

# Oregon Daily EMERALD

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## A Job of Selling

We have a big letter-writing job cut out for us within the next few days.

We're all going to be filling the position of amateur public relations representatives for the University.

The High School Relations committee has outlawed the sending of invitations by the University or individual living groups to high school seniors for Duck Preview Weekend.

The catch is that Oregon State college houses had already sent out their invitations, they claim, before their administration got around to telling them of the prohibition. At Oregon, however, the administration counsels obeying the law.

So the High School Relations committee has sent out cards to Oregon high school seniors; the cards can be marked by the students as to which institution—Oregon, OSC, OCE, EOCE, SOCE, OTI or Vanport—they would like to visit Apr. 25 and 26.

It's up to us—as individuals—to see that our high school friends are at least sufficiently informed about Oregon to consider making Eugene their destination, by writing personal letters to them now. We're the only contact they'll have.

• What can we tell them?

We might mention some of the all-too-little-stressed scholastic advantages of Oregon. We have some of the finest departments and schools on the Coast—opportunities in many fields that cannot be duplicated by the other state schools. Why not toot our own horn a little?

How many high school seniors decide to attend Oregon in the fall is important—directly or indirectly—to all of us. We're all aware of some of the unfortunate consequences of an enrollment drop, which could include faculty cuts and further fee raises.

Besides, we're convinced that Oregon is the place to go—why are we here?

The importance of contact between Oregon students and our high school friends is obvious. Nobody else is going to be stressing the University of Oregon to them—it's up to us.—G. G.

## Don't Blame Our High Schools

The freshmen of Oregon, Oregon State and Vanport—and their deficiencies in English training—have gained nationwide attention.

The March issue of the magazine College English presents the findings of Dr. Hoyt C. Franchere, who made a survey of the English abilities of 2,000 college freshmen in the three state schools.

His figures show that word deficiency is prevalent among entering freshmen; that 70 per cent of the students feel they have been inadequately prepared.

We might bemoan the publication of the article and the resulting bad publicity for State of Oregon students. But we won't.

It seems to us that Franchere offers something constructive. He doesn't take the usual tack of putting all the blame on our secondary schools. Franchere, the supervisor of English for the state system of higher education's extension division, points up the responsibility shared by colleges who turn out incompetent English teachers, and by the scrimping taxpayers who insist on overloading high school classrooms.

If these figures were merely presented for the sake of presenting figures, Franchere's article would have been unjustified. But he seeks ways of improving an obviously bad situation. His primary recommendation is a drastic reduction of class loads in English and reading departments. He also emphasizes the necessity that colleges recognize the immense responsibility of the English teacher and give him the effective preparation he requires.—D. D.

## Fun IS Important

We're glad to note a bit of entertainment interrupting our line of serious speakers (most excellent ones, we must add) at the 1 p.m. Tuesday assembly hour.

Today at 1 we'll be treated to some college humor, OSC variety.

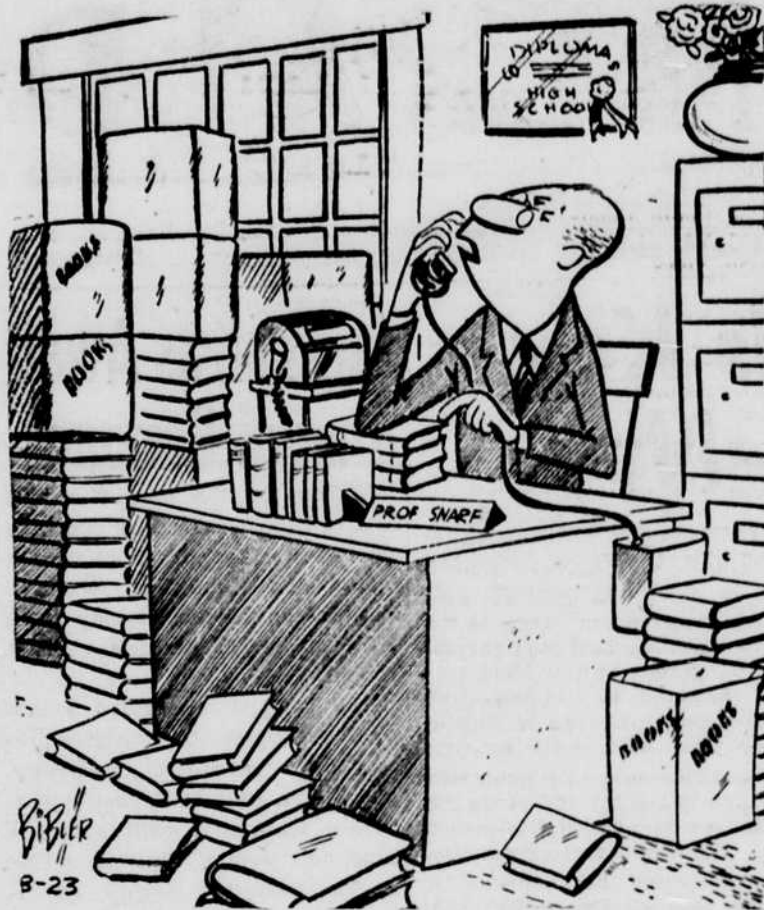
This is good. Fun is important. We can become too weighted down with the serious, oftentimes ominous aspects of human life.

