

+ EMERALD EDITORIALS +

The 'Book'

From what we've heard, the 1955 Oregana is going to be a real buy.

This is your year at Oregon—in story and pictures, bound for permanent reference. Sports highlights, pictures of your classmates, a review of the year's social events. All will be found in this year's Oregana, out spring term.

Under the direction of Editor Bob Southwell and Business Manager Bob McCracken, the Oregana crew has been hard at work since the beginning of the year to capture in print this year at Oregon. And it will be yours to keep.

Several pleasing new features have been incorporated into this year's "Book." The claim that the 1955 Oregana will be "bigger and better" is no idle boast.

An embossed cover will be used this year, in contrast to the thin slick cover used last year. A heavier stock paper is being used to improve the quality of the lithography. New emphasis is being placed on art work, and extra thick divider pages are being used to separate the different sections. The personality section, featuring campus "kings" and "queens," will be on grained paper.

And you will be in this year's Oregana. A crew of student photographers have been snapping candid campus shots, which will be included in the 'Book.' A greater emphasis is being placed on the individual at Oregon.

A final sales campaign for the Oregana will open next week at the Student Union and the Co-op. We strongly urge those who haven't already purchased their copy to do so.

End Segregation?

In the Jan. 10 editorial, referred to in a letter to the editor elsewhere on this page, we complained about the seating arrangement currently "discriminating" against women at basketball games.

We still don't like it and we sympathize strongly with the married students who were forced to sit practically in the end

zone at football games and beneath the baskets at basketball games.

The letter writer also disagrees with segregated seating and she makes some good points for her argument.

Proponents of segregated seating say it is to encourage school spirit on the grounds that men and women won't yell as loud if they're sitting together. They have a good point. No sweet young thing will yell her head off for a basketball player if there's an interesting looking man sitting next to her.

And the same applies to the fellows. They like to impress the sweet young things with their strong, silent appeal.

We've heard some men say they like segregated seating because they don't have to answer "a bunch of stupid questions" asked by women. And then we're told men prefer to feel superior and more intelligent than women. Consistent?

We can understand this point too—even though we do feel it's a bit unfair to those women who do understand sports and don't make a habit of asking "stupid questions."

The letter writer's points make sense. Ending segregated seating would give men a chance to get those good seats across the floor and would force women to arrive earlier for the games.

But we doubt that segregated seating will ever be ended at Oregon football and basketball games. The force of habit has become too great. If students really wanted to end it it would be a simple matter. With men and women on the same side of the floor a simple shifting of seats once past