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## A Day at the Zoo

### Grand Oregon Traditions Listed For Ruddy-Cheeked Freshmen

(Ed Note: Bob Funk, like Dick Bibler, is beginning his fifth year on the Emerald editorial page. Columnist Funk has written variously on serenades, Student Union soda bar service, dates, tappings, rushing, and other sundry topics, in a style that can only be described as Funkian.

Funk, with four years of column-writing experience already behind him, still did extra-curricular preparation for this year's column on the Oregon "zoo." He worked this summer in the Ukiah, Calif., insane asylum.

We asked Funk to describe his outlook on his columnistic endeavors. With brow furrowed, he wrote:

"The writer of this column has been asked to compose a short summary of his philosophy of column-writing, his goal, ambitions, and ideals. Anyone who has ever read any of these columns, of course, knows that this is perfectly ridiculous. Ambitions are good in their place, ideals admirable, and philosophy has real class. This column seldom arrives within shouting distance of any of the attributes.

"This column writer accepts criticisms with humility, although there are days when the humility gets a little strained. He will not, however, tolerate criticism of the column title, 'A Day at the Zoo,' which commemorates his visit to Fleishhacker Zoo in early September of 1951. Some things are sacred."

So, "A Day at the Zoo":

The Freshmen are here again, looking new and unblemished. There are no seams, webs, lines, and dark bulging areas under their eyes. Their cheeks have a ruddiness that belies a long history of drinking milk. Their clothes are wondrously new, and their hearts are full of conjecture as to the probable way to Emerald hall and the identity of the blonde in the Student Union.

All this will pass. Within a term they will be absorbed into this drab, intellectual whirl, or whatever this business is we have going around here.

We are, in our best public-spirited manner, writing a column mentally entitled "A List of Grand Oregon Traditions About Which Freshmen Should Know." We considered talking about Hello Walk, and maybe we will. Hello Walk was originally the sidewalk going from Fenton hall north past Villard and into infinity. When you meet someone on it you are supposed to say hello, even if it's your Survey of English Lit professor.

This tradition is a dormant one, to say the least. If strange persons should speak to you on Hello Walk, know now that it would be highly irregular, and our advice is to cut 'em dead.

Another Oregon tradition is Waldo. Waldo is a large black-and-white dog who lives at the Theta Chi house. Like most celebrities, however, Waldo spends a large part of his time away from home. There is something about Waldo which makes Oregon students say "there's Waldo" when they see him. When you have four thousand people saying "there you are" every day, you get to be sort of famous. Waldo is better known than anyone on any athletic team.

Waldo also gets a great deal of publicity. This is partly because he climbs trees after squirrels (he does, he really does. Don't be misled by science, nature, and gravity—Waldo gets right up there). When Waldo feels blue or lonely, there is a feature in the Emerald about it. When Waldo feels angry, there is an editorial. If Waldo should fail to

come down on campus some day, the Emerald would stop printing for lack of copy.

Perhaps the most constant tradition around here is the rain. The rain will start falling some day when you are wearing something that fades, and are several miles from home with no available transportation. From thence it shall continue to fall with greater frequency, slowly crumpling and rumpling your wardrobe. You will finally resort to attending all classes, etc., in a vulcanized rubber toga.

When the rain stops in the spring, the sprinklers take over. The sprinklers are a problem in patience, mathematics, intuition, and cussedness, set so that they block all paths to anywhere. You are not supposed to walk on the grass, but you will.

All this information is not particularly helpful, and maybe even depressing. The sun is still shining, though, and midterms are at least a lifetime away. Live for today.

### Fulbright Scholar Wins UN Position

M. S. Venkataramani, University of Oregon teaching fellow from India, was selected this summer for an internship in the New York headquarters of the United Nations. Selection for internships in the U.N. is on a basis of international recruitment, with final selection being made by the U. N. Interne Selection board. Venkataramani was sponsored by the government of India.

A native of India, Venkataramani has been at Oregon since 1951. He came to this country on a Fulbright grant and was awarded the degree of master of science from the school of journalism. Since then he has served as a Carnegie fellow in the history department.

Object of the internship program is the provision of qualified persons interested in the field of international affairs with a working knowledge of the U.N., its specialized agencies and its secretariat. The internes have the status of staff members and assist the permanent staff in research, examination and analysis of documents and written reports.

### Straub Jobs Open

Leo Nuttman, student employment supervisor at John Straub dining room, has announced that some jobs are available for students at the dining room. The jobs are part time only, and application may be made directly to Nuttman.

## Nelson Receives National Award For Oregon Work

Lyle M. Nelson, former director of public services at the University of Oregon, has received the nation's top award in college public relations, the American College Public Relations Association's 1953 Award for Outstanding Achievement.

Nelson, who is now assistant to H. K. Newburn, head of the Educational Television and Radio center in Ann Arbor, Mich., received the award mainly in recognition



LYLE M. NELSON  
... Outstanding Achievement

of his work in 1951-52 in the University's 75th anniversary celebration. He is now in Ann Arbor making preparations for Newburn's new position as head of the Ford Foundation project.

The achievement award carried the following personal citation: "A professional practitioner of the highest integrity and boundless resource in educational public relations, whose effective leadership and personal contribution to the interpretation of higher education, its underlying principles and precepts, have brought new understanding and appreciation to the art of higher teaching, honor and recognition to his university, and to him the respect and admiration of his colleagues."

Nelson graduated from Oregon where he was editor of both the Oregon Daily Emerald and the alumni magazine, Old Oregon. He had been at the University in his capacity of director of public services since 1947.

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## A Look at the Coming Year

The sun is bright. The time seems right during registration week for greeting friends, remembering past good times, and looking forward to the 1953-54 year on campus. A peek in the future for old and new students reveals an array of planned lectures, sports, campus dances, classes and house functions.

We foresee changes for this year at Oregon but the biggest change—a new University president—will probably have the least effect on student life. Changes also are evident in the absence of W. C. Jones, dean of administration, and L. M. Nelson, director of public services, on the administration side.

Reviewing spring term campus elections, we could predict a smooth year of accomplishment, for both AGS and UIS supported such important issues as the open primary, fall term rushing for men, some type of regional conference for Northwest colleges and the gradual honor code.

But we hesitate to make predictions about the senate. Under our preferential system, our ASUO president, Tom Wrightson holds his office by a 15 vote margin, and Don Collin, UIS candidate, is on his right hand side as vice president.

Campus lectures are still in the formative stage with the first meeting of the assembly committee slated Friday. Remembering Lester Pearson, UN president, Wayne Morse, Independent senator from Oregon, Edward Weeks, president of Atlantic Monthly, we look forward to a lecture program which equals any on the West Coast. The Festival of Contemporary Art holds a lot of promise with the strength gained by its successful first presentation last spring.

Campus activities will probably tend to push to the same overwhelming climax in spring term, with Junior week-end and the all-campus sing, Duck Preview and house dances piling one on top the other. The schedule of spring term dances has been lightened by Mortar Board's decision at their final '53 meeting to eliminate their traditional ball.

Decision to shelve plans for a new football stadium for the University reawakens the problem of seating at football and basketball games. Student complaints should be pacified with the proposed, and approved, addition of seats for Hayward field and McArthur court.

The Student Union board has constructed an efficient program to utilize the facilities available in the building. Comprehensive program of concerts, lectures, dances and a featured liberal educational program will continue but the board will emphasize publicity and public relations to assure full utilization of this program, according to Andy Berwick, chairman.—E.S.

### Fall Term Date Life



"What if he does recognize you?—Bullmoose and I broke up when football practice started."

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