

## Case for 2 a.m. Hours Saturday Notes to the Editor

After last year's Homecoming dance, closing hours in living organizations were set at 2 a.m., an hour later than the usual weekend closing time. The reason for this was that the dance occurred during the Thanksgiving holiday period.

Early this week, inquiries were made by Bob Metz, 1952 Homecoming chairman and the Emerald as to the possibility of 2 a.m. closing hours for Saturday night's dance.

The three administration officials who have the power to decide such matters were naturally reluctant to grant such a concession because of the absence at that time of any overriding reason for it. The fact that the Homecoming planners had engaged that Oregon rarity, a name band, was not sufficient in itself.

Also, the three officials, Donald DuShane, director of student affairs; Mrs. Golda Wickham, director of women's affairs; and Ray Hawk, director of men's affairs, felt that such matters should more properly be decided in Student Affairs committee with student leaders having votes on the decision. A Student Affairs Committee decision could be made a matter of policy, removing further closing hour controversy regarding "big" weekends.

However, the Student Affairs committee does not meet again until after the Saturday dance. And Thursday, a new factor arose which could conceivably be construed an overriding reason for granting 2 a.m. closing hours Saturday night.

A contract was received from Skinnay Ennis, leader of the Homecoming dance band. In this contract it is stated that Ennis' band will play until 1 a.m. Saturday night.

The Ennis band is costing \$1,000, about three times as much as last year's non-name group. We feel Oregon students should be entitled to get their money's worth.

A meeting to decide the closing hour question will take place today. The three administration officials and Pat Dignan, ASUO president, will be there. We hope that as a result of the meeting Saturday's Emerald will carry news of 2 a.m. hours Saturday night.

Later, in the Student Affairs committee meeting, the matter would be a fit topic for a permanent policy decision. (B.G.)

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(Ed Note: Track Coach Bill Bowerman writes in answer to letter by Peter van Dijk which was published in the Emerald Tuesday. In that letter van Dijk criticized Bowerman for allowing varsity trackmen to run in the cross-country running meet which the coach conducted. Van Dijk said that varsity men should not have been allowed to compete.)

### From the Coach

Peter van Dijk  
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Dear Peter:

I read with interest your letter to the Editor concerning the cross-country activities. I think I make a correct interpretation if I say you believe there should be more motivation for the less experienced runners. I believe you are right and I will see if we can't offer an award of some type to the novice not only this year but in the future.

### Not Intramural

Permit me to correct two of your assumptions. First, our cross-country activity is not a part of the intra-mural program. Perhaps it would be better if it had such status. Some countries run it as a part of a standard track and field meet. The distance is not specified in the rules.

### Correct Twice

You are absolutely correct in two of your assumptions, the first being that I would like to have some manner of competition for our runners in the off season. This is entirely voluntary and I would prefer that they not go into strict training for the activity. Second and the most important reason for my starting cross-country four years ago was to encourage prospective varsity material to come out. I think you will understand this when I say that when I started my track coaching career here I had a total of one distance runner, Peter Mundle. Peter has put in his hitch in the armed service, has returned for graduate work and is still enjoying his cross-country activities.

### Paid Off in Runners

As far as I am personally concerned cross-country has more than paid off in distance runners. And when I say "paid-off," I use the term literally. We make two awards for cross-country, one for a team trophy and one an individual trophy. The money for these comes out of my pocket.

To return to the statement of an award for the novice, I thank you for the idea. I believe it is worthwhile and I hope it stimulates as many young men as you indicate it will. I realize, of course, such stimulations will be next year and the year after but the award will be started this year.

Sincerely,  
Bill Bowerman,  
Track Coach

## The College Crowd

### Campus Headlines Elsewhere

By Rae Thomas

A South Dakota State college coed tells of her experience during registration. It seems things were going smoothly until she stepped into an especially long line. After an hour wait, she reached the men's washroom.

The leader of the campus Eisenhower forces at University of Mississippi was shot and seriously wounded the other day.

Held in connection with the shooting is a law student known to be prominent in the Stevenson camp. Reports said that the two were seen arguing vehemently while approaching the Student Union Grill.

