

# Oregon Daily EMERALD

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## We Will Miss Him

Early Friday afternoon we received the shocking news of the death of Prof. Randall Mills. Words failed us, but we felt that something good had gone out of our lives—something that would no longer provide a sense of humor along with a rather pedantic lecture on American literature.

The passing of Randall Mills takes with it his friendly smile, which appeared slashed across his face in a twisted gesture; an interesting side-light that would suddenly pop into his mind while he was lecturing on Walt Whitman, or Mark Twain, or John Dos Passos, or any of the beloved American authors; and the bouncing good humor that was his alone.

To say that Randall Mills was an exceptionally good professor would have been decried by him first. But we liked his classes and tried desperately to take a course from him, despite our crowded schedules; we liked his slight carelessness in dress, and we liked his leather briefcase from which poured voluminous notes on Americana; we liked his story of the English woman and the cigarette; and we liked his perpetual complaint about journalism—which he held at the same time he exhibited a genuine interest in the American press; but most of all, we liked him.

We'll miss you, Professor Mills, and it will be a long time before anyone fills the place you held on the Oregon campus. Men like you just don't come along everyday.—L. D.

## Let's Hear from Pvt. Jones

We note with interest that "the Republican leadership in the House of Representatives" is taking action preparatory to ensuring that members of the armed services will be able to vote in the forthcoming elections.

We're strongly in favor of the aims of the committee appointed for this purpose. Many of our youngest citizens may well be lodging in foxholes by the time the first election following their 21st birthday rolls around. If these young voters are impressed then with responsibility of the American voter, they will be better citizens upon their return to the States.

What we don't like about this proposal is its partisan nature. There's no sense in having the Democrats and Republicans squabbling over who gets to provide the vote for the servicemen. The parties should join forces to make certain those eligible are given every opportunity to vote. This would prevent the unpleasant sight of one party posing as the "savior of the servicemen."

It looks like the generals are going to play an impressive political role in the months to come. The GOP has Eisenhower and is still wondering in which direction the MacArthur support will go. And the Democrats still have their gold braid millstone—Gen. Harry Vaughn. It's time we heard from Pvt. John Jones.—D. D.

## Mid-terms Are Coming



"Class, after glancing through the last test papers I find that some of you could well afford to pay a little more attention to class lectures."

# -- Letters to the Editor -- PAY PHONES ARE UNFAIR

### From Hendricks Hall

Emerald Editor:

The installment of pay phones in dormitories was a bitter pill for students to swallow, but the thought of dropping a dime in the already glutted slot makes us choke.

More often than not, the person one calls at a living organization is not in at the time one calls, therefore the coin is lost, and the purpose unfulfilled. This reduces making calls to a form of gambling—shall I take a chance? Maybe I'll win, maybe I'll eventually go bankrupt.

In the meantime, the telephone gulps down coins without giving the student the direct service he should get for a nickel, much less for a dime. Consequently, we will abandon the milder epithets previously reserved for the telephone company, and concentrate on guster forms of unadulterated condemnation.

(Signed:)

Lois M. Albright, Carolyn Asher, Czynna Williams, Valerie Holden, Ayako Teruda, Nancy K. Walau, Sue Berg, Nancy McDonald, Totsie Ross, Betty Sarpola, Shirley Anderson, Doris Liljeborg, Barbara Cook, Marilyn Southard, Janet Souther, Alice Johnson, Velma Lou Howard, Geraldine Wolfe, Marilyn Blakley, Lila Salling, Jean Shirliff, Marilyn Bistline, Jeanne Wilson, Betty Waters, Betsey Beades, Vivian Johnson, Iene Hoppins, Sue Polsky, Harriet Oliver, Marxine Vedder, Mary Ann Detlefsen, Donna Andrews, Carlyn C. Huntington, Dolores Heurta, Reda Bombarde, Verna Shillington, Margie Harris, Ayoka Nagasaka, Lois Schmidt, Terry Nakagawa, Flo Evans, Luella Adams, Jeri Austin, Sue Behneke, Mary Anne Foster, Dorothy Casey, Mary Barber, Evelyn Marsh, Cornelia Horton, Roberta Stenkamp, La Rue Daniel, Helen Jones, Martha Bardenhagen, Marlies Abplanalp, Barbara Redford, Nora Valdez, Carol Buffington, Barbara McNabb, Jean Macklin, Patsy Davies, Marlene Lewis, Ginger Lauden, Barbara Jean Todd, Donna Anderson, Pat Pollak, Elaine Nadean, Mae Gorski, Dolores Evehus, Juanita Carroll, Sue McFall, Diana Skidmore, Barbara Nichols, Ann Robinson, Synove Erickson.

### From Tri Delt

Emerald Editor:

We would like to register a protest against the present system of pay phones in University of Oregon living organizations for the following reasons:

1. Expense to the individual student. It is frequently necessary to call several times before the other party can be reached. Each call costs money, whether the desired person is home or not.
2. We object to being called a semi-public building as we feel that any house in which we spend nine months of the year is our home, and we should be entitled to the privilege of a regular phone open to all persons living within the house.
3. A business phone should be available for business calls at all times, and should not be kept under lock and key.
4. We object to being made a test case when colleges in Washington, California, and other parts of Oregon do not have pay phones. It was our understanding at the time of installation that the change was being made throughout the Northwest, while it had been found that this information was not true.

Therefore, we would like to see the present pay phone system abolished, and the method, which has been successfully used in the past, reinstated.

