

# Oregon Daily EMERALD

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## Those Misguided Squirts

Why doesn't the Emerald receive subsidies from the University?

That's what some students have been asking, in the light of the fact that decreased enrollment, increased printing costs, and difficulty of taking up with the slack with advertising all mean that a four-page Emerald and noon distribution are still with us.

We'd like to offer a partial answer, by telling about what has been going on in another state, Georgia. As related by the Associated Collegiate Press:

"The editors of the Red and Black, 60-year-old undergraduate newspaper at the University of Georgia, are in hot water because of a series of editorials on racial segregation in education."

"When the Red and Black began printing things like 'It is as plain as the red flag in Russia that continued segregation and suppression can and will cause the death of democracy by the hands of its own leaders,' another newspaper editor and a powerful member of the state board of regents threatened the withdrawal of state financial support."

The fact of the matter is that financial support means potential control. At Oregon, the University does not support the campus newspaper, and does not run it in any rigid way. Of course, the student publications board selects the editor and business manager, and makes broad policy for production of the paper, but it doesn't try to determine what will be printed in the paper.

(The University of Oregon administration, we further believe, has no desire to control the Emerald. So there isn't any pressing problem.)

Some people suggest that we should be practical about this thing, and accept subsidies. In the first place, however, we don't have any reason to believe that the administration is clamoring to force greenbacks down our throats. Secondly, we prefer to remain unsusceptible to potential limitation.

The other editor mentioned by the ACP, Regent Roy V. Harris, editor of the Augusta Courier, warned the student newspaper that "the people of Georgia would not be willing to support a university which advocated mixing and mingling of the races." He said state money which provides the Red and Black with two-thirds of its operating funds would be withheld unless the editors stopped "their juvenile damn foolishness."

But the Red and Black retaliated by saying Harris was trying to "squench our fundamental right of freedom of the press."

Wrote back Harris, with brilliant relevance:

"Now there is no question of freedom of the press involved. The question . . . is whether or not the board of regents will be dictated to by a little handful of sissy, misguided squirts who have just enough knowledge to think they know it all. Every time I see one of these little sissy boys hanging around some college, the more I think every one of them ought to be made to play football. What we need today is more he-men and fewer sissies."

# University Co-op Discloses Book Costs, Resale Prices

by Laura Sturges  
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If you are an average Oregon student, you walked into the University Co-op last week, picked up four books and handed over \$15. That's the picture presented by Jerry Henson, Co-op manager.

"Books cost the Oregon student about \$50 a year," Henson said. Over half of this is paid in September when the student begins his sequence courses, Henson added.

Depending on the courses he is taking, textbooks cost the student between \$25 and \$30 in September, according to the manager. Costs for the rest of the year run about \$10 or \$15 a term, he said.

### 50,000 Books

Last year students bought 50,000 textbooks at the co-op which chalked up \$170,000 in book sales. During fall term alone, the co-op sold 26,000 textbooks, Henson said.

If you think the average cost of books is high, look at the law major. He sometimes buys \$120 in books each year, according to Henson.

Highest-priced books on the Co-op records are the more scientific and technical texts. Gray's "Anatomy," traditional text for medical students, costs \$14. But books also run as low as 25 cents for the small, paper-bound literature editions.

### Copies Filled

Although copies of many textbooks are filed in the library, most students buy their own copies, Henson said. Many recover part of their book costs by re-selling their books to the Co-op at the end of the term.

A student can get back as much as half the original cost of a book if the book is in good condition

and will be used again on campus.

The Co-op buys back only those textbooks that professors will require in their classes again. If they decide on newer editions, the Co-op will not take back present copies in use.

Occasionally the Co-op will buy back books that will not be used on campus the next year. After getting quotations from used bookdealers, the Co-op will pay students the dealers' prices for designated texts.

Professors keep the same book for their classes about three years, Henson said. This period was somewhat longer during World War II when new editions were scarce.

### History Least Turnover

"Probably history courses have the least turnover in new books," Henson remarked. History texts may be continued longer than usual unless the course deals with modern times, he said.

Students can often cut their textbook costs by buying used books. The Co-op sells these at three-fourths of the regular price — a customary procedure in West coast college bookstores. Although this is a 25 per cent mark-up from the half-price or less paid the student who sold the book back to the Co-op, the margin of profit shrinks after overhead is paid, according to Henson.

Rental of books, common in many high schools, is rare in American colleges and, at Oregon, there is no setup for students to rent books. Students at OCE at Monmouth can rent many of their textbooks for \$1 a book per term. This reduces their book costs to

about \$5 a term, as compared with the average of \$24.

