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Share And Share Alike

Sometime last fall, a movement started on campus to set up a housing commission to handle details of housing high school visitors who are on campus for conferences and other events.

Seems that in past years, departments sponsoring these events handled their own housing assignments. Most department heads in charge of a conference have their hands so full of organizational details that it is difficult to give housing the proper consideration it warrants.

The idea behind a central campus housing commission is one central group in charge of housing for every conference. The housing office will have lists of space available in all campus living organizations and dormitories. When a conference is scheduled, it will be a simple matter of checking with house presidents, assigning the number of guests to each house, welcoming the students and directing them to their assigned domiciles.

It will involve heavy office work just prior to a conference—correspondence and reservations, receiving and distributing payments and dealing with any complaints as they come in.

Up to this point we agree completely. We even wonder if some type of hospitality group could be incorporated with the housing group to handle campus tours and general welcoming of University guests.

The housing commission idea was placed before the ASUO senate and a committee appointed to study the possibilities of a student group taking over this important area.

After a little investigation and thought, we've begun to doubt if this type of public relations work, so important to any school, should properly be placed in the hands of students as another "activity."

What we'd like to see in place of this student organization, is a central office in the administration to deal with this type of work. With one or two trained persons in charge, plus the help of volunteer student workers and campus honoraries, we see possibilities for a smooth, coordinated program of hospitality and housing.

Such work is properly the responsibility of both students and administration. We hope someone realizes that this is a "share and share alike" proposition and proposes a combined student-administration office to handle the problem.

But We're Looking

The fact that spring is somewhere in the not too distant future was brought home to us rather forcibly this past weekend. Sunday morning we happened to discuss the weather with a friend living in Eugene, and, in relation to weather, the annual question of when one should start a garden. Gardens and when to plant them are something one discusses when it is no longer winter but, by no stretch of the imagination, could one say spring had arrived.

We read with some amusement an editorial in Monday's Oregonian on bird houses, bird lovers and the "sacredness" of mankind's mass ideals.

It's the kind of editorial one writes only during February or March when spring is "just around the corner" but no one seems to be sure of where the corner is. It's the time of the year when bird feeding is a problem because the birds are coming back but the grass isn't.

At the beginning of spring term, we could safely write of the predicted invasion of sprinklers (which every Emerald editor and columnist must deal with in some form as a matter of tradition.) A couple weeks from now we could discuss, in utter frankness and cold candor, the annual feuds of bird lovers versus cat lovers; the first pussy willow found in the Eugene hills; the robin which missed its signals and landed in the middle of 13th street, or some other world shaking event which nostalgically heralds the passing of another winter or joyously heralds the coming of another spring.

We don't have the heart to write in that vein when we all know that we'll swim through several more weeks of rain before spring bothers to bow in at the University of Oregon campus.

But we jot down these comments so Oregon students will know that we know "spring is just around the corner" and it's again that time of year when "Thou mayest in us behold" an alert eye trained for any signs of Lady Spring.

Calm, Scientific Mind



"That's th' boy I was telling you about who is working on some 'secret' explosive."

The Looking-Glass

Madrid Students Riot; American Colleges Tranquil

In Madrid persons of the same age as our students at the university have been rioting over British ownership of Gibraltar. A few months ago college students helped bring the Trieste controversy to a boil. The Communist student riots are quite normal in Italy. We can certainly be thankful that we do not interrupt our tranquil college scenes in this such demonstration country, with such demonstrations! Or can we be so thankful?



There are few colleges in this country that have a tradition of Student political activity. These few colleges we usually refer to as "hot beds of Reds." Oregon is not numbered among these institutions. We have maintained our purity and virtue here to the point of nausea.

What accounts for the difference in attitudes between these Spanish students and ourselves? I doubt that it is a lack of energy. If women's closing hours were set at 10 p.m. on weekends it wouldn't be surprising to see the students marching on Salem, burning Golda Wickham in effigy and perhaps even a general strike. But not even a firey eye was batted when McKay attempted to strangle a large section of public power.

It could be that there is no uniform political feeling. But I found surprising uniformity of political feeling among students on many issues. An example of this is the great feeling on this campus against "McCarthyism."