So today we'll go to the SU at 1. We'll laugh and forget, for a moment, our studies, the draft, and Communism.

We welcome the opportunity.

At 2 p.m. we'll return, with maybe a brighter outlook, to the serious side of life.

## Professorial Ingenuity



"Why don't I rewrite the introduction and juggle the chapters, making the '48 edition of my text obsolete . . . I'm beginning to miss that royalty check, J. B."

## A Day at the Zoo

### Friendly People, 'Lily White' Parties--Politics Is Back Again

By Bob Funk

This is the season when persons you have never seen before will speak to you on campus. They are sincere, friendly, civic-minded



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persons. They are also candidates for office. This is also the season when one wakes up to the fact that one is a Greek or an Independent. Depending on which you are, the other group is still rather far back on the path of evolution.

Some rather painful things are happening. In the first place, AGS finds itself in the horrible situation of having two candidates for president. Obviously, both of them can't run, although what difference this would make to student government is difficult to determine. Therefore, SOMEONE is going to have to be given the boot (probably into the position of candidate for senior class president). Question: can a deal be made before it's time for the public to democratically decide, or will there be a fight? If there isn't a fight, something gentlemanly (and slightly rotten) has happened.

There is also an interesting attempt on the part of AGS to make their party and pretty little procedures look more lily-white than Miss Virginia Wright's party and their pretty little procedures. However, it takes an awful lot of dieting for a camel to lose its hump.

Appearing in Monday morning's Emerald was a letter by a political hopeful labeled "The Opening Blast." It is an excellent example of why Greeks and Independents do not get along too well sometimes, and why the University administration makes decisions for the fraternities.

Samples of the strange and magnificent reasoning of this letter: "The administration has organized the so-called 'independents' until they are no longer independent living groups. If a student wants independent life, he should not be organized into

a semi-fraternal organization by the administration."

In other words, all you so-called independents, if you get organized any better you are going to offer serious competition to the organized vote of the Greek houses. Keep the filthy barbarians disorganized, that's our banner for today. (And if a student wants independent life, and doesn't like being organized, that student will probably write his own letter of protest.)

Sample two: "If a man cannot abide by the decision of his party, of what use is he to that party and that party to him? What is needed in politics is party responsibility."

It takes a man of phenomenal gullet to swallow that one.

## The Atomic Age

### Spain Doesn't Share Colonial Problems of England, France

By Phil Johnson

Although England and France are having colonial difficulties throughout the globe, Spain appears to be handling its possessions without difficulty.

According to a Spanish newspaper, friendly Spanish-Arab relations are "due not only to the historical fact that there is much Arab and Ibero-Berber blood in the racial mixture of the Spanish people but because of the type of open cordial simplicity which characterizes Spanish conduct, in this respect so similar to the Arab. . . ."

The writer also comments on "the Spanish protectorate zone in Morocco where a mission of disinterested and fraternal aid to the Moroccan nation is being carried out."

Arab League Secretary General Azzam Pasha has stated, "The interests of Spain coincide with our own interests."

Meanwhile, Guatemalan youth organizations have planned a

## Letters to the Editor

### It's Up to the Student

Emerald Editor:

This is a letter to the Oregon Student.

As you no doubt know, Duck Preview Weekend will take place April 25 and 26. Thus far enthusiasm has not been too good, perhaps because you don't understand the particulars.

I cannot overemphasize the importance of Duck Preview. It is a two-fold promotional activity, first and primarily for the welfare of the University, second, for the benefit of the living organizations.

The main purpose of Duck Preview is stated in its title, that is, a preview of the University of Oregon for all who wish to enter college. Primarily it turns toward the high school senior, who is the college's likeliest prospect.

Naturally we would like to make our preview of Oregon attract the largest number of students available. Only through your cooperation will this be possible, and this means not just during the weekend, but right now.

As a matriculated student of this university, you should feel obligated to contact one of your friends in high school inviting him or her to come down and discover just what our school has to offer. Just imagine the response if every one of our students took time out to write one letter to a high school friend.

One letter itself may seem insignificant, but all tolled, it becomes an integral part of our campaign to attract new students to Oregon.

Duck Preview has been planned so the visitors will constantly be busy. The weekend is informal and, as such, it is up to us to make the guests feel at home.

Remember, you can help the University and yourself and your living organization by pitching in and becoming a part of this all-important weekend. Only with your interest and cooperation will it be possible for Duck Preview to accomplish its purpose. Let's get the ball rolling.

Merle Davis  
Campus promotion chrmn.  
Duck Preview Weekend

demonstration supporting the people of Belize, British Honduras, "who are being oppressed by Great Britain." The English just don't seem to be popular administrators.

Oregon Senator Wayne Morse a while back delivered a sharply worded criticism of those Republicans who are attempting to turn a stronger-hand-in-Asia demand into a major election issue.

In a speech to the Senate, Morse warned, "Be on guard against war parties that would have you follow a course of all-out war in Asia, but a course of a new brand of isolationism in Europe."

Morse closed with a stirring defense of the bipartisan foreign policy theory:

"That foreign policy plank of the 1949 Republican platform is, in my opinion, still a fine expression of statesmanship; it is a plank which pledged the Republican Party to stop at the water's edge, insofar as partisanship over foreign policy is concerned. The issue of peace is too vital to the security and very survival of America to be jeopardized by political irresponsibility in a Presidential campaign."