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All The News

The staff of the Oregon Daily Emerald is not casting a reflection on the students of this University by running stories and names on arrests made on "campus beer busts." We only write the news. We do not make it.

When the names and actions of these students are available to our staff reporters, we are forced, as journalists, to publish the news.

Stories and names appear in the local Register-Guard. Although the Oregonian did not run the names in their story on the sorority involved last week, the Oregon Journal did run those names.

However, our news-gathering policies are not, and were never meant to be, determined by the newspapers of this state. We print the news as we see it.

The Emerald traditionally gives a bigger "play" to campus stories than any other newspaper in the state. After all, we are a campus newspaper, publishing from the University campus, and the proximity of such news makes it of more value to the Emerald than it could possibly have to any other newspaper in the state.

Students' beer and police combined are, perhaps unfortunately, news. When such an incident occurs, it spreads rapidly over the campus grapevine, via word of mouth. And rumor sometimes makes such an incident worse than the truth would paint it. Thus, it becomes the responsibility of a news-gathering agency to print that truth. We accept that responsibility. We do not accept the responsibility of protecting by our silence the names and reputations of individuals involved.

Every University student should be aware of our state liquor laws and the risks they take when they violate those laws. It is the individual that is placing himself in jeopardy. A newspaper staff merely records the consequences.

We are sympathetic, personally. We know that "picnics" are a common occurrence on this and most other college campuses. We know that sometimes the less guilty must suffer, while the more frequent violators can evade detection. That is the tragedy of most action taken against those who disobey the law, whether on our campus or on a national scale.

As for the houses involved, we do not believe these houses and national affiliations exist apart from their members. A living organization can only have the reputation which is made for it by its members. And that places an added risk on a student who wishes to indulge in any "beer bust" or other action that will reflect on the house of his choice.

We run the honored accomplishments of University students — the Phi Beta Kappas, the top house grades, the activities, etc. of our students. We cannot, in fairness to our conscience, repaint the other side of the story so that all is light and bright within our little world.

Makes A Difference



"Oh, it's you, Professor, pardon me for not speaking, I thought you were just another student."

What's Going On Here? Campus Politicians Indulge In Cat - Mouse Time Stall

by Al Karr
Emerald Columnist

Oregon's campus politicians are again indulging in one of Oregon's few real traditions — trying to make everyone believe that no one really decides to run for political office until there's just enough time before petition deadline to allow them to fill out a petition.

A lot of people don't convince themselves to make the big leap until just about the deadline, of course. But some do set their minds to it at least a little while before the last chance.

Bob Summers, ASUO senator-at-large, is a definite candidate for the AGS nomination for ASUO president. Jim Light, junior class president, has been considered a very likely candidate for the position for some time, and will probably petition.

Bob Glass, AGS president, who has been mentioned as a potential presidential candidate, has apparently decided to run for senior class president.

Other leaders in AGS have been mentioned as possibles for the number one position, but what they (and possible "unknowns") do can only be determined after 5 p. m. Wednesday.

On the UIS ticket, the Independents have been searching for

a candidate to put up a battle equalling the one by Don Collin, last year's Independent nominee. UIS President Hollis Ransom, senator-at-large, is a definite candidate for the UIS nomination. Len Calvert, junior class vice-president, who has been mentioned for the post, will probably petition for the UIS nomination for senior class president.

Tom Shepherd, senator-at-large, is planning to return to school next year (he's a senior now), and is a possible candidate for the UIS nomination. Others who have been mentioned in UIS circles are in a more tentative position.

Problem: Who is the loyal Webfoot who keeps tossing little capsules which turn water bright green, into the Fenton pool? That's what is causing the pool to take on the green hue every so often. The physical plant says they aren't performing the service.

Oregon's exchange assembly met with disfavor at not just the Portland high school performances. Some students at the Lewis and Clark presentation thought the assembly showed poor taste; some poor entertainment; some, both. One woman even got up in the middle of it, muttering, "This is too much," and strode out.

And at Hillsboro, the handlers of the assembly evidently didn't get along very well at Hilhi. At least there was a lack of understanding between the high school officials and the assembly troupe.