The real problem seems to be a double edged apathy. Many students aren't interested in finding out what's going on and, if by some miracle they find out, they are not particularly impressed. For some reason or other we consider that someone else will guard the political scene, and that time for political activity (if any) will come later.

"Besides" says our average student "I come to school to study the effects of the Arthurian Legend on the 17th Century Welsh poets, not to change the world."

Anytime a nation is apathetic to its political problems we can expect a decline in the amount of that nation's democracy. We in the United States are extremely apathetic—"I'm getting along OK, why should I kick?" The liberal arts colleges are the perfect place to start our attack on apathy. It is the purpose of such an institution to educate the whole man, which includes the political citizen. This is one of the primary things that distinguishes a university from a vocational school.

Phi Eta Sigma Initiates Nine

Nine men will be initiated into Phi Eta Sigma, freshmen scholastic honorary, Wednesday evening, President Bob Summers has announced.

The following men, who earned a grade point average of a 3.5 fall term or as a cumulative GPA for their freshman year, will be initiated into the national honorary:

Doyle Higdon, Richard Van Allen, Ronald Spicer, Larry Kromling, Warren Schad, Russell Connert, Harvey Richmond, Howard Sussman and Scott Page.

The initiation, which will take place in the Student Union at 6:15 p. m., will be followed by a banquet at 7 p. m.

Robert D. Clark, assistant dean of the college of liberal arts will speak at the banquet. Ray Hawk, associate director of student affairs and advisor to Phi Eta Sigma, will also be present, Summers reported.

Exhibit on Africa Features Collection

Africa, in books, pictures, and native handicrafts, is the theme of the exhibit now on display in the circulation lobby of the University library, according to John Lauber, administrative assistant.

A feature of the display is the collection of native weapons and implements gathered by Harry F. Atkins, graduate assistant in history, while on trips through Africa. Mr. Atkins taught social studies in a high school at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, between 1948 and 1952.

The exhibit will remain on display until March 1.

Art Prof Sets Talk on Skiing

C. B. Ryan, assistant professor of art, will speak at 7:45 p. m. Friday in the Student Union browsing room.

Ryan, sponsored by the SU Browsing Room committee, will speak on "Skiing." He will discuss some techniques of skiing and the ski areas near the University. His lecture will be illustrated with slides.

Free coffee will be served during the discussion period following the talk.

AWS To Sponsor Style Show Friday

Women students will view spring—in clothing—at the Associated Women Students style show Friday at 2 p. m. in Gerlinger hall.

Donna Lory, sophomore in business, will act as narrator of the show, which will include everything from play clothes to formals, all shown by Russell's.

No admission will be charged and refreshments will be served, according to Paula Curry, general chairman of the style show.

Christian Science Lecture Thursday

John Sammons, member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship, will speak on Christian Science Thursday at 7:30 p. m. in Gerlinger hall.

His topic will be "Christian Science: The Science That Meets the Human Need." His lecture is sponsored by the University Christian Science organization.

URC to Observe World Prayer Day

World Student Day of Prayer will be observed Sunday by a worship service at 9:45 a. m. in Gerlinger hall. The service is being sponsored by the University Religious council.

Observance of the Day of Prayer will be held by members of the World Student Christian federation in all Christian countries.

Campus Calendar

Noon Asbly Com	110 SU
Soc Staff	111 SU
Psi Chi	113 SU
Deseret Cl	Com Linc
12:15 Journ Linc	112 SU
12:30 Phi Beta Pldg	213 SU
4:00 Econ Sem	113 SU
WRA Car Booth	214 SU
4:30 Stu Day Fry Ex	319 SU
7:00 Bittner Conc	202 SU
IVCF	334 SU
Christian Sci	Ger 1st fl
Rasmusen Lect	123 Sci
Univ. Theater	Ger Anx
7:15 Hillel	112 SU
7:30 Phi Delta Phi	Ger 3rd fl
8:00 IRC	Dadsrm SU

Listening In ... On KWAX

TUESDAY—

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 19th Century Italian Mus.
8:00 Patrioscript
8:30 Voices of Europe
9:00 Kwaxworks
10:50 News Till Now
10:55 Tune to Say Goodnight
11:00 Sign Off