

# Oregon Daily EMERALD

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## Report on Gripeless Gripe Contest

Several months have passed since the Emerald stuck its neck out by asking for gripes from the student body.

Last term we asked for petitions from everyone who had a gripe to get off his chest. Then we waited.

The response has been phenomenal.

Thus far not one gripe has been received. From this we may assume (1) Oregon students are too lazy to gripe about anything, or (2) Oregon students are the happiest people in the world.

Naturally, we chose the latter thesis. But it was necessary to prove it.

We strolled through the Student Union and tallied the facial expressions. Here's what we found:

Smiles .....	32	Neutral .....	7
Frowns .....	4	Miscellaneous .....	2

We walked across the campus and said "HI!" to everyone we passed. In response we received an assortment of Hi's and Hello's as follows:

MALE:		FEMALE:	
Hi .....	11	Hi .....	9
Hello .....	9	Hello .....	7
How are you? .....	7	How are you? .....	4
No response .....	5	Drop dead .....	1
		No response .....	4

We're discounting the female who said "drop dead". She's an old acquaintance who hasn't spoken to us for years.

From these figures it seems quite obvious that Oregon students are in good spirits despite the fact that this is approximately term-paper season.

Without doubt the sunshine has much to do with it; there may be other factors.

Incidentally, anyone knowing the identity of the cute red-head (5'2", blue eyes) who says "Hi!" in the nicest way, please phone 217.—K.M.

## The Senate Votes for Grain--At Last

It is seldom that grain rises to become an issue of international importance—but in the case of India it is a simple matter of life and death.

The Senate, after teeth-gnashing delays, finally approved sending 2,000,000 tons of wheat to India on easy loan terms.

The vote came not a minute too soon—though quite possibly too late.

Next the proposal must go to the House of Representatives, where gathering opposition is expected to contest the grain shipment.

Meanwhile—the Russian government, ever the opportunists, has stepped in and made provisions for furnishing grain shipment to help the famine-stricken Indians. The propaganda value of such a maneuver is incalculable—although the United States has been expediting shipments all along, though apparently without credit.

Thus—the United States is fiddling while India burns; and it has all worked out so that Russia has intervened to provide the tune.

The situation is a sorry one—whatever transpires in the House. But swift action by that body would to some measure counteract Russia's opportunism and perhaps win India as a friend of the Democratic nations.

Of more importance:

Opponents of the grain shipment dislike Indian criticism of United States policies in the United Nations and Korea.

That is a political matter.

Meanwhile, people starve and die. That is not a political matter.—T.K.

### THE DAILY 'E' ...

to Edith Kading and Bruce Wallace who last night were named editor and business manager, respectively, of next fall's Pigger's Guide.

### THE OREGON LEMON ...

to draft-eligible students who through negligence have failed to arrange to take the forthcoming selective service aptitude test.

## Letters

# The Campus Answers

## Students Respond to 'The Code of Prejudice at Oregon'

An editorial in Thursday's Emerald dealt with a specific case of racial prejudice at the University, and more important with a basic problem of prejudice which society faces. The last paragraph said:

"Where is the courage so many of us lack when it comes time to stand up against something which we know is wrong? We will only advance when we

dare to advance, although some of our culture will lag behind us, leaning on signs saying 'we can't change the unwritten rules of society... somebody else will have to do it first.'

Campus reaction reaching the Emerald was extremely encouraging. It showed the courage is here, and we will dare to advance. Witness the following letters:

### Intestinal Fortitude Emerald Editor:

It gives many of us heart and a deep sense of gratitude to the powers that be to see the refreshing editorial in Thursday's Emerald on "The Code of Prejudice at Oregon."

That some of the leaders and moulders of thought on our campus have enough intestinal fortitude to speak the thing that ought to be spoken in this time when democracy is on trial is very significant.

The whole editorial page, I'm sure, gives us a lift. Thank you.

