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## Bill Gurney: Remarkable Person

Oregon has lost an outstanding student with a brilliant mind, through the death this summer of Bill Gurney. Bill, who was to be an associate editor of the Emerald and the campus daily's top writer, was killed in a crash of a McChord Air Force Base training plane during an orientation flight at ROTC summer camp.

The shock of Bill's death is hard to describe. He was an excellent student, and had a fine intellect and a gifted writing ability. He was unique as a person in that he was a genuine campus philosopher, as his discerning analysis of "This College Life," in spring term's Junior Weekend edition of the Emerald, indicates.

Bill reflected much of the thoughts and feelings of young people of today—the perplexity of the times, and, again, the resignation to practical realities. In Bill's words:

**"We have only the outward stamp of maturity, and it is a hot-house product of troubled times. Our outward calm enables us to face what is hard impassively, if not with genuine understanding."**

Bill had a fine ability to analyze the feelings of himself and his fellow students and to express his conception of those feelings. In this he was intensely concerned about perplexities.

In a letter to the editor last spring, commenting on the "This College Life" piece, one writer summed up Bill's talent for expressing the unvarnished realities:

**"While the nation listens to the 'experts' who say 'a university is a community of scholars,' we at Oregon have been fortunate enough to read a man from among us who has the real educational tools to discover the less pompous truth, and has the courage to tell it."**

Bill was a strong candidate for Emerald editor the last half of this school year. He would have been a senior in journalism, brilliant enough to cause chagrin last year for one journalism professor who wagered that for any student in his class he could find at least 10 words, in a particular issue of Time magazine, that the student could not define. For Bill this professor could find none.

Bill, who had a GPA well over 3., was a member of Friars, senior men's honorary, and, before that, of Druids and Skull and Dagger, junior and sophomore men's honoraries. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, of Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalism fraternity, had been sports editor of the Emerald as a sophomore, and associate editor and managing editor last year, and sports editor and associate editor of the Oregonian.

A resident of Juntura, a small town in eastern Oregon some 75 miles from the Idaho border, Bill made an outstanding mark in his three years at Oregon. His death has brought the loss of a fine mind, a talented writer, and a remarkable young person.

## Low-Cost Student Insurance Plan

The group insurance plan approved in the ASUO election last spring is a good buy on a short term basis. It has certain shortcomings, compared with aspects of some other policies, but the cost is very low for insurance plans.

Its advantages include year-round, world coverage (full year coverage on a \$4.50 payment), and coverage on a variety of activities. Limitations on some kinds of injuries and the relatively low sum of \$500 for accidental death are disadvantages.

Students have to pay only \$1.50 a term or \$4.50 a year for this coverage, however. The same plan offered by the company on an individual basis provides \$2000 for accidental death, but costs \$13 per year.

So for a year, at the low cost, the coverage is pretty good. Being up to the individual student, it's all a matter of whether he considers the coverage adequate or wants to pay more for better coverage on some other plan, providing he wants insurance at all.

## There'll Be Some Changes



"Perhaps we should discontinue using student advisers for the new Freshman Orientation program."

## SU To Feature Hamlet Parody

A repeat showing of the student-filmed, student-acted and student-directed 8 millimeter film "Hamlet" will be the main feature of the Student Union open house Thursday evening, according to Andy Berwick, SU board chairman. The film will be shown from 7:40 p.m. to 8:20 p.m. in the ballroom.

Directed by Jim Blue, the movie features Bob Chambers in 10 different roles and Al Barzman. Filmed on campus, the mock version of the play has already been shown to audiences of over 2100. "Hamlet" took six days to film at a total cost of \$40.

Also included on the program is entertainment featuring campus talent in the fishbowl at 7 p.m. Free cookies and coffee will be served by the SU hospitality committee.

"Fishbowl Frolics," an informal no-date mixer, will be held in the fishbowl from 9 to 10:30 p.m.

Displays of the 10 standing SU committees will be in the second floor lobby. Committee chairmen and members will be on hand to explain the activities of their respective committees.

Hosts for the open house will be the members of the SU board and the public relations committee. All areas of the building will be open, including the record lending library and a photography exhibit in the art gallery.

## Honorary Elects New President

Bob Summers, junior in law, has been elected president of Phi Eta Sigma, freshman men's scholastic honorary. Summers succeeds Bill Reeves, senior in mathematics.

Gordon Rice, sophomore in journalism, was name vice president and Ted Goh, special student in journalism, was elected secretary-treasurer of the organization for the coming academic year.

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## Campus Briefs

All staff members of the Pigger's Guide will meet in Student Union 311, at 10 a.m. Thursday according to Paul Keefe, editor.

## New Set-up Affects Education Juniors

Education majors who are juniors this fall term may register in a co-operative joint-degree program in elementary teacher education by consulting Earl M. Pallett, director of teacher placement, at the school of education.

Students enrolled in the program take specified education courses beginning with fall term of their junior year, then go to one of the three colleges of education for a concentrated year of professional courses and finish here at the University spring term of their senior year.

After completing the program the students will receive degrees from both the University and from the college of education that they attended, and will qualify for a standard elementary teaching certificate in this state.

## British Embassy Offers Scholarship

Graduate students and faculty members may apply for one of the new Marshall scholarships, according to the British embassy in Washington, D.C.

The awards are for two years study at any university in the United Kingdom, and are worth from 550 to 750 pounds, plus transportation to and from the university chosen.

Candidates for the scholarships must be United States citizens, graduates of a degree-granting college or university and under 28 years of age during the time the scholarship will be in effect.

An ability to play an active part in the university attended will also be a qualification as well as distinction of intellect and character.

Three of the twelve scholarships offered will be given in the Pacific Northwest area, and information may be obtained from the British Consulate General, 310 Sansome Street, San Francisco 4, Calif.

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