

# Oregon Daily EMERALD

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## A Statement of Policy

The Oregon Daily Emerald is now in its fifty-sixth year of publication at the University of Oregon. Through the more than half-century of its history, the student newspaper has built up quite a reputation as a center of independent thought on campus.

We are an independent newspaper because of the liberal views taken by the Oregon faculty, which has no direct supervision over the editorial content of the paper. The administration has assured us they want a free press at the University. We of the Emerald staff think this is as it should be. We hope the Oregon student body agrees with us.

The editorial policy of the Emerald, then, is set by the students who devote a great deal of time and energy—with little or no financial reward, but great moral satisfaction—that the students of this University might have their own newspaper.

What can the students expect to find in the Emerald? They can expect a good-looking, interesting newspaper that gives them a factual account of the University and its life. As we interpret it, this means the printing of all the news, both good and bad.

Students will find in their paper all the news as they make it. This may include the selection of a pretty girl as Homecoming queen or the arrest of sorority girls for illegal possession of alcohol, tapping of outstanding senior women for Mortar Board or the expulsion from school of an athlete for cheating in an examination. The Emerald, in these instances, is merely acting as reporter, the impartial observer of those who make the news.

Is this all the Oregon student body has come to expect of its newspaper? Do they just want the news, accurately reported and interestingly presented? We think not. We think they have also come to expect opinions from their paper, and these they will find on the editorial page.

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Other students may disagree, sometimes violently, with opinions expressed by the editorial writers. This also is as it should be. Students who wish may submit their own written opinions for publication in a letters to the editor column, which will be a regular feature of the editorial page.

We invite letters from outside the Emerald staff for the healthy discussion of topics which is so essential to the interplay of ideas in a free society. Because of space limitations, contributors to the letters to the editor column will be asked to keep their letters to a one page maximum length, either typewritten double-spaced or legibly written in ink. All letters to the editors must be signed by the writer, and names will be withheld only upon personal application to the editor.

A newspaper can never be thought of as a one-man production, and the Oregon Daily Emerald is no exception. The editor must of course accept the responsibility for the entire newspaper. Credit for the paper's triumphs usually go to him, while he must also take the blame for its errors.

And yet, the Emerald is no better than its most proficient headline writer, no worse than its greenest reporter. The paper does not belong to one man alone, but is rather the product of a whole group of students who are members of its staff.

Official Emerald policy? We can find no better statement of policy than that which ran in the first issue of the University's student newspaper (then called The Oregon Weekly) on February 12, 1900. The policy of this paper was then, and will continue to be, built around this principle:

"Through these columns we shall endeavor to keep the students informed as to what is happening around them and to point out every possible avenue of advancement."

## Campus Briefs

● Religious Evaluation week committee chairmen will meet Thursday at noon in 319 Student Union.

● There will be a meeting for all Kwamas at 12:30 p.m. today in Gerlinger hall, according to Helen Johnson, president.

● Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship will hold a planning meeting tonight at 7 p.m. in the Student Union. All officers and interested persons are urged to attend.

● Part time workers are needed in the Straub hall dining room, according to Leo V. Nuttman, student supervisor. There are part-time openings for both men and women students.

● Skull and Dagger, sophomore men's honorary, will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Student Union, according to Doug Basham, president.

● The Oregon open house, originally scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 29, has been rescheduled for 8 to 10 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6. The open house for both new and old students will be held in SU 308.

● Members of the campus YMCA can use Student Union ping-pong facilities free-of-charge by presenting their YM membership cards, according to President Dave Roberts. The cards may be presented at the SU recreation desk anytime, he said.

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