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## Letters to the Editor

### A Word of Praise

**Emerald Editor:**  
 In my capacity of representing the Student Body of Seattle University, I want to take this opportunity, with the help of your school paper, to voice our opinion to the University students of the recent Regional Conference of College Unions held at Pullman, Washington.

First, the students and faculty advisers that represented the University were, indeed, the nicest group of people that I have had the pleasure of meeting. They excelled in the word "represent," and won the admiration of the other delegates with their leadership qualities and very amiable personalities. The students can be proud of them with justifiable reason. They are wonderful people and true leaders in every sense of the word.

Second, the Conference itself proved to be an overwhelming success. All the information and

suggestions that were exchanged have already been instrumental in bettering our program here at Seattle University. I feel certain that the conference has benefited the programs of other schools too.

I hope our opinion will be of help to you. Thanks for having the University of Oregon represented at the conference, we enjoyed exchanging ideas with you.

Sincerely yours,  
 Philip Smith  
 Student Body President

### Approval

**Emerald Editor:**  
 Concerning last Thursday's "23 or Skidoo" club—we like!

Armand Myers  
 Irl White  
 William D. Clark  
 Easton Cross  
 Joe B. Ross  
 Henry A. Chaney  
 Dorothy Plumer

## Senior Six

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This Phi Beta Kappa initiate with a GPA of approximately 3.6 has his own unique method of studying.

Toliver feels that it is important that a student choose some extra-curricular activities in which he is particularly interested, but they should not become primary in a student's program.

### William Walker

William Walker, philosophy major, believes in making use of every hour of the day and not staying up late unnecessarily. He finds the most efficient way to study is concentrating on one subject at a time until each is completed.

"A student should be selective in his activities, choosing ones which will supplement his studies and help the University," Walker, whose GPA is approximately 3.67, said. "The right type of activities add interest to a student's work."

Walker, counselor at Susan Campbell hall, also feels it is important for freshmen, especially, not to become involved in too many activities at first, but choose those in which they are particularly interested.

### William Hall

William Hall, senior in history, has a GPA of about 3.8. After the army, he is considering graduate work. Hall may go into Middle Eastern Studies.

Traditionally, the top six seniors are selected for membership in Phi Beta Kappa during fall term, while the remaining senior members are chosen in the spring. The Senior Six are selected primarily on superior scholarship, but leadership and character are also considered. A program of courses well diversified in the field of liberal arts is also desirable.

## But It's Expedient

While Oregon's immovable football squad was stopping California's irresistible force last weekend, Oregon was meeting a pretty cautious object itself at the OFCL convention in Portland.

That was the Oregon Federation of Collegiate Leaders, which was reluctant to go ahead on the Oregon-backed plan for a Northwest federation of same, to be called NFCL. It seems that the small schools in NFCL, which, for practical purposes, includes all the 15 members except Oregon and OSC, aren't sure about a regional group such as NFCL.

Besides, following a talk by the president of the National Students' association, OFCL went on record to investigate the possibility of eventual membership in NSA.

This, along with OFCL's approval of the resolution to have the new president appoint a committee to study the feasibility of an NFCL, with the possibility of a trial convention next spring, leaves OFCL open to just about everything, except maybe the WPA and that wasn't ruled out.

It looks like the opportunity to definitely accept or reject NFCL is going to present itself to OFCL anyway. Bob Summers, junior in pre-law, the Oregon senate member pushing the NFCL plan, is going ahead with plans to set up the trial convention.

The point being, of course, to go ahead with the plan without OFCL approval, and get the approval late. It's putting the cart before the horse, but it's expedient.

There is a split between the two big schools in Oregon and most of the rest of OFCL's institutions in general thinking about this kind of thing. It doesn't look like the smaller schools can get together with Oregon and OSC on some mutual problems. The classic examples which delegates brought back from the convention was the Marylhurst statement that over 90 percent—of its 250 students—vote in general student elections, so why consider the problem of poor voting turnouts?

It is clear that a regional organization such as NFCL could help quite a bit in student government at the schools in the Northwest. The larger schools—Oregon included—have the most to gain. But smaller schools could certainly benefit, with added schools of their own size and type from Idaho, Washington and Montana.

OFCL, and the eight schools in the Evergreen Conference Student association in Washington, could carry on as part of NFCL. If the smaller schools don't like the idea, they can remain out and an organization of larger schools could be formed. But we'd rather see a regional group with all the Northwest schools included.

