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Problems, Dr. Wilson

The University of Oregon is rolling out the carpet today. O. Meredith Wilson arrives on campus. We've all been waiting since October 27 to meet this man.

Do you mind, President Wilson, if we have a few words alone with you? We have a problem, along with every other faction and organized group on campus.

We want to tell you our problems because we've heard big things about you. We believe them. We like the way you spoke up against Senator McCarthy. We like the way you spoke out on Senator Wayne Morse and we hope you don't take the advice we hear you've been getting.

We like big men. We like big men that speak out. And that's why we have faith in you.

No, our problems aren't Emerald finances, although you'll hear about those too. Our problems are the problems that you'll find on the University campus and those problems we'll be telling you about in Emerald editorials in the next three months.

We want to give you a little forewarning of what those problems are. We want you to know that everyone from the administration to the faculty to the Student Union board to the Red Cross board have been tabling things and more or less holding their breaths until you arrive. (And could we offer our sympathies and an aspirin right about here).

We want to give you one big dose of student opinion because we've heard that you're the kind of man that is interested in student opinion.

So, for a quick tour of the trouble spots on our campus. First, there's the ASUO senate. We have 28 of the best student senate members in years sitting on that body. And they are all anxious to make student government work. They're looking for areas in which to work. They're interested in real student government and they'd like to be more than a representative group of college "big wheels." You'll be hearing from them.

There's the Student Union. Oregon has one of the best SU programs in the nation. And that's not a problem. We haven't begun to measure the consequences of placing such a program on our campus. And it's something we've already begun to crack our heads against when we try to evaluate our activities and see which ones tick properly and why.

You'll learn too, that there are big people and small people on this University campus. There are people that tell you one thing and mean another. There are people who make the rules but who don't always follow the bigger rules of life. We wish we could list names and incidents, but that's something you'll have to learn alone. And we're pulling for you.

We have a decreasing enrollment here at Oregon. That's a problem we are all facing. You'll join the debates and discussions on Portland State college and the Anderson report. You'll hear from the crowd who wants to know "What's wrong with Oregon?"

We're trying to figure out what we're all doing here at Oregon. We are trying to evaluate our education in terms of values that make sense to this strange generation of seeking young people. You'll hear that we're a country club and a party school, but we don't think that's true. But we'll be looking to you for some goals for our education.

You'll hear Oregon doesn't have any 'spirit.' Well, somebody's taking the fun out of college. We're not college kids. We're adults. Here at Oregon we don't seem to believe in the big rallies, torch light parades, freshman beanies and that outward show that seem to impress people at some other schools.

We think you'll find some of the answers to any outward lack of spirit in deferred living.

We're still in a state of transition. Our living organizations aren't indoctrinating freshmen any longer. The University administration doesn't have a successful program yet. We're hanging between actually using deferred living to take some of the "Greek" out of our houses to develop a more mature appreciation of our University, and just dropping the freshman in a state of apathy from which he never rises.

Approximately 60 per cent of our students work. That makes a big difference in the total "feel" of the campus. We don't have the veterans but we still have a lot of married students that tend to sober us down.

Oh, there's a lot of good things about the University. We'd rate our rather outspoken, liberal faculty as tops. We are taking great strides in our educational facilities.

Take a good look at our campus as you drive up, President Wilson. Welcome, good luck and we hope you're with us long enough to get rid of some of these problems.

Letters to the Editor

Inconsistent?

Emerald Editor:
It appears to me, after reading Herman Lind's letter to the editor in the March 2 Emerald, that Mr. Lind is being remarkably inconsistent, to put it charitably.

In the first place, I am unable to ascertain why Mr. Lind (who wants letters signed so he can criticize their authors) should be fearful of a little criticism of his own letter. Wary lest his magnum opus be in some way misconstrued, he goes so far as to shelter himself behind "the constitution . . . the Bill of Rights" and "the Declaration of Independence."

Furthermore, if fraternities and sororities should not be criticized for being discriminatory, then I fail to understand why "Name withheld by request" should be criticized for not signing a letter if he or she does not wish to do so. Since Mr. Lind is protecting himself behind such documents as the Constitution, it is only fair that "Name withheld" be permitted the same luxury.

As for the two cents worth contributed by Dick Carter (whose title of Business Manager undoubtedly failed to impress anyone), may I take the liberty of paraphrasing Mr. Lind and say that "the business of each person is that person's business ONLY."

Martin Meadows

Learning Something

Emerald Editor:
Since the hulla-ba-loo on the "exclusion policy" of the Greek Organizations, on the University Campus, started on October 2, 1953, when the letter from the "Bitter Student" was published, I have been following very closely and with amusement, all the arguments (pro and con) in the letters from various students published in the Emerald.

I think those of us who care to and "have time" (with apology to Mr. Korvola) to read these letters, should have noticed one thing, namely, that as students in the University and we interpret these things in the way we like to suit our purposes.

Personally, I am really learning something and I begin to know a few things I did not know for the past four years I have been in the United States. I hope one day, somewhere, I shall

be able to tell some people what I am learning now in the University.

I noticed in Mr. Lind's letter of Tuesday, he gave us a brand new definition of democracy, something new for us to learn indeed, we can add his definition to the thousands of others we have on democracy already.

If I get Mr. Lind's definition correctly, it is this. You can do whatever you like as an individual or as a group, never mind who gets hurt or whose personality is insulted, is all in the name of democracy. And if this paraphrase of his definition is wrong, I have no apology to offer Mr. Lind, as long as I can twist his definition to suit my purpose, it is not his business, and who cares, I am doing so in the name of democracy.

