

# Oregon Daily EMERALD

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## Notes to the Editor

(Ed. note: When this letter was first submitted, its writer requested that his name be withheld because, he told us, he considers himself a friend of both coach Bill Bowerman and members of the track team. The name appears, because he agreed with us that no one needs to be ashamed about making responsible, well-intended criticism.

This is the kind of attitude we like to see. If a student has what he believes to be a justified gripe or bouquet, he shouldn't hesitate to speak up . . . and openly. That's what these "notes to the editor" are for.)

I witnessed an incident last Saturday which I believe was bad for the publicity of the University of Oregon. About two-thirds of the way through the mile run of the Oregon-Idaho track meet, two Oregon runners formed a partial box around an Idaho runner and kept that formation up to the last fifty yards. Many high school students who had been there for the Hayward relays saw this race. I can't see how they could have thought that the Oregon runners' actions were anything but intentional. In fact, it seems only reasonable to assume that many of them might even believe that the two Oregon runners had received instructions

to do as they did from their coach.

It is not an uncommon fact to high school distance runners, that some milers can sprint quite well, even at the end of the race. Some of them in the stands must surely have deduced that Oregon believed they had a better end-of-the-race sprinter who could edge out the Idaho runner in the home-stretch drive if the Idaho runner was prevented from getting ahead in the race.

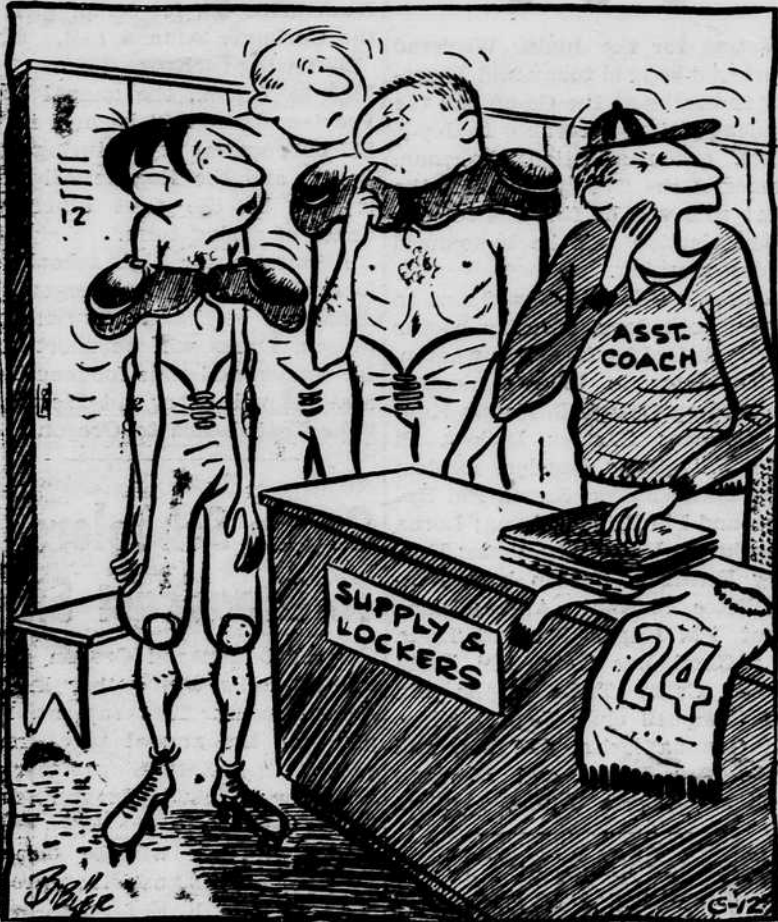
I am not saying that this was the case. But it must have looked that way to a lot of people. The partial box is probably quite legal, with one runner in front, one on the side, and none in back. But it requires a considerable amount of wasted energy on the part of the runner who attempts to get out of it and then past it.

It also seems strange that the Oregon runner who ran at the side of the Idaho runner would choose to run in the second lane all the time, even around the curves. This is poor individual strategy, since he must run a number of yards farther than the runners in the first lane.

The thing which was especially bad for Oregon, however, was that the Idaho runner won the race anyway with a beautiful stretch drive despite Oregon's accidental or intentional efforts.

John S. Irvin.

## Spring Ball--The Optimist



"Hey, coach!"

## YW National Week Observed

Special speakers, meditations and a YWCA "neighborhood meeting" in Portland are special events scheduled by the campus YW in keeping with the current "National YWCA week."

For the sixth annual observance, this year's slogan is "For good times—for good health—for good—join the YWCA." The campus organization opened the week with a talk by Laura Olson, counselor for women, at the junior-senior breakfast on the topic "Why YWCA Week."

Other events scheduled include a talk by Mrs. E. E. DeCou, president of the advisory board of the city YW, on "The Significance of

the YWCA After College." She will speak at noon today at the YW cabinet meeting.

Thursday and Friday representatives from the Eugene YW's will be in Portland for a "neighborhood meeting." Those attending will discuss what the next 100 years of the YW should be, Mary Elizabeth McDowell, director of the YW, has announced.

Miss McDowell stressed the fact that during this week, the organization's meditations will be centered on the theme of the week, trying to understand and help the programs and problems facing the YW throughout the world.