Then when they entered the grill, they began to push each other around. The Stevenson man shoved the other towards the cigar counter, pulled a gun and fired three shots into his chest.

The crowd in the jam-packed SU just sat and looked in amazement. And it all turned out to be a hoax to further interest in the mock election coming up. The two hoaxers are doing fine, but several innocent bystanders still don't feel the same.

An extraordinary thief at Indiana college made off with a 1,000 pound pipe casting and a 300 pound manhole covering. Who? Why? HOW?

Gonzaga University has this to say on exams:

"I like exams,  
I think they're fun,  
I never cram,

I never flunk;  
I'm the teacher."

Noticing the careless manner in which petitions are signed on his campus, a University of Pittsburgh reporter drew up a petition which said, "We the undersigned . . . fully admit to being first class jackasses for not reading this before signing it." Out of 27 asked, 24 signed.

Ad in the UCLA Daily Bruin: "Will the blonde young lady who wore sunglasses Thursday morning (besides other things) be in the cafeteria between 11 and 12 a.m.?"

Last spring's test given at Roosevelt college in New York may have been misgraded if they were graded by IBM Electograph.

The Bookstore was selling the wrong pencil to use on the tests, and some of the answers were lost by the machine, which counted places empty that were marked by an incorrect pencil. But they don't know what to do about it now.

The influx of harem women into the University of Persia has created a situation never before equaled in the history of the campus.

Special class rooms have had to be constructed and extra teachers hired.

It is hoped that the enrollment will drop slightly when the students realize that harem conditions will be maintained.

## Art for Art's Sake



"Well, anyone who takes 'Modern Dance' deserves a 'Charley-horse.'"

## The Lost and the Last Chance

Ed Note: Earlier this term the Emerald sent letters to 25 foreign students who were on the campus last year but have now returned to their own country. We asked that they act as "foreign correspondents" for the Emerald, sending us their views on foreign and domestic affairs within their own country.

Thursday we received our first answer. Gunther Barth, a German journalist who studied in Oregon's journalism school last year, replied from Duesseeldorf-Gerresheim, Germany.

As we receive further answers we will publish them on this page.

By Gunther Barth

DUESSELDORF, Germany — The end of the second World War brought two advantages to Germany: the abolition of the Hitler government and the chance to start a new political life.

The other side of the account showed a totally collapsed nation. Within seven years Western Germany managed to rebuild the public life with the assistance of the Western powers and the economic aid of the United States. The results are obvious.

### Germans Missed Chance

Nevertheless the Germans missed the chance of 1945. They built industries and homes and established a new economic life. But they failed to do the same on the political sector. They simply put into operation the system which already faded away in 1933 when a totalitarian government surprised the democratic institutions.

Who is to blame? I'm afraid nobody. It makes the problem worse.

During four years of actual hunger following the war the mind of the common man in Ger-

many was occupied with the idea of surviving the disaster.

### Democracy vs. Hunger

At the same time the actions of the political leaders had been restricted by the occupation powers. On the other hand the Allies didn't reach the people with their ideas. The values of democracy are difficult to explain to an empty stomach.

The diagnoses of the situation in Germany: Democracy is in operation. But it is not yet the affair of the common man. It is merely a matter of administrative procedure.

### No Time Left

It takes time to build up a democracy with hearts. If the British proverb needs four generations to make a gentleman it takes at least one to produce a democrat. The Germans can't afford to have time. They are a minor part of the world machinery and they have to turn according to the great wheels.

There is a line in Hemingway's "To Have and Have Not." It just says a single man has no chance any more today. I'm quoting from my memory.

### The Last Chance

I hope all Hemingway friends will forgive me for the sake of the following. I'm afraid even a single nation has no chance any more today. The minor one, as I showed it with my comment about the lost chance in Germany, can't do it alone as well as the great powers must necessarily fail. The smaller nations will be always a cause of danger and conflict for them.

Cooperation among nations might have been a Utopia. Today it is a matter of self-preservation for mankind. Let's not miss the chance.

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