

# Oregon Daily EMERALD

## IN A FREE SOCIETY--OPINIONS

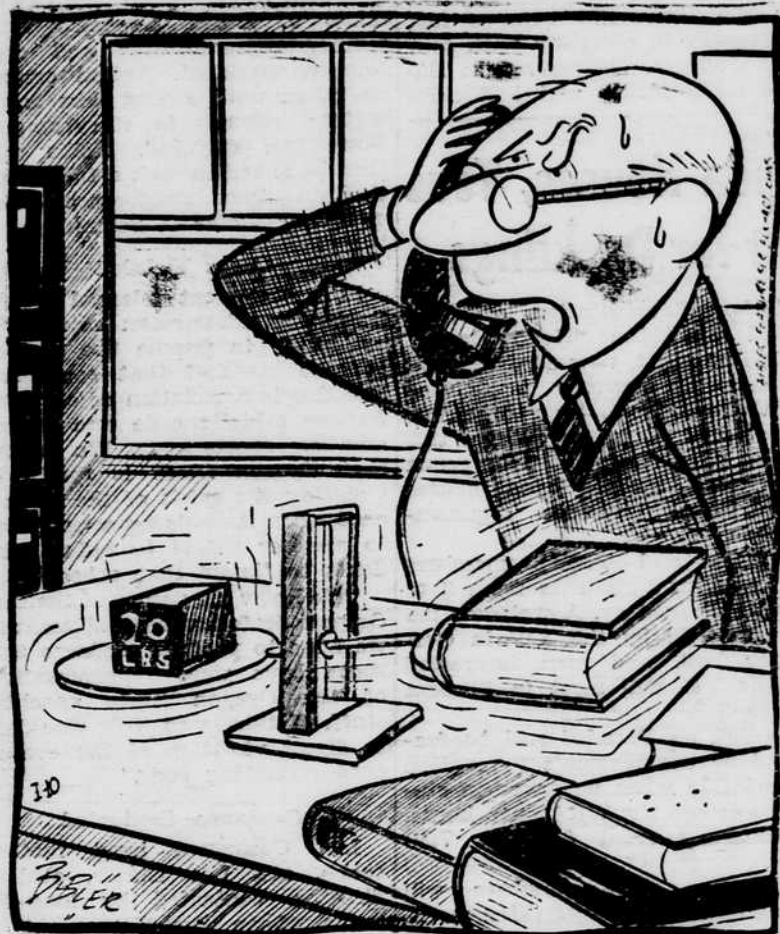
# Emerald Policy Statement

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### Natural Selection



"Hello, Dr. Castell, would you bring some weighty philosophy books over here—I'm having the darndest time selecting a text for this course."

The Oregon Daily Emerald has had a pretty consistent record, in past years of "taking sides" in its editorials. It has refused to be mute or to operate as a "sounding board" of mass student opinion, in any sense of rigidly parroting the "total" view. This year the Emerald will continue to declare its stand on current matters.

We firmly believe that this approach is the best possible for the students and the University. There have been those who have argued that the Emerald is the newspaper of a public institution, and therefore should echo mass student sentiment, or even remain editorially silent; and that only commercial organs of the press, being privately-owned, have a right to "take sides."

But this argument neglects the role of free speech in a democratic society in general. More important than a commercial newspaper's being privately-owned as a factor in its right to express opinion is the fact that others have the right to openly disagree with its opinion. So should the Emerald declare itself, because student, faculty and administration groups and individuals, to consider just the campus itself, have that right to disagree.

The contention that we ought to keep quiet (or "echo mass student sentiment") has certain fallacies. First, if there is such an animal as "mass student sentiment," it is virtually impossible to determine accurately and for certain what the sentiment is on any particular issue. Second, there seldom is anything approaching complete concurrence on matters, by the students.

### 'Taking Sides' Valuable

But the most important point is that the Emerald is doing the greatest service by actually "taking sides." Not necessarily because of any "enlightenment" to be obtained from its editorials, but because expressed opinions further the interplay of ideas and beliefs in a free society, and the Emerald, as a college newspaper, is an excellent vehicle for the expression of beliefs at Oregon. And editorials provide both opinion and information.

The stands taken in Emerald editorials have value in that members of the editorial staff, having the responsibility of putting their opinions on the record and in print, possess a spur toward objectivity and honesty added to the opportunity for researching after the facts before writing the editorials, (said opportunity not exclusively theirs, of course).

Objectivity is not thus guaranteed, but the principle that Emerald editorialists potentially have something to offer still remains. This something is carried importantly further by the fact that others have a vehicle for

disagreeing—letters to the editor, and even columns, which have on occasion been used for that purpose. That "something," then, is a potentially illuminating (though not inherently "better") opinion, and a concrete contribution to the interplay of ideas in a free society.

Oregon students pay part of their tuition fees for the Emerald. But even though this is not a "voluntary" subscription to the campus daily, the students gain nothing by the Emerald's remaining neutral on controversial issues. Those who disagree with a particular stand often howl that the expression of opinion is in some way detrimental, but all benefit by any definite "taking of sides," be it by the Emerald or any other entity, and the Emerald is a good vehicle for such expression.

### 'Wrong' or 'Right'

And all do benefit whether the particular stand is "wrong" or "right." The important point is that a stand was made, that open discussion is at work toward some final solution of the problem (be it the Emerald-supported solution or the opposite), and maybe even that some thinking has been stirred up—in approval or disagreement.

