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## Letters to the Editor

### Come Again—Soon!

**Emerald Editor:**  
 This is a note to all the dads of the men living in the dorms:

We are certainly glad to have had you down for Dad's Day, Pop; not only did your presence give our morale a boost, it also had a good effect on our stomachs.

Or didn't you notice those juicy, thick, filet steaks we had for dinner Saturday night? Or that tender ham and fluffy mashed potatoes we stuffed ourselves with on Sunday?

"My," I bet you said to yourself, "they sure feed my kid fine down here."

But don't you believe it, dad; it was all a show—for your benefit—staged by the dormitory people. We've had steaks—and not very good ones—about four or five times since fall term started. And never anything as nice as those steaks we had on Saturday night.

Anyway, we've had one blissful weekend—and the dormitory big-wigs have showed you a "typical" meal served to the men in the dorms.

Don't get me wrong, though, Dad; we're not starving. Just gagging a little.

Yours for bigger—and more frequent—Dad's Days.

Larry Lavelle  
 Phil Bettens

### No Clarification

**Emerald Editor:**

I agree with M. Delemme that the article about Asia in the Jan. 30 Emerald was utterly ridiculous; however, I fail to see where Delemme's explanation clarifies anything and it certainly does nothing to counteract some of the more extravagant statements of his previous article.

I must confess inability to understand Delemme's epithets of "mystic" and "diagnostic" as used to describe "the Hindu" and "the Chinese," respectively. Such words can be used to mean just about anything and consequently mean nothing. Delemme's approach to Asian matters seems to be that of a person who is overwhelmed by what appears too enigmatic to understand, so why try?

One wonders also what Delemme means by "Asiatic." Here he uses the adjective of the imperialist mentality to refer to numerous peoples of widely varying cultures and living in areas as widely separated as London and Novosibirsk.

I do not share Delemme's fears that "our work will be washed away because they will be unable to maintain it." The trouble with people like Delemme is that they do not reflect upon the work of centuries which the West found when it arrived in Asia. Asian cultures have not been a structure held together by the mortar of imperialist administrators. But if Delemme is referring to the cultural oppression and economic impoverishment which the West has worked upon Asia then I am of the opinion that "our work" MUST be washed away.

John A. Simmons

### From the Morque...

5 YEARS AGO

Feb. 4, 1947—Grave concern over growing pressure groups in Congress was sounded Saturday morning by Oregon's junior senator, Wayne Morse, in a speech before faculty members and students of the law school.

Entertainment during Dad's day weekend, Feb. 15 and 16, will include the production of the Broadway stage success, "I Remember Mama."

30 YEARS AGO

Feb. 4, 1922—The presidents of the five Northern Division schools met on the Oregon campus to make a resolution against the policy of paying college athletes.

## So THIS Is Oregon

# Something Wrong with Emerald? Here's the Why and Wherefore

By Jim Haycox

What's wrong with the Emerald?

You hear the question now and then. And the fact that it is asked necessitates an answer.

An ASUO senator said it gave unjust and prejudicial treatment to certain news items. Other ASUO officers have said some of its news stories are "colored"—shedding a bad light on student government or certain individuals.



JIM HAYCOX

And all sorts of little people—just people—have little gripes. Not enough social news. Not enough emphasis on dances and big weekends. In some cases no news at all.

It boils down to this. Some factions maintain the paper should take what they might call "more interest in the campus" or something akin to that. Some of the things they consider really big are cut down too much.

And many in this group add the corollary that the Emerald handles some things it has no right to handle. They say, for example, when somebody gets a traffic ticket—he ought to be left alone.

The gist of the complaint is "why not print just the good news... and not the bad." It is not in the school's interest to drag skeletons out of the closet—no matter how recent the vintage.

This isn't a bad argument, incidentally. It's easy to believe and apparently more than a few do believe it. It is, however, wrong.

The point must first be made,

or admitted, that mistakes, often mechanical, are made. And that reporters, present company not excluded, do write misleading or factually inaccurate stories. Sometimes these things are caught—sometimes not.

The real point, however, is this. The Emerald, imperfect as it is, would be worth nothing at all if it didn't continue to cover: (1) all the news, and (2) both sides of the issue where possible. And do it to the best of its ability.

You may maintain that it accomplished no good to state that the senate Thursday night voted party against party.

And you may end up with the opinion, as some people have, that the Emerald is prejudiced, is outgunning for people and organizations in its news columns. That is not true.

The placement and length of a news story are based on several things—interest, significance and timeliness being perhaps most important.

When something appears on page one, therefore, you can conclude that, with what news there was during the day, these items were most significant in the judgment of the people who put them there.

And you may also conclude, when you find something you think objectionable print, it is there, page one or eight, for the same reason.

The paper is written to serve almost 5,000 students. It must tell them as much about every newsworthy situation as it can, must inform them on both sides. And it must take both the good and the bad news (bad from the point of those who feel it adversely effects somebody or something) or it becomes just as biased and worthless as the commonest politician.

## The Atomic Age

# Egyptians, Iranians Discovering Hate Doesn't Make Best Policy

By Phil Johnson

The hasty exit of the Wafdist party from the control of Egypt last week was a favorable development in the West's position in the global picture.

Mustapha el Nahas Pasha's cabinet was killed by the Frankenstein monster which it had created. Having engaged in the popular Arab sport of British-hating, the cabinet had taken steps which ultimately led to wild orgies of rioting, killing and burning in the streets of Egypt's capital city.



Phil Johnson

The Wafdist party attempted to capitalize upon the old Egyptian dislike for Englishmen. The people were stirred up by the government's impractical demands upon Great Britain. Clashes between English and Egyptian troops in the Suez canal area contributed to the general unrest.