(Signed:)

JoAnne Hewitt, Meredith Goodrich, Janie Simpson, Joan Cartozian, Mary Jo Allison, Alice L. Ohling, Jeanne Merrian, Karen Jacobson, Mary Dorris, Virginia Dailey, Elizabeth Erlanson,



BRING IT BACK!

Gretchen Grondahl, Joan Gerlach, Nancy Van Allen, Arlene Kennedy, JoAnn Prixeulx, Janet Leffel, Norma Multgren, Joan M. Dysart, Barbara Rubin, Jeanne Bossardet, Patricia Johnson, Jean Peterson, Joan Lawson, Mary Ellen Moore, Janet Glover Bell, Marilyn Thompson.

### From Nestor Hall

Emerald Editor:

We, the members of Nestor hall, hereby wish the removal of pay phones in favor of free phones.

(Signed:)

John Tonack, Paul Weller, John Ross, Milan Foster, Chuck Plummer, Jim Tenneyson, Jim Archer, Pete Williams, John Jensen, Walter C. Lang, Robert Takano, Richard Wilbanks, Pat Rooney, John Danielson, Jack Dennon, Bob Shaw, Walt Lovell, Jim Harris, Frank Bear, Don Virtanen, Bob Bosworth, George Lee, Gordon Ross, Chuck Palmer, Mike St. John, Des Haldeman, Douglas Clement, Bruce Springbett, Bob Haney, Bill Haney, Harvey Wells, Pat Curtis, John Templeton, Gary Canova, Dick Lewis, Dave Jeremiah, Art Greiser, Gene Duncan, Dick Rofford, Ron Bottler.

### From ADPi

Emerald Editor:

The present pay phone system is very bad. We were "railroaded" into it by the PUC and the PT&T.

Probably the most important reasons for objecting to the pay phones are as follows:

1. Costly to the individual student
2. Inconvenience
3. The PUC has defined living organizations as "public places"
4. Not all other Oregon colleges have the phones.

I feel the only solution to this problem is to revert to the set-up which we had last year (1950-51) which called for private phones installed in the houses. The students on this campus should offer no compromise, because a compromise would be just as costly and inconvenient as well as unjust.

(Signed:)

Barbara Williams, Clara Belle Roth, Jean Sauer, Gloria Barry, Harriet Vahey, Patricia Bellmer, Jill Christolm, Jane Knecht, Charlotte Regan, Donna-claire Ringle, Bobbie Howard, Anne Graham, Joan Williams, Nancie Steinmetz, Gerry Marsh, Maxine Hill, Joyce Sinner, Eva Jean Miller, Pat Brown, Anna Clark, Sharon Hamilton, Donnale Sandusky, Barbara Bates, Betty Harland, Frances Neel.

### Don't Compromise

Emerald Editor:

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph co. has finally succeeded in invading your "homes away from homes" by the installation of pay phones, and have now upped the rate to 10 cents. They have succeeded in doing this with misleading statements. You have been told that your living organizations were public dwelling and that under their ruling pay phones would have to be installed.

They then told us there should be no reason why we should object because other colleges and

universities of the Pacific Northwest fell under the same rule. When we found out the truth it was too late. The "one-armed bandits" had already been installed.

When we had combined forces with Oregon State and protested vigorously the phone company backed down and agreed to install a campus exchange if the students and administration so desired.

The phone company has the students so completely bluffed that they are afraid to stay organized to fight this deplorable situation. The students should realize the tremendous amount of influence and power they have through close co-operation and unification. There is absolutely no reason why the pay telephones should be in our living organizations. To compromise is to admit defeat.

Student co-operation, public pressure and action through officials can and should be brought to bear on this situation. These things the students can and should do, let's do it.

Nell Chase

### From Sigma Chi

Emerald Editor:

We, the undersigned members of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, have agreed not to utilize the phones of the campus if the proposed raise in rates is put into effect.

We strongly favor return to the system of last year (1950-51), or, use of the proposed toll-free inter-campus phone system. If neither of these plans is feasible, the present five-cent rate is our next alternative.

Under no conditions will we pay 10 cents a call!

(Signed:)

Robin Lamson, Stuart Richardson, James Young, John Whitty, Pete Charlton, Mike Moran, Jack Landrud, Jim Owens, Jack Clement, Ron Spores, Benj. Salvon, Bob Ruan, Ron Walters, Jerry Garrett, Brent Bates, Ralph Wackerbarth, Jack Loftis, Bob Scott, Don Sloan, Dick Petzoldt, Bruce Irving, John Elliot, Ron Sigler, D. L. Mobley, G. T. Frey, Don Hedgepeth, Jim Dersham, Tom Macdonald, Frank Fulmer, Clyde Fahman, Jean Boddewyn, Harrison Fagg.

### From Pi Phi

Emerald Editor:

We as a group object to the explanations used by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph at the installation of pay telephones in campus living organizations, but also to action itself.

The action was defended by a statement that Oregon State college already had pay telephones in operation. This was a gross misrepresentation of facts, hardly a misunderstanding on the part of those who used the defense.

We strongly feel that the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph would not have resorted to such a faulty explanation if it had had a substantial basis for its actions. We found our objections to pay telephones in campus living organizations, therefore, on the following grounds, all of which we consider substantial:

1. Our living groups are not public institutions of any sort, but rather private non-profit groups.

2. We are residents of Eugene for nine months out of each year and are considered as such by the U.S. census. We look upon our houses as homes.

3. It cannot be argued that the number of calls we make is out of proportion with the norm as in innumerable business offices, public institutions with private telephones, and telephones are used constantly.

4. The average college student finds it difficult enough to finance his education without this added personal expense. It seems

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