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Marshall's Tomorrow; MacArthur's Today

One month ago the hero-general of the Far East was deposed; since that time the crux of the big debate has shifted. No longer is it a question of whether Truman was correct in dismissing a man whose military record is one of the brightest pages of the present day. The axis of the argument has turned on a new and more vital problem—what should the United States do in Korea.

The public today has a clearer understanding of the main issues of foreign policy as a result of testimony by MacArthur and George C. Marshall.

These Senate hearings have produced two conflicting lines of thought. Stripped down, they pose a central problem which amounts to this:

Does McArthur Tempt Russia? Would MacArthur's aggressive Korean policy provoke Russian intervention leading to World War III—or would it be better if the United Nations forces instead held the line in Korea and saved the great body of their strength for a possible conflict in Europe.

Certainly, if the Communists can be defeated in Korea without bringing Russia actively into the war, then a major crisis in the struggle for the preservation of freedom will have been successfully passed.

MacArthur does not believe that Russia would intervene—that when it fights it will do so of its own volition and on its own terms.

The Truman-Marshall line contends that the danger of provoking Russian intervention is too great to wage an unrestrained war in Korea. They would prefer that the battleground of the next war, if it comes, be in Europe.

To follow MacArthur is a grand gamble in which the stakes are high and the outcome uncertain:

To follow Truman-Marshall means more loss of life in Korea, more indecisiveness—but less of a gamble.

Long Run Vs. A Short Step MacArthur's policy is geared for the short run, Truman's and Marshall's for the long run.

All of which leads right down to the final vital question: Is the United States and the rest of the democratic world strong enough to wage a successful all-out war against Russia at present time?

In his testimony Saturday, Marshall said, when asked this question, "I do not want to talk about it on the record."

It will be recalled that a short while back Defense Mobilizer Charles Wilson said the United States would reach peak strength in two years.

That may be the answer. If it is—then this nation cannot afford to tempt Russia into a war, not until it achieves a maximum military capacity of its own.

Thus—the end must in the long run overshadow considerations. It means more losses in Korea—but the alternative might mean loss of the United States itself.

An Open Door Policy for Oregon

A suggestion for Commencement weekend.

Open up this campus and let our parents and friends see what it has to offer. One of the unwritten activities on a "parents to the campus" weekend is a tour through the new buildings and it's hardly hospitable to face one locked door after another.

For instance, the theater end of Villard Hall was closed to visitors, both on Sunday afternoon and late Friday afternoon for sure.

And parts of the Student Union are certainly not easy to pry into at any time. The most beautiful room in the building, the Chambers board room, is practically inaccessible to anyone other than members of the student-faculty groups which hold meetings there.

Once we found the janitor at the other end of the building, last weekend, and he was good enough to unlock it, we were allowed to stand outside and look in. We shouldn't step in, mighty valuable rug." One pint-sized spectator innocently asked, "Can't you vacuum it?"

It's probably asking too much to have such a room open at all times, but on such a weekend as the last one, certain hours could have been set aside for visitors. These same hours could have applied for the entire campus, and all doors could have been opened.

No part of this institution is so valuable that parents and friends cannot look it over and walk through. If that ever comes to pass, we'll be more museum than university, and that's not Oregon.

You... and your Emerald

"Gotta good story... be sure and put it on the front page."

That's one of the most familiar phrases brought into the Emerald Shack by persons outside the staff. And it's probably the request most often ignored by news staff personnel.

So we'll explain why every story can't be run in the exact position and day that it is requested.

First, every president or publicity chairman thinks his story is of vital importance... one of the most significant pieces going into the Emerald that day. And it may be. But the story must be weighed against dozens of other news items. Its timeliness, its significance to the entire campus or a large segment, its news value must be considered.

And certainly the person closest to that story can't look at it with an unbiased eye. Therefore, it's up to a staff member to stack all the stories up, stand apart from them, and then place them where he thinks best.

This is the job done daily by the assistant managing editor, frequently with the assistance of the managing editor. A collegiate daily is handicapped because five different assistant managing editors determine makeup and story placement during the week. It's too big a job for one student, but on a professional newspaper one man handles the position.

When a different man does the job every day, five sets of news values and judgments are used. The consistency of the city daily cannot be maintained. This lack of consistency is more pronounced when you realize that a complete new staff takes over the paper every year under a new editor. And just as the staff changes, so changes the policies of the editors.

One top man may believe a suspension story should be page 1, while another would not even run the item. Neither is right nor wrong. It is a matter of policy which must be set by the editor and his staff for reasons which they consider important.

College editors and staff members may make policy decisions which would be opposed by more experienced heads. And college newsmen may make very different decisions after a few years in the business.

But that's another "You and Your Emerald" column. Back to placement of news stories.

Many factors other than the assistant managing editor's judgment enter in. The story may be submitted too much past the 4:30 p.m. deadline. Questions of accuracy in the information may have to be corrected. And other more important news may crowd this story to back pages or keep it out entirely if it is held a day or two.

In the last analysis, it's a decision which must be made by the Emerald. It does no harm for the man with a story to try and pressure it onto the front page, but neither does it do him any good if the story should not be there.

THE DAILY 'E'...

to the picnic committee, parade committee, and all participants who pulled Junior Weekend through extremely well despite the weather.