The Wafdist campaign was successful, and the public seemed to be united behind the party. However, the Egyptian mobs were not satisfied with England's reaction to the Arab demands.

Shouting for "war! war! war!" with England, rioters burned dozens of buildings in downtown Cairo.

Finally, King Farouk, apparently fearing a revolution against his own rule, dismissed the Wafdist cabinet.

Like the Iranian government,

which lost a large proportion of the national revenue in its peculiar anti-England campaign, the Wafdist regime discovered that a policy based upon hate is not always the best.

Of course, the Egyptians may have valid reasons for their anti-British attitudes. However, their demands bordered upon absurdity.

It is foolish to expect the English to abandon the Suez canal at this time of international tension. The weak Egyptian army would be able to offer little opposition to a sudden Soviet attack.

However, the Egyptians and Iranians do not seem to be concerned about the effect of their policies upon defense of the world against Communism.

The nationalization of the Iranian oil fields was considered to be a great blow to the armament of the anti-Communist nations, but why should this bother Premier Mossadegh? He would uphold the sofa while the house burns down.

The Wafdists and Mossadegh have done their dirty work. The West is probably weaker than before, and the Soviet Union is probably comparatively stronger. If the residents of Egypt and Iran turn to Communism as an alternative to their present self-caused chaos, the Russians will be only too willing to alter the political situation from knavery to slavery.

The English may be unwelcome in the Arab nations, but a century of British rule is preferable to a month of Communist control. It is hoped that the Arab will not learn that lesson the hard way.

## Grin and Bear It

We're going to be faced with a situation of the grin-and-bear-it variety at the end of this term.

In case you've been reading your social calendar, you'll realize that the Oregon state high school basketball tournament is scheduled for Mar. 18 through 22 in Eugene.

Final week is Mar. 17 through 22.

Why should this be rather disturbing? Well, the respective habits of the high schoolers and the final-bound University students are likely to cause a bit of conflict—notably in the Student Union.

We've noticed in previous years that the high school set, when on campus, invariably makes a beeline for the SU, with its soda bar and recreational facilities.

And the custom of "going for coffee" before and after finals is a time-honored tradition for the college crowd.

However, we're determined to make the best of it. The high school fans will be here, in a sense, as guests of the University. As such, they're our guests too. The impression these prospective Webfoots get while they're here will in many cases be their only chance to judge the Oregon student body.

And there's a ray of light in the statement made by Student Affairs Director Donald M. DuShane to the Student Union board recently, to the effect that arrangements are being made to hold future tournaments during Oregon's spring vacation, thus avoiding conflict.

Meanwhile, we'll give our high school friends a big smile and a friendly "hello"—and return to the books.—G. G.

## Wish Gets Frustrated

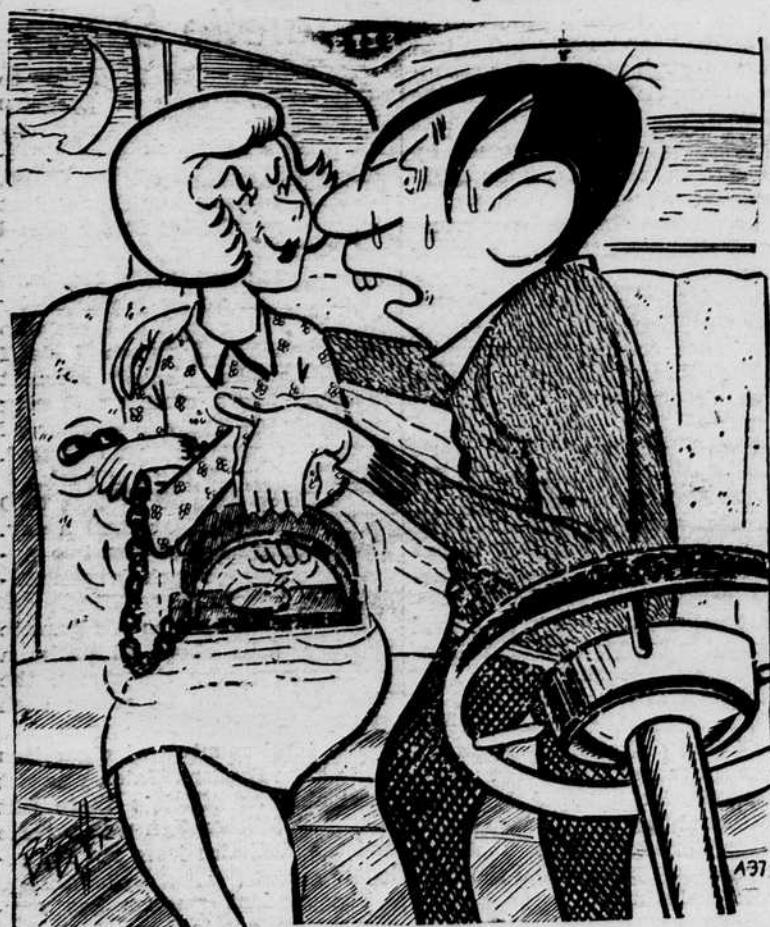
ASUO President Bill Carey's wish isn't coming true.

On Thursday, Sept. 17, 1951, he said—at the initial meeting of the ASUO senate—that he hoped political affiliations in the group were "no longer in existence."

Last Thursday night there was a plain USA-AGS split on a motion tabling a proposed direct primary and convention system for ASUO elections. AGS wanted to table it; USA, to discuss it. AGS won.

Too bad, Bill. But every year when spring term elections begin to loom over the horizon, student legislators—whether they be senators, executive councilors, or what—begin to think along party lines.

## Secret Weapon



"Frankly, Louise, I think a simple 'no' would have been just as effective."