## 5 UO Delegates Attend Mock UN

"Czechoslovakia plays a minor and subservient role in the United Nations." That was the comment of five delegates from the University of Oregon who attended the Model United Nations convention in Berkeley last week.

Upon arriving at the University of California last Wednesday, the Oregon men stepped into the Soviet bloc and followed the party line until the convention ended Saturday night. The delegates said they received much advice from E. B. Hass, instructor in political science at California, who was also the adviser of the USSR, and the Ukraine delegations.

### Those Attending

Those who attended were Manohar N. Pandharpurkar, graduate in economics; Vishnu Wassiamal, freshman in economics; Hollis Ransom, junior in pre-law; Wilmer Boesel, freshman in pre-law; and Dick Carter, junior in journalism. Pandharpurkar was chairman of the delegation.

Fifty-four colleges sent delegations to the convention with each college representing a different U.N. nation. Conditions in the actual U.N. were then simulated with the delegates holding as accurately as possible to the policies of the country they were representing. The Oregon delegation was active in the trusteeship committee, the political and security committee, and the general assembly.

### USC Wins Award

The award for the most ably represented nation of the five larger nations in the U.N. was given to the University of Southern California for playing the role of the United States. First prize for the smaller nations went to the UCLA delegation who represented India; second prize went to Southern Oregon College of Education who represented the Union of South Africa, and third prize was given to San Francisco State college representing Pakistan.

The mock surprise issue brought up at the conference was the invasion of the Sudan and the besieging of British troops along the Suez canal by Egyptian forces. The security council held a late session that evening and issued a cease-fire ultimatum to the Egyptian forces. They then appointed a committee to investigate the settlement of the pretended strife.

David W. Wainhouse, senior advisor to the U. S. delegation to the general assembly, was elected president of the mock U.N. general assembly. He gave a speech on his impressions of the conference at the banquet held Saturday night and said the conference was "amazingly similar" to the actual U.N. Indian Ambassador to Argentina Nawab Ali Yawar Jung, who gave the major address at the banquet expressed the U.N.'s need for more authority and responsibility.

## Tickets Still Available For 'Even the Gods'

Tickets for the four remaining performances of "Even the Gods" are still available at the University theater box office, according to Mrs. Gene Wiley, theater business manager. The play will run Wednesday through Saturday of this week.

The presentation of the modern version of an old Greek legend, directed by F. J. Hunter, instructor in speech, marks the second time the play has been produced. Its initial performance was given by the University of California at Los Angeles in November, 1952.

Students interested in exchanging correspondence with students of other nations should write to Letters Abroad, 695 Park Ave., New York, 21, New York, enclosing their ages, interests, educational background and knowledge, if any, of a foreign language, according to the office of student affairs. No charge is made for the service.

## Campus Briefs

Junior Weekend general committee chairmen will hold their regular weekly meeting at 6:30 tonight in the Student Union, co-chairmen Tom Shepherd and Joan Marie Miller have announced.

Petitions are due Friday for the program and ticket committees of the Mortar Board ball, according to Lloydene Hurt and Gail West, chairmen. Petitions for the program committee may be turned in to Miss West, ticket committee petitions to Miss Hurt, both at Carson hall.

Any students, particularly men, interested in working on decorations for the Mortar Board Ball, May 23, should contact June Browning, decorations chairman, at Hendricks hall.

Members of Alpha Lambda Delta are to turn the names of the three junior or senior women they obtained for interviews Friday to Mrs. Golda Wickham's office in Emerald hall as soon as possible, urges Sylvia Wingard, president of the organization.

A very important special meeting of the Inter-Fraternity council will be held tonight at 6:30 in the Student Union, according to IFC president Con Sheffer. Room number will be posted on the SU bulletin board.

Walter Van Tilburg Clark, author of "The Ox-Bow Incident," will be presented in a coffee hour forum Thursday at 4 p.m. in the Dad's Lounge of the Student Union. An American writer, he has often been represented in "The O. Henry Prize Short Stories."

The ASUO Senate student activities evaluation committee will meet at 4 p.m. today in the Junior Weekend office on the third floor of the Student Union, Tom Shepherd, chairman, has announced.

Petitions are still being called for to fill nine vacant positions on the Red Cross Board. Petitions must be turned in before April 30 to Joan Walker, Kappa Alpha Theta; Janet Bell, Delta Delta Delta, or Valera Viera, Carson hall.

An important meeting of Skull and Dagger, sophomore men's honorary, will be held today at 4 p.m. in the Student Union, according to Pres. Alex Byler. He stressed the necessity of a full membership turnout for the meeting.

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## SU Delegations Attend Meeting

A delegation of Oregon students and faculty members returned Saturday from a conference of the National Association of College Unions held April 15 to 17 in Berkeley, California.

Members of the Oregon delegation were: R. C. Williams, director of the Student Union; H. P. Barnhart, director of dormitories; Donna Buse, SU program director; Clyde Fahlman, SU board chairman; Andy Berwick, chairman of the SU personnel committee, and Virginia Dailey, SU Board member.

Conference meetings were held in the Durrant and Claremont hotels and on the campus of the University of California. Fahlman lead two discussions in the student sessions. Miss Dailey and Berwick were both discussion summarizers. There were 12 discussions at the conference.

A call for additional workers for the Mothers day committee has been issued by Barbara Wilcox, general chairman. Petitions may be turned in to Miss Wilcox at Hendrix hall.

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