So the Emerald is going to give its opinions on current matters.

In so doing, it will be the responsibility of editorial writers to be objective and honest in appraising situations. Every effort will be made to live up to this responsibility, recognizing that no human being yet has been a cold-blooded judge void of any kind of bias. But nothing, editorial or news-wise, will be printed to prove a pre-established special case at the risk of current objectivity.

Columnists will express their own opinions, not necessarily those of the Emerald.

Letters to the editor will be welcomed and published, space, taste, and freedom from libel permitting. The Emerald will print only letters which are signed by the writer, although the name will be withheld from publication when requested. (We will encourage the printing of said names, however.)

Emerald opinions will be limited to editorials, and—in the case of columnists—to columns. It will be the function of Emerald news stories, under News Editor Joe Gardner and Sports Editor Sam Vahey, to tell the facts of the situation—not just the surface facts, but other facts (not beliefs, though) which have some bearing on the situation.

Objectivity will be the keynote, not naive objectivity which tells the truth but not the whole truth, nor brazen (or subtle) opinion in news items. Rather, "interpretative" objectivity, which tells you what happened and also additional facts which

implicitly portray the significance of what happened, when such portrayal is possible.

News will be played according to the importance and interest of the particular story. Managing Editor Jackie Wardell, in charge of Emerald operation, and her designees will determine the play given stories and pictures. News must sell itself; if information has any news value, it will be printed, space and competition with other news permitting. The business side of the paper will handle matter which is properly advertising for some firm or other group.

Completeness in coverage of the news will be the standard as much as is physically and humanly possible. No standards of "good" or "bad" news will bar items from publication, since we believe that the major benefit for all is to be derived from wholesome airing of situations. Only the truth, taste and possible unnecessary harm to innocent persons will limit what is printed.

### Emerald Student-Run

The Emerald, run completely by a student staff, is in no way supervised by administration, faculty, or the school of journalism. The student publications board, composed of students and faculty, works out such broad operational policy as selection of the editor and business manager and the budget (income for the budget, however, may be increased by additional advertising, sold by student members of the advertising staff).

As a college newspaper, the Emerald's function is to present the news to the students, along with comment in editorial matter. News, with emphasis on campus news but with significant "outside" news included, will be judged on its importance and interest to Oregon students.

And it will also be Emerald "policy" to willingly discuss the Emerald's campus role, on a broad basis and/or in particular instances, with individuals and groups, at the Emerald "shack" or at the gathering-place of those discussing said function.

## Campus Dial Numbers Published for Reference

Extension numbers of the University exchange, 5-1511, are the biggest change in the current phone lists of all campus living organizations. Previously the dorms each had a separate phone in addition to the pay phones.

Most of the phone numbers for the fraternities, sororities and co-ops are the same as last year. The phone list is as follows:

Sororities		Phi Kappa Sigma	
Alpha Chi Omega	5-7662	Phi Kappa Sigma	5-6620
Alpha Delta Pi	5-9524	Phi Sigma Kappa	5-5741
Alpha Gamma Delta	5-1803	Pi Kappa Alpha	5-2081
Alpha Omicron Pi	5-2615	Pi Kappa Phi	5-6866
Alpha Phi	4-3515		4-8845
Alpha Xi Delta	4-7834		5-2724
Chi Omega	4-8623	Sigma Alpha Epsilon	5-8667
Delta Delta Delta	5-9250		5-8851
Delta Gamma	5-6626	Sigma Alpha Mu	5-9283
Delta Zeta	5-0042		4-6740
Gamma Phi Beta	5-0536	Sigma Chi	5-9267
Kappa Alpha Theta	5-0537		4-7747
Kappa Kappa Gamma	4-9514	Sigma Nu	5-8443
Pi Beta Phi	5-9523		5-8444
Sigma Kappa	4-6814	Sigma Phi Epsilon	5-8416
Zeta Tau Alpha	4-7515	Tau Kappa Epsilon	5-1602
		Theta Chi	3-1425
Fraternities		Co-ops	
Alpha Tau Omega	4-5784	Ann Judson House	4-3875
Beta Theta Pi	4-5835	Campbell Club	4-8381
Chi Psi	5-9912		5-9537
Delta Tau Delta	5-7801	Highland House	5-0723
Delta Upsilon	5-5672	Philadelphia House	4-8711
Kappa Sigma	5-5803	Rebec House	4-8742
Lambda Chi Alpha	Ext 385	University House	5-0214
Phi Delta Theta	5-0301	Womens Dormitories	
Phi Gamma Delta	3-3515	Carson, First Floor	Ext 479
Phi Kappa Psi	4-4518	Carson - Second	5-9345
	4-4702	Carson - Third	5-9130
	5-0984	Carson - Fourth	5-9354
	4-5653	Carson - Fifth	5-9090
	5-4821	Hendricks Hall	5-9332
			Ext 489
			Ext 496
Men's Dormitories			
		John Straub Hall	5-9415
			5-9455
		Susan Campbell Hall	Ext 388
		Merrick Hall	Ext 387
			5-9089
		Stitzer Hall	Ext 381
			5-9512
		French Hall	Ext 382
			5-9505
		Nestor Hall	Ext 386
			5-9390

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