

No Easy Way to Break Into Writing Says Saul Bellow, Visiting Author

By Larry Hobart

There's no easy way to break into the writing game—it depends on luck and a lot of hard work.

That's what Saul Bellow, American novelist and the author of two published books, said in an interview last week.

"There's no inside line," Bellow said, "Brilliant ability might be recognized in three or four years."

"Getting work published is very difficult and getting harder all the time," he stated. He went on to explain that publishers, over-expanded during the war, are contracting now.

Re-print Houses

Re-print houses have a big say in what publishers accept, Bellow said. Often they are consulted before a manuscript is purchased. Their standards may be low, high or indifferent.

But Bellow thinks there's a solution to the problem: More regional publishing.

"Universities ought to have more literary magazines," he said. "University presses ought to take a chance on imaginative literary work." He recommended less emphasis on scholarly publications.

"Little Things" Accepted

Bellow himself experienced the grind of trying to get work published. After graduation from college he wrote full-time for three years, had "little things" accepted. He worked for four more. Then the war came and his writing was temporarily suspended. In 1944 he had his first book published, "The Dangling Man", a story based on wartime experiences.

Bellow wants more college literary magazines—but he wants them controlled by faculty. The magazines "ought to be hospitable to student work but not limited to student work", he stated.

"I don't think students are mature enough to control a magazine.

A person of mature judgment is needed."

"I'm not sure college students want literary magazines," Bellow said, "but there are some things they should have."

Bellow, who is making his first trip to the Northwest, said he liked the country "very much." "I'm quite unaccustomed to seeing snow mountains floating around in cities," he said.

He said that in his contact with the Oregon writing program he found "all the people first rate and some good writers."

No Outward Manifestations

Asked if he read the funnies, Bellow said, "I read them until they made me weep more than laugh." He still reads Little Abner but has dropped Little Orphan Annie completely. He resents her failure to age. "There's not even a sign of puberty yet," he said.

Bellow thinks college humor magazines are okay, that they "should have sex."

"Violent and Volcanic"

Of the new writers appearing on the American literary scene, Bellow says many are very good. He called Norman Mailer's book "The Naked and the Dead" "violent and volcanic." Mailer did it "with great honesty," he said.

Mailer had a difficult story to handle, according to Bellow. How do you deal with a description of a man knocking out another's man's teeth with a rifle butt in order to obtain souvenirs? the novelist asked.

The petroleum industry has become one of the major customers for nickel alloy steels, where severe corrosion is a problem.

Pi is the number by which the diameter of a circle must be multiplied to get the circumference. The figure commonly used is 3.1416.



—Photo by Dean Bond

NOMINATED FOR JUNIOR Weekend queen are: Back row, left to right, Helen Jackson, Pat Johnson, Harriet Vahey; front row—Mary Alice Baker, Nancy Van Allen and Sarah Turnbull. Voting will take place today and Wednesday in the Co-op and Student Union.

Schwarzlose to Discuss Literature

The relationship of German and American literature will be discussed by Walter Schwarzlose, special student from Germany, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Union.

The program, sponsored by Oregon Majlis, is part of a plan by the group to promote a better cultural understanding between the nations of the world.

Schwarzlose will give a survey of the influence of German and American literature on each other in the last 200 years. The meeting is open to all interested persons.

The hippopotamus was nicknamed "river horse" because when swimming it exposes nearly half the head, resembling a horse.

Japanese women are engaged in virtually all major industries, with 5,500,000 such workers in non-agricultural employment.

The Candidates

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- KWAX
- Student Union personnel committee

JUNIOR CLASS REPRESENTATIVE

Joan Marie Miller (AGS)

- President of Kwama
- Rally squad
- WRA cabinet
- Heart Hop co-chairman
- Homecoming registration co-chairman

- Emerald night editor
- AWS Christmas party collection chairman
- House rushing chairman

Bob Simpson (USA)

- Ugly Man contest chairman
- Student Union dance committee publicity chairman
- Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity

- House rushing chairman
- House delegate to provincial convention

- Emerald advertising layout staff

- YMCA International affairs committee

- House vodvil act chairman

SOPHOMORE CLASS REPRESENTATIVE

Janet Miller (AGS)

- KWAX record librarian
- Oregana layout staff
- AWS Christmas flying speeches chairman

- Oregana sale flying speeches chairman

- Carson choir
- YWCA

- Senior prom flying speeches chairman

- AWS auction flying speeches chairman

Mary Whitaker (USA)

- Women's Recreation association

- Oregana

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Jane Simpson

JUNIOR:

Bob Brittain

Joan Marie Miller

SOPHOMORE:

Bob Summers

Janet Miller



PAT DIGNAN

for ASUO President

Mike Lally

Jody Greer

Francis Gillmore

Andy Vincent

Andy Berwick

Mary Alice Baker

Jane Slocum

Alex Byler

Donn Parr

Bill Frye

Jim Light

Bob Morris