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House Grade List

GROUPS' GRADE POINT AVERAGES, WINTER TERM, 1953-54		
Men's Organizations (and Rank)	GPA	UO Women's Organizations (and Rank)
	2.97	1 University House (1)
	2.93	2 Kappa Kappa Gamma (2)
	2.90	3 Ann Judson House (3)
	2.89	NON-ORGANIZATION WOMEN
	2.86	4 Delta Gamma (4)
	2.84	5 Kappa Alpha Theta (5)
	2.83	6
	2.814	7 Alpha Chi Omega (6)
	2.810	WOMEN'S CLUBS
	2.79	8 Pi Beta Phi (7)
	2.7823	9 Rebec House (8)
	2.7821	10 Alpha Xi Delta (9)
	2.752	11
	2.749	12 Alpha Delta Pi (10)
	2.746	13 Zeta Tau Alpha (11)
	2.741	14 Delta Delta Delta (12)
	2.733	WOMEN'S SORORITIES
	2.728	15 Highland House (13)
	2.723	16 Alpha Phi (14)
	2.71	ALL WOMEN
	2.694	17 Chi Omega (15)
	2.693	18
	2.686	19 Delta Zeta (16)
	2.685	20
	2.684	21
	2.662	22
	2.656	23 Sigma Kappa (17)
	2.652	24
	2.6419	25
	2.6416	26 Orides (18)
	2.635	27
	2.614	28
	2.612	29 Alpha Omicron Pi (19)
	2.606	ALL UNIVERSITY
	2.606	30 Gamma Phi Beta (20)
	2.5942	31
	2.5940	32
	2.589	33 Carson Hall (21)
	2.586	WOMEN'S DORMITORIES
	2.55	34
	2.544	35
	2.5430	
	2.5428	
	2.536	
	2.518	
	2.5154	
	2.5147	
	2.5140	
	2.5135	
	2.499	
	2.498	
	2.474	
	2.473	
	2.467	
	2.455	
	2.453	
	2.40	
	2.361	
	2.359	
	2.32	
	2.31	
	2.30	
	2.25	
	2.22	
	2.20	
	2.18	
	2.16	
	2.113	
	2.111	
	2.09	

● Temple Beth Israel has issued an invitation to all Jewish University students to attend the traditional Seder service and dinner April 18. The affair will be held at the Temple at 6 p. m. No charge will be made, and all students planning to attend have been asked to call Oscar Strauss for reservations by Friday.

● Petitions are being called for a person to operate the Embosser machine for the Student Union board. The position pays \$1 per hour. Friday is the deadline for anyone wishing to petition for this position. For further information call Bob Koutek at 3-1321, Donna Buse, 235, or Andy Berwick at 234 or 5-9912.

Letters... ...to the Editor

In Protest

Emerald Editor:
We are writing in protest of the unfair publicity given, in the Emerald, to the sorority whose members were arrested on a charge of illegal drinking. It is the place of a campus newspaper to act in the interest of the student body.

We feel it was totally unnecessary to print the names of the specific students involved. Many other students have previously been arrested on the same charge and were not subjected to this unnecessary publicity.

We understand the validity of the article as a warning to other students but the warning would have been equally significant had the names been withheld.

Names withheld by request

Forthright Editorial

Emerald Editor:
Yesterday, I read your forthright editorial on the "picnic" incident, and I wish to commend you on your thoughts on the matter.

May I add that the printing of names of arrested persons in news publications is a right of the individual that I hold is equal to all the other rights contained in our American system. It should be regarded as such and not a penalty.

During my years in the service, I saw the results of a police system that did not think it necessary to report to the public all the names of arrested persons. The end result was that which I witnessed at the concentration camp at Ordruff, Germany, where the unnamed dead were stacked up like cordwood with lime sprinkled over them while they awaited cremation.

I agree that naming names is a hard and cold way of proceeding but in the over all long view, I think it is worth the unpleasantness of the moment to know with certainty that an American citizen cannot be held incommunicado in an American prison for any appreciable time; thus eliminating the evils of many European and Asiatic police and judicial systems.

Edward W. Elder
Sheriff of Lane County

(Ed. Note: The editorial referred to, which ran April 1, was written by Associate Editor Jackie Wardell. The position taken by the editor is reiterated in the editorial appearing in this issue.)



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