Clarence Elliott  
Manager, Carson Hall store

### Resolution Passed Emerald Editor:

At an executive meeting of the Young Democratic Club of Lane County, a resolution was passed commending and supporting the stand taken by the young lady in defiance of undemocratic principles enunciated by her sorority's "National Officers and older alumni."

We are also commending the Editor of the Emerald for her stand against this social injustice and disregard of the principle of equality as expressed in our U. S. Constitution.

Young Democrats of Lane County  
George Smith, President,

### "Impossible to Believe"

Emerald Editor:

I was shocked to read of the sorority which gave one of its members the choice of breaking her dates with a colored man or moving out.

It is impossible to believe that this sorority was acting on its convictions. Surely we Oregon students all respect the worth of every individual, whatever his color. If college has not taught us that, it has taught us nothing. But it seems that we lack the courage of our convictions. We are afraid of what other people will say.

The kind of action taken by the sorority not merely limits the freedom of colored students at this university; it hits just as severely at the freedom of white students spontaneously to associate with whom they please. These students have cut off a whole area of possibilities from their own lives.

I admire the uprightness of the girl who chose to move out rather than acquiesce in her sorority's segregation policy. Traditionally students of all countries have been leaders in the fight for human rights. What is the matter with us?

Renate Kaufmann

### Fundamental Issues Emerald Editor:

In regard to the editorial published in yesterday's paper, there seems to us to be two fundamental issues involved:

1. Does a house have the right to determine who a member's friends shall be?
2. Should alumni control the house policy for the acting members of the house?

Notwithstanding one's membership in a dormitory or a sorority, it is incomprehensible to us that any group on the campus of an American University should so openly avow principles so con-

trary to our cherished democratic principles.

We do not feel that any campus living organization has the right to select the choice of friends of its members, especially on the grounds of race, religion, or nationality.

Furthermore, we do not believe that an alumni group should be allowed to exert control over the policies of the active members of the house. Such actions retard the personality development and intellectual growth which university experience should foster.

Therefore, on the basis of these fundamental questions, we disapprove of the action taken by the house.

Janice Evans  
Eva Gall  
Bonnie Gienger  
Barbara Hendren  
Helen Johnson  
Jerrie Liebreich  
Eve Overback  
Toinette Rosenberg  
Mary Schonweiler  
Jo Lovv  
Martha Tapanainen

### "No Valid Reason"

Emerald Editor:

Does any living organization have the right to determine who is "socially acceptable" in a heterogeneous society such as exists in the United States?

I would like to ask what reasons have been given for discriminating against members of the minority racial groups existing on our campus?

As I see it no valid reason has ever been given supporting racial discrimination. Must it be repeated once more that scientific evidence has proven that the mental capacities of one racial group are no more superior than the mental capacities of any other racial group.

With this knowledge, on what do we base our prejudices? We base them on racial differences

that have no value whatsoever to the survival of mankind. We base our prejudices on such differences as texture of body hair, color of skin and eye shape. We evaluate racial groups in comparison to the standards of our own particular race.

But who is to say which race has the best standards? Before this can be determined, an individual would have to be born and reared under the standards of each racial group in question.

We attend a University that is government supported. We owe it to our government and to ourselves as individuals to support the liberal and democratic ideals on which our government was founded.

Carolie Coffey

## The Second Cup

Education commences at the mother's knee, and every word spoken within the hearsay of little children tends toward the formation of character.—Hosea Ballou.

What greater or better fight can we offer the republic than to teach and instruct our youth? —Cicero.

Training is everything. The peach was once a bitter almond; cauliflower is nothing but cabbage with a college education.—Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain)

The things taught in schools and colleges are not an education, but the means of education. —Emerson

Wear your learning like your watch, in a private pocket; and do not pull it out and strike it, merely to show that you have one. Chesterfield.

Reading maketh a full man; conference a ready man; and writing an exact man. Bacon.

## It Could Be Oregon



"Everyone passed yesterday's shotgun—so we'll have another today"