### Exchanges Exist

Student-run book exchanges exist at the University of Chicago and University of North Carolina, but Oregon has no such system.

Do textbooks bought at the Co-op cost less than at downtown bookstores? Not directly, Henson said. However, Co-op members receive a 10 per cent dividend at the end of the year on all Co-op purchases, including books.

The Co-op buys texts at the publishers' list price, less 20 per cent, but payment of freight charges reduces part of this saving, according to Henson. The bookstore secures its books from nearly 100 publishing houses in the country. Some texts, primarily for language classes, come from as far away as Madrid and Paris.

A number of Oregon professors have written their own textbooks and the Co-op carries these when they become required books for classes, Henson said.

### Founded in 1920

Oregon students have bought their textbooks at the campus Co-op since 1920 when the store was founded as a private corporation. An ASUO-run store was previously started in 1918, but was liquidated that year.

The setup for textbook sales at Oregon is similar to that on other campuses. Students at Oregon State college and Lewis and Clark get books from campus bookstores. At the University of Minnesota and Illinois, students buy their books from private bookstores, which have close affiliation with the University.

## Listening In . . . On KWAX

- 6:00 Sign On
- 6:03 Piano Moods
- 6:15 Guest Star
- 6:30 News Till Now
- 6:45 Torchbearers
- 7:00 Popular Arts in America
- 7:45 Your Star Time
- 8:00 New England Renaissance
- 8:30 They Fought Alone
- 9:00 Kwaxworks
- 10:00 Campus Request Show
- 10:50 News Headlines
- 10:55 Tune To Say Goodnight
- 11:00 Sign Off

## Pre-dent Students To Have Meeting

A meeting to advise prospective students of dentistry will be held Thursday at 8 p. m. in Science 30, Dr. A. H. Kunz, chairman of the Pre-medical - Pre-dental advisory committee, has announced.

The admissions committee for the University dental school in Portland and its chairman, Dr. Ernest A. Hurley, will conduct interviews for admission to that school all day Friday. About 25 or 30 students are expected to turn out for these interviews, Kunz said.

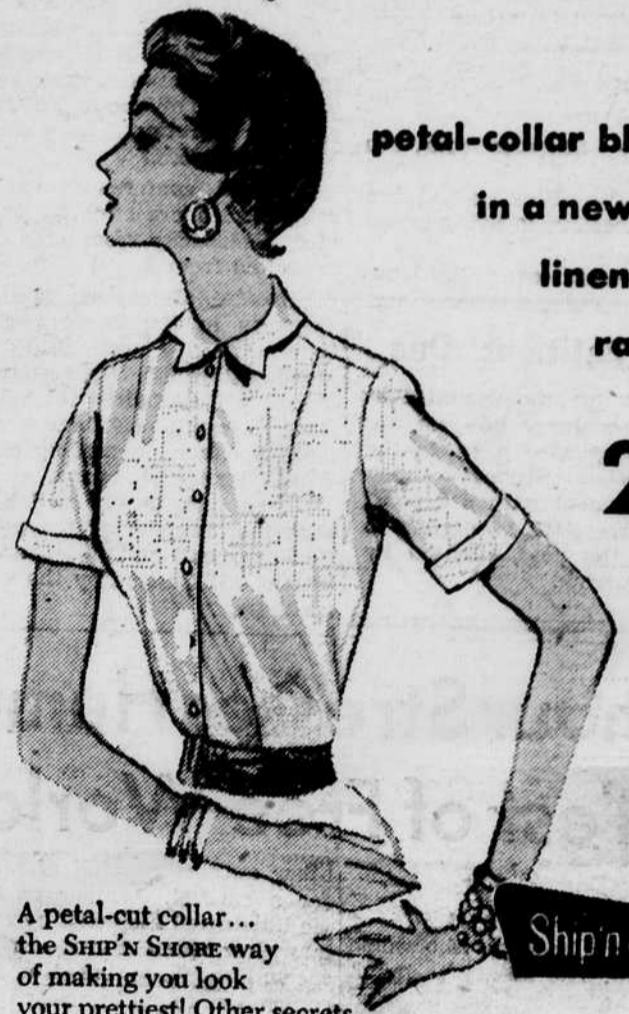
Applications to dental schools and qualifications for the study of dentistry will be discussed Thursday.

## KWAX Appoints 4 To New Staff

Four new staff appointments for winter term have been announced at KWAX by Station Manager Paul McMullen.

Taking over new duties will be Dick Lee, freshman in liberal arts, chief studio engineer; Ken Whittle, senior in economics, chief announcer; Laura Harper, junior in speech, music librarian, and Jean Smith, sophomore in liberal arts, office manager.

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