As for Mr. or Miss "Name withheld by request," why don't you write another letter, let us know who you are, after all, if you know you have a right, say it, and stand by it, is all part and parcel of democracy. Do so in the way you see fit, it is your business and again I say who cares, remember you are a student in the University as any other student.

Let those who have time write more letters for us to read, it is one way of checking one another, what we are learning, and how much we know of democracy.

Ephraim M. A. Layode

YW Slates 'Skip' For Weekend

All sophomore women are invited to go on the YWCA-sponsored sophomore skip Friday and Saturday, according to Eileen Lindblad, YW director.

The event will take place at Kitson springs, with cars leaving Gerlinger hall at 4 p. m. Friday. Food will be provided, but the women must furnish their own bedding. The group will return Saturday afternoon.

Platform speakers, discussions of religion and campus life and recreation will occupy the time of those attending the annual affair.

Speakers will include Virginia Kempston, counselor for women; Joan Hutchon, Danforth fellow, rector at St. Mary's Episcopal and Father Robert Ellis, assistant church.

Campus Calendar

Noon Gam Delta	110 SU
Drama Staff	111 SU
AAA	112 SU
Journ Fac	113 SU
Coop Bd	114 SU
Phi Beta Cab	Com Inh
WUS Fund Ch	319 SU
4:00 Air Com Sq	112 SU
Pres. Wilson Recept	Darm SU
6:30 Phi Beta	113 SU
Hse Chplns	315 SU
ASUO Sen	334 SU
7:30 Stu Pub Bd	337 SU
8:00 Ruz Lect	Blrm SU

UO Students Plan Junior High Panel

A panel of four University students will tell girls in junior high school "just how it's done" in the matters of dating, dress and manner Tuesday.

The panel will appear at Woodrow Wilson junior high school. Mrs. Golda P. Wickham, director of women's affairs, will act as moderator for the group.

Participating in the panel will be Olivia Tharaldson, president of Junior Panhellenic; Mary Waddell, president of Heads of Houses; Phyllis Pearson, chairman of the Student Union dance committee, and Joan Hutchon, Danforth fellow.

Library Use Added To Course Agenda

Library 117, use of the library, will be offered this spring although it was omitted from the spring term time schedule. The class will meet in the library at 11 a. m. Tuesday under the instruction of Robert R. McCollough, reference librarian.

This one-hour course is designed to train students in the use of the card catalog, periodical indexes, reference books, and to give experience in the preparation of bibliographies.

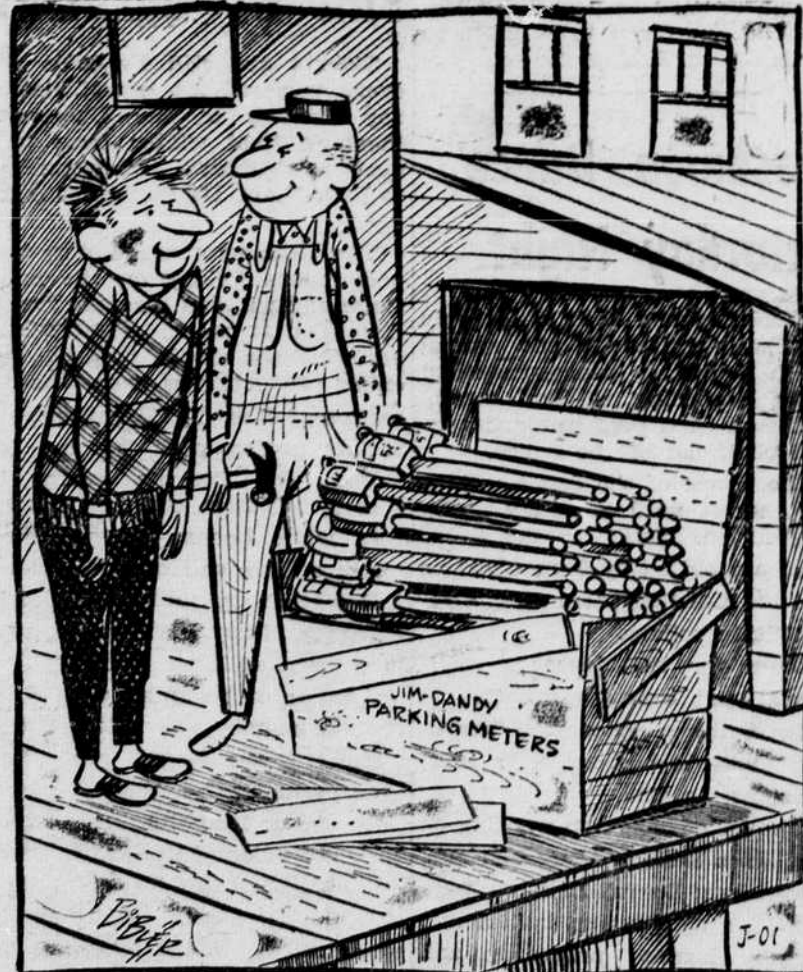
Cosmo Club Plans Social Meet Friday

Cosmopolitan club will hold its last meeting of the term Friday at 8 p. m., in Plymouth house, 13th and Ferry streets.

A social evening is planned, including dancing and games. Free refreshments will be served. Don Bonime, sophomore in business will also entertain with some piano numbers.

Cosmopolitan club is an organization for both foreign and American students. All University students are invited to attend the social meeting, according to Bev Ulstad.

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