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After a Slight Pause... KWAX

This is the one the campus has been waiting for.

Days, weeks, and months that stretched into two years have passed by.

Swept away now are the complications, frustrations, and obstacles. In their stead comes the birth of the voice of the University, KWAX.

It's been a long time in coming—so long that the tardiness of the thing began to develop into a standard campus gag.

But today—at 7:30 p.m.—KWAX (alias KDUK) goes into operation—and a basketful of congratulations to Glenn Starlin, assistant professor in radio, station manager Jack Vaughn, the students who generously contributed breakage fees to finance it, and other responsables.

Thus—KWAX has arrived.

Now consider—what has the University got.

First of all: it has another medium for reaching the student body.

In this, it joins the Daily Emerald—which extends a personal welcome to its blood relative in communications.

Time was when radio and the newspaper were considered competitors in the most competitive sense of the term.

That antiquated viewpoint has been turned around.

The radio and the newspaper today are supplementary. The one has actually created interest in the other—resulting in a more conscious awareness on the part of their audiences as to what constitutes the news, the trends, and the information, knowledge, and opinions of the present times.

KWAX logically should have a similar effect—the development of a more extensive and intensive interest on the part of the students as to what is happening on the campus.

Second: KWAX means expansion and fuller scope for the speech department and all those who are concerned with any phase of radio.

The practical experience value of KWAX should be invaluable.

Third: KWAX means a branching out on the part of the University itself. In keeping with the present expansion program, the University last fall saw a Student Union rise up on 13th and University—a library annex completed—and now comes radio.

There will be many criticisms—especially considering the fact that KWAX will operate on FM. Some of those who would like to listen will not find reception on their receivers. Still—half a loaf is better than nothing at all.—T.K.

May I Have This Dance IF...

A class in ballroom dancing has been a long-standing need on the campus and at last one is being planned and will go into operation soon IF...

If the Student Union recreation and dance committees can find a suitable instructor.

If a suitable time can be found. At present committee members are considering Wednesday night just before the square dancing class.

If enough persons are interested. Present indications are that there will probably be enough men interested enough to enroll but the supply of women is another problem. Solutions offered by members of the committee include enrolling by couples, or obtaining a supply of good dancers from the women's houses.

Eliminate the if's and students will find an opportunity to learn some of the dances they may know and to polish up on some of their weak steps. It would be a desirable thing and it can be done—if—K.M.

THE DAILY 'E'...

to Rebec House which received the Women's Recreation Association participation cup for activities during the past year, and to those sportsmen of the faculty, the Flying Saucers, for winning their bowling league championship.



Senate Antics, Alcohol, Bribery Revealed by Neuberger Article

By Marge Scandling

Everything from legislative bribery to the alcoholic intake of Oregon's senators and representatives is revealed in Richard L. Neuberger's "Confessions of a State Senator" in this month's TOMORROW magazine. The senator characterizes the Oregon legislature as "friendly, cautious, well-meaning, slow-moving, preponderantly honest, and deplorably uninformed on many basic issues."

He states the position of his wife, Maurine, a member of the House of Representatives, and himself as two of 18 Democrats among 72 Republicans, despite the fact that Oregon has more registered Democratic voters than Republicans. The cause is district zoning which favors rural and small town representation, which according to Neuberger, are "generally citadels of Republican voting strength."

As to the pay Oregon legislators get, he says that the \$600 paid annually barely takes care of 50 per cent of essential expenses during four months residence in Salem, to say nothing of the time lost from one's business. Some states are far worse off, with Utah legislators getting only \$300 a year.



Re: Rush

By Bob Funk

This is that extremely improbable time of year when initiations, house dances, Duck Preview, All-Campus Vodvil, Junior Weekend, and maybe some other things all occur.

No one will ever understand how these things are able to take place within such a short space of time. It might be a good idea to use the same theme for your house dance, vodvil act, campus sing number, and Junior Weekend Float. If the law of averages is still working, the theme ought to be a winner at least once.

It is always a thing of great wonder that between these grand and springlike events, classes are held. Classes spring term are likely to be somewhat different from those held during the rest of the year.

Present in the spring-term classroom are members of the window-peering cult. These persons fix their eyes upon sun-bathed objects outside of the classroom, such as the cement elevator on the new science building, the far away hills, or the Side. Members of this group are likely to reply, when asked about the Byzantine Empire that they prefer carbonated water in their fresh limeade.

A frequent visitor to the spring-term classroom is the drone bee, which hovers about various nervous persons, evidently trying to make up its mind whether to land or push on to a greener pasture.

It must be said in conclusion that spring affects Emerald columnists in an extremely drastic way. Columns are likely to be shorter than usual, which is a great boon to typesetters, column readers, and the world of literature and literary attempts.

Neuberger describes the personnel of the Oregon Senate as "about equally divided between the young eager-beavers who feel they are on the threshold of glory and the old, tired political war-horses who have never quite attained it."

The old-timers he describes as considerably more humane and bearable. The bulk of the legislators are financially honest, he says. The chief suspicion of a member comes when he puts in a bill which has a high nuisance effect on a certain industry, as a bill which would require all trains to pass through townships at a five-mile an hour creep. The implications is that if the sponsor has never before been interested in such matters, he may be willing to kill his own bill, for the proper inducement.

Neuberger attributes the largely honest reputation to the fact that most of Oregon's senators and representatives are from farms and small towns where charges of corruption would really be damaging, whereas in a big city they might be lost in the shuffle.

Many of the legislators, and especially those from Oregon's wide open spaces, frankly come to the state capital for a good time, Neuberger asserts.

Hostility between the city of Salem and the legislature is mentioned... Neuberger tells of Marion County's refusal to carry the vote to raise legislative pay to even \$600 last November, although the vote carried in the state at large.

In addition he blasts the state capital as "one of the most inefficiently operated communities in Oregon," giving as an example the hardy perennial complaint that "the main line of a transcontinental railway" goes past the State Supreme Court Building, causing the justices to stop their deliberations every time a train goes by.

Oregon's legislature has deliberately been kept weak and

irresponsible, according to the senator. He points out the discrepancy in having the authority to approve expenditure of nearly 350 million dollars from Oregon citizens biennially, but not having committees with authority to take testimony under oath. On such unrecorded testimony the legislature levies taxes, fixes penal sentences, and sets educational standards... it meekly accepts for confirmation the governor's appointees, without investigating them independently.

Much of Neuberger's article is devoted to recommending a no-house legislature. A lower chamber based on population and a Senate based on area were originally needed to lure the smaller colonies into the Federal union, he says, but this no longer applies to the states, and he sees no reason for every bill to be passed twice.

He calls the average legislature a three-ring circus comprised of House, Senate, and conference committee, and quotes political editor of the Oregon Journal as saying it's nearly impossible to cover all three thoroughly.

A last recommendation he makes is for nonpartisan election of legislators, since party affiliations are allied with international affairs and often have little connection with the business of the state.

The Second Cup

Speaking of ugly men...

Better an ugly face than an ugly mind. Ellis.

Absolute and entire ugliness is rare. Ruskin.

Nobody's sweetheart is ugly. Vade.

All that glitters is not gold. Cervantes.

By outward show let's not be cheated. An ass should like an ass be treated. Gay.

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