## Listening In ... On KWAX

- 6:00 p. m. Sign On
- 6:03 Piano Moods
- 6:15 Four for a Quarter
- 6:30 News Till Now
- 6:45 Sports Shots
- 7:00 University Hour
- 8:00 Nancy Randolph Show
- 8:15 UN Story
- 8:30 Serenade to the Student
- 9:00 Kwaxworks
- 10:00 The SU and You
- 10:30 Kwaxworks
- 10:50 News Headlines
- 10:55 Tune to Say Goodnight
- 11:00 Sign Off

## Campus Calendar

- 9:00 School Plt Pln Cf Regis Lobby, 2nd Fl SU
- 11:00 YM Fin 319 SU
- Noon Jr. Panhell 110 SU
- Drama Staff 111 SU
- AA 112 SU
- Phi Beta Cab 113 SU
- RE Wk Exec 319 SU
- 4:00 Alpin Cl 110 SU
- Alp Delt Sig 111 SU
- For Stu Cof Hr 334 SU
- Phi Beta Kap- Ger 2nd fl
- 4:30 Chi Delta Phi 315 SU
- 6:00 YMBd 112 SU
- 6:30 Phi Chi Theta 111 SU
- IFC 334 SU
- 7:00 Wreat Mgrs. Cal't 315 SU
- Pi Lambda Theta- Ger 2nd Fl

## CAMPUS BRIEFS

● The hospitality sub-committee of the Student Union public relations group will meet tonight at 6:30 in SU 313, according to Donna Hill, chairman.

● Dress rehearsal for the Homecoming variety show is scheduled for 7:30 tonight at McArthur court, according to Judy Morse, co-chairman of the show.

● Monday will be the deadline for Oregon space contracts by all living organizations, clubs and honoraries, according to Marilyn Parrish, organizations manager for the book.

● Chi Delta Phi, women's literary honorary, will meet at 4:30 p. m. today in the Student Union.

● Pi Lambda Theta, education honorary, will meet Thursday at 7 p. m. in Gerlinger hall, according to Dorothy Anderson, president. Initiation of new members will be held.

● Petitions for general chairman, general secretary, entertainment, invitations, publicity, collections and decorations chairmen are now being called for by AWS secretary Janet Wick for the annual AWS-sponsored Christmas tea. They will be due Monday at 5 p. m., and should be turned in to Miss Wick at Pi Beta Phi.

## Texas Instructor Talks To Architecture School

Robert Lent, associate professor of architectural design at Rice Institute, Houston, Tex., will be visiting lecturer at the school of architecture and allied arts through Tuesday. Lent, a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Cornell university, is a registered architect in New York and Texas.

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## Book Expert Will Explain Rare Manuscript Collection

Valuable books and manuscripts dating as far back as 3500 B. C. will be shown today and Friday from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. at the west side delivery entrance of the University library.

The coast-to-coast exhibit is sponsored by the Book of Knowledge publishers, and is touring in a large trailer, "The Magic Carpet on Wheels."

"An expert in the history of rare books and manuscripts accompanies the exhibit and will explain the significance of the items to visitors," said John F. Lauber, library administrative assistant.

Manuscripts were made by "several people who worked as much as a month to produce a single page . . . in the days when all books were hand-lettered and there was no type or press for mass-reproduction," according to Barry J. Holloway, in a synopsis of the presentation.

"Many examples of the history

of man's efforts to record his progress in writing are contained in the exhibit," said Lauber.

A piece of the famous 36-line Gutenberg Bible is in the collection, Lauber said. The oldest items in the display are cuneiform writing on clay of deeds of sale and royal decrees from ancient Babylon and Sumeria. A papyrus leaf from the Egyptian book of the dead displays the first use of color in pre-Christian books.

Ancient bindings in velvet and gold embroidery as well as delicately-tooled and jeweled leather which are shown in the exhibit have been pronounced particularly valuable by authorities appraising the collection.

Holloway said that the exhibit includes "examples of some of the finest masters of manuscript of the middle ages." The writers of that time made their own quill pens and blended the colors, which in this collection have extraordinary vivacity.

## Highway Essay Contest Open To Students Now

"Financial, Economic, and Administrative Improvements for Our Highways" is the subject of an essay contest now open to undergraduate students.

The contest, sponsored by the Highway Research board of the National Academy of Sciences, is made possible by the General Motors corporation. A prize of \$500 will be awarded to the winner in each state.

Participants are to submit an original essay upon any phase of highway transportation in the general areas of finance and taxation, economics, or administration.

Students enrolled in economics, government, finance and accounting, taxation, journalism, commerce, political science, law, and civil engineering are especially urged to compete.

The treatment of the subject must be directed toward bettering the present situation, methods, policies, practices or administrative agencies. Highways are to be

regarded as including all roads, streets, turnpikes and other ways used by motor vehicles.

An application blank may be obtained at any department head in the field. This is to be mailed to the Highway Research board, which will then send the applicant an official entry blank, specific instructions, and other information and suggestions. The applicant must be a resident of the state in which he is enrolled in college and no entry can be accepted without an official entry blank.

All essays submitted will become the property of the Highway Research board and none can be returned. The decisions of the committee of judges with respect to awards are final on each participant.

All entries for the contest must be postmarked by March 31, 1954. The names of the award winners will be announced as soon as possible following the closing date for entries.

### Fair Play?

