to end up in Siberia . . . an army of guards protects the Red dictator while he's in the Kremlin with arms including anti-aircraft guns and field artillery . . . Stalin still has to worry about getting from the Kremlin to his country estate west of Moscow . . . he uses the most heavily policed street in the world to get there, Arbat Ave-

nue . . . on which private citizens cannot have their homes or even walk without special permits . . . in driving, Stalin goes on the theory that speed brings him safety . . . author says watching his caravan leave the Kremlin is like watching the start of an auto race . . . a bell clangs at the castle gate, the way is cleared, and "out shoots a row of seven huge limousines . . . in one of the middle cars sits Stalin, hidden from prying eyes by velvet curtains on the side and rear windows . . . line of cars roars through Arbat Avenue, racing through all red lights, never slowing or stopping" . . . lots of times there are close scrapes with cars and pedestrians that didn't quite make it out of the way in time . . . author concludes by saying that Stalin's death lies in the foreseeable future . . . perhaps by an assassin but more probably by his bad heart giving out on him.

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Speaking of Mr. Stalin, three Vanderbilt University students tried phoning him . . . they agreed with Lewis W. Douglas, former U. S. ambassador to Great Britain, that a frank talk with the Russians might be attempted again to help solve the world's problems . . . U. S. NEWS reports that they replaced their 10-day old phone call to the Kremlin when they heard Douglas' statement . . . but the Moscow exchange said sorry . . . Mr. Stalin would not come to the phone.

The Second Cup

Some more turnabout adages to fit whichever mood you may happen to be in.

Home is where the heart is. Home is where you hang your hat.

Hitch your wagon to a star. Don't bite off more than you can chew.

There's always room for one more. Too many cooks spoil the broth.

It Could Be Oregon



"I think Freddie's eyes are about shot, Coach, think we better pull him?"

Letters

The Campus Answers

A Stubborn Hold

There is something lacking at the University. Students here don't seem to have that certain something that makes for a happy and cooperative student body. This something is SPIRIT!

It is our opinion, as two students recently transferred to Oregon, that this lack of spirit stems from unfavorable reaction to the questionable policies of the administration.

At schools we formerly attended the administration was 100 per cent behind the students. And everyone was treated equally whether he was a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior. We were never treated as children by being told where to live and how long we must live there or what to drink and where to drink it. We were given a choice which our age demanded we be given. It seems that the administration here is only partially behind the students, gently pushing them forward with one hand while the other hand is holding them down.

The reason we pay our money is to be educated and not to be dictated to by the administration.

Does it not seem feasible that during this period, when the many men are entering the armed forces from all campuses, that the administration could release it's stubborn hold that it has on the students through this silly program of deferred living and allow the freshmen to move into their respected living organizations which they have pledged? It would certainly aid the living organizations who are unnecessarily being victimized to the extent that some are on the verge of collapse. Is it the administration's desire to eliminate fraternities, sororities, and co-ops, as well as the students' previous high spirit from the campus?

Respectfully submitted,
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