THE OREGON LEMON...

to Aaron "Buck" Buchwach and his rain editorial which was guaranteed to keep Oregon dry during Junior Weekend. Maybe the jinx was the Emerald reporter who retyped it. He's from California.



Campus Critic

I Dislike Haranguing On the Same Subject...

By Don Smith

Some comments on Queens, fraternities, and Druids—provoked by recent activity.

It is unfortunate that Druids, junior men's honorary (this word is pure flattery in describing this group), has seen fit to continue its bone-head tradition of selecting members primarily from the houses whose membership was most recently represented. Of the eight members tapped this past weekend, five had house brothers in Druids. It is undeniable that of these five some were deserving of membership in a class honorary. But it is also undeniable that the major qualification of some is that of having a strong supporter in the group.

Hope for reform is slight. Druids of ability usually turn

their talents to serving the campus in ways outside the honorary, leaving the few rotten apples to spoil the group.

Turning to a happy coincidence, that is as pleasant as the above is unpleasant, you may note that Kappa Alpha Theta has had two Junior Weekend Queens in a row, an unusual and complimentary distinction for the Thetas, and particularly for Queens Nancy Chamberlain and Jeanne Hoffman. This may indicate that the Thetas have some of the most beautiful women on the campus. Following the coincident through both Queens were escorted by Sigma Chis—Jim Goode and Bob Gray. This indicates that the Sigma Chis have some of the luckiest men on the campus.



In A Smog

A Cocktail Party, But No Trace of T.S. Eliot

with Norm Anderson

Have you ever been to a cocktail party?

That's the thing that people always go to even if they're not going any place else. But miss the cocktail party, Oh no!

The people at such events are interesting. Like instructors who come out of an educational haven and lower themselves to the level of students and sop it up as fast as it's poured, braced against the nearest wall to keep it from falling down. And people who clinch a glass, find a seat and hold out in that location until the last smoke ring drifts up the fireplace.

There is always the concentrated and intense race to keep up with one's neighbors and a mental counting off to ascertain "how many that woman's had." Too many, without doubt.

And of course there is always the hostess who tries so hard to

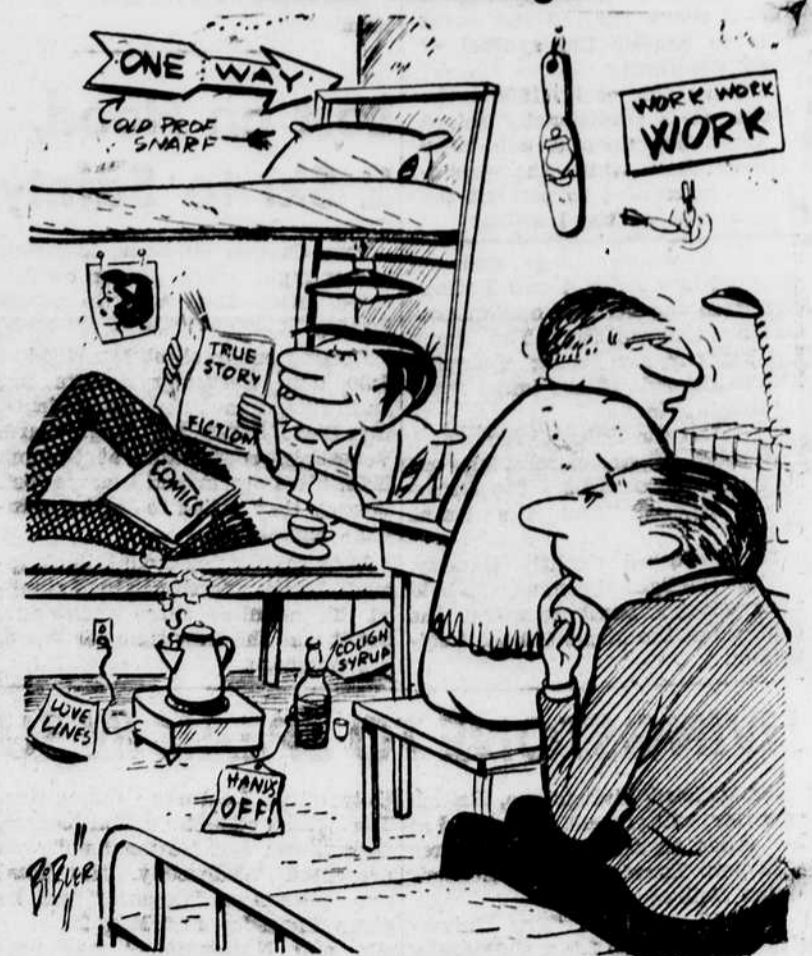
work out a concoction that it strong enough to be tasted by women but not so strong to do serious damage to the equilibrium.

Then sadly she learns that the women want the stuff mixed up for the men, the kind that hits you in the teeth and pounds itself all the way down. Then she's had it.

But somehow there is an enjoyable casualness about such parties. Never is there a real need to know anyone's name or to place them in focus so you can remember them later when you meet on the quad. The conversation is casual and pointless and catty. Reputations rise and fall, mostly the latter. People relax and become the personality they wish they were always, or others wish they were always.

To think that the cocktail party took the place of the old-fashioned, afternoon tea party.

It Could Be Oregon



"Yeah, he was a good student until this semester. Last year he promised his girl they'd be married when he graduated this spring."