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## In A Smog Turnover in Personnel: Politics' Passing Parade

with Norm Anderson



How much faculty and administration control is exercised over the Emerald?

That's a question frequently asked by outsiders and just as frequently answered by Emerald staffers, "None."

Neither the journalism school nor the administration dictates policies of the editorial or business sides of Oregon's daily. This complete freedom on a college newspaper is rare, and it is jealously guarded by students and administration alike.

An editor or business manager often asks advice of more experienced heads, but he doesn't always heed the advice. To Emeraldites, the old adage "live and learn" can well be applied.

Management of the Emerald's budget and expenditures is not as much in student hands as are other phases of the publication. This is understandable to some degree in a state institution.

But it is inconsistent when the amount of damage possible from a misspent dollar is compared to the amount of damage possible from an explosive article or editorial. The staff is given credit for more judgment in which word to print than in which dollar to spend.

More than 50 years of complete freedom on the Emerald is one of the prized traditions of Oregon journalism students and graduates. Many men and women who are now veterans in the field of working journalists first tasted the pride of a free press while working on the Emerald.

Practicing journalists such as those who started out at Oregon have joined their voices in print against the killing of one of the world's great newspapers in Argentina. La Prensa's end marks the beginning of increased vigilance by the rest of the world's press.

La Prensa may be far removed from the Emerald. But here is where the ideal begins. Here is where we are taught that a free press is vital to a free people.

And if that concept were to change—either by a Peron or by the peoples choice—the newspapers of the schools and colleges would be among the first to be quieted.

## Sports Night... More Fiasco Than Fun

It was billed as the "biggest show on campus"—as an "indoor picnic."

But the ASUO Sports Night was no picnic—and it was big only in the way it failed.

Several factors were responsible—among them general inefficiency, poor timing, and Student Body President Barry Mountain.

What potentially could have developed into a successful and worthwhile function collapsed because of bad organizing.

Expenses approximated \$150. The total intake as announced Saturday was \$169—and although the final figure will be slightly more than this, it is apparent that profits will be meager. The plan was to make some money for the ASUO—but due largely to organizational malnutrition the sponsor succeeded only in raising few funds and wasting much effort.

From the beginning, the general planning for the event consisted of one faux pas after another. Consider:

(1) There was much question about the exact duties of the chairman—Dale Daugherty. It was decided to have him take charge of the actual events themselves—the sports program for the night. A chairman was needed for the all other work—and Mountain took it upon himself to handle this, a man-sized task that should have been delegated to a regular chairman if only for the stock reasons that more people should be given an opportunity to participate in campus activities.

The result was that many individuals (including the already overworked members of the executive council) were literally dragged off the streets to sell tickets, paint posters, and do other miscellaneous details. Poor organizing.

(2) The date selected was inappropriate. Spring term is a difficult time to get the student body out to see a Friday-night event. Too many students want to go to an outdoor—not an indoor—picnic. Poor organizing.

(3) There was no planned budget. A chairman, the executive council, or some responsible individual should have followed the fundamental rule of handling this. Poor organizing.

(4) Promotional work was badly managed—it did not extend far enough to include the more than 3000 townspeople that it was hoped would be attracted. Poor organizing.

(5) Ticket sales were hampered by lack of time to distribute properly. 6500 were printed. Poor organizing.

(6) The handful of band members who showed up to provide entertainment refused to perform. Were arrangements made sufficiently far enough in advance? Poor organizing.

(7) At the event itself—there was much delay and Jerry Cray failed to provide the animal act as advertised. Anyway, no one thought of providing him with a microphone from the floor until a few minutes before the opening show. Poor organizing.

Sports Night—which as an idea has much merit—was originally conceived by the student body president. Much of the responsibility for its failure comes home to roost.—T. K.

## They've a Story to Tell Us

Foreign students on this campus have made about 175 speeches to various groups throughout the state this year, particularly community and church groups. The demand for them as speakers has become so heavy that all talks are now channeled through the foreign student adviser's office, to keep them from being exploited and kept from their studies.

Why? Obviously because they are interesting, intelligent students, having been selected to come to American schools, for that reason. And they apparently have something to say.

But most of what they say is to off-campus audiences. They run competition with faculty in speaking demands. But they are a part of the University community.

What was the motivation for students and groups who sponsor foreign students on the campus? Casual benevolence? Teach them about the great American tradition? This attitude is a little sterile, we believe.

Probably foreign students know more about world affairs, and international policies—political and diplomatic—than most informed students on the campus.

They could probably teach Oregon students something about their country, their University, and themselves... if anyone were interested.—J.P.

It seems a shame to bring up a subject like this when everything is so pleasant and peaceful. But knowing that the atmosphere will shortly get windy and hot because of elections, now seems a good time to offer a word of advice to those who plan to be running our fair little campus next year.

How about for once nominating and appointing people who will be able to serve the entire year? As both parties hunt for "acceptable" candidates and potentials hunt for the "right" party, it seems only fair to the 4,000 odd students that some consideration be given to them.

Let's have no more of this three senior representatives a year, three junior class presidents, two sophomore class presidents, two complete rally squads, and officials who, for a variety of reasons, are unable to do more for the student body than let their name grace official stationery.

It would be nice for classes, honoraries and so forth to know that the person they elect to head them will do that, and the office won't change two or three times during the year.

The ASUO Constitution says that scholastic requirements for office shall follow the regulations of the student affairs committee. That body says all officers must have a 2.00 accumulative and 2.00

each term. Maybe it wouldn't be such a bad idea for a 2.25 GPA to be made mandatory each term also. Look what happened within the junior class this last year. After all, elected officials are supposed to do many things, besides make their grades.

It's all well and good to hold down a political or non-political position and bask in the glory reflected therefrom. But some of these positions are there to be filled and adequately so, many pay salaries.

This column trusts that both AGS and USA care enough for the effective running of student affairs to provide candidates who will do the job given them. If they do that, the nominating methods are secondary.

Consider carefully between now and May 2 what effect grades, social activities, personal difficulties are going to be and take care of them now. Don't elect someone who then will be forced to bare his troubles to the student body.

Spring term the new Constitution goes into effect. On May 2, a senate of 11 will be elected.

The two highest candidates in this race will be president and vice president. Consequently, all 11 candidates will be running for ASUO president. Is it pertinent to say all 11 should have the qualifications for the office?

## Letters

### The Campus Answers

Something Different  
Emerald Editor:

In the 18th century in England, there were numerous clubs. The fat men had a club; so did the thin men. There was a club for ugly men, one for drinkers, and one for teetotalers. Even the lovers had a club. So why not something a little different at Oregon?

Why not a club for male students who are 25 and over? Such a social group is now in the process of being organized. It will have the frank and uninhibited title of "The 'Ol Men's Club."

The purpose will be one strictly of social activation on and about the campus, so as to promote greater harmony and interest among those who have lived one quarter of a century or more. Since living is becoming more complicated and strenuous as a result of the modern pace, those who have reached the age of 25 deserve some sort of recognition.

After all—the life expectancy in India is still around 30, and shouldn't one receive some sort of reward while at an age when one is certainly more aware of his senses and more appreciative of material things.

"Age is wisdom." This byword is the motto of the club.

The club is being promoted and established by two students who have reached the age of 25. In the business world one of 25 is considered a "young whippersnapper."

### The Second Cup

At the University of Virginia a medical school cadaver was found early one morning hanging from a tree on campus. The body was clad only in a yellow tie and a sign that read, "Fletcher, change your regime." Dean Fletcher, associate dean of admissions, is a member of a three-man board that has the power to dismiss students found deficient in class work.

per."  
At Oregon he is as old as the Stanley Steamer or "23 skidoo."  
Here's to a new organization.  
Tom Barry and Lloyd Lease.

Olives on Toothpicks Again  
Emerald Editor:

To Bruce Shaffer (complaint against the new street-lights) may I say only, "Ya, bo."

Those crazy numbers already look 50 years old.

But there is one thing I want to know. How come the lights don't use candles instead of electricity. It would be more becoming to their design.

Roger Eddy  
Fellow Traveler-of-the-Walks

### It Could Be Oregon



"Just pull 'em all out, Doc—I've got a Speech test tomorrow."

### THE DAILY 'E'...

to the junior class of Kappa Alpha Theta for submitting the winning Junior Weekend theme—"Far Away Places." This theme should work well into the floats and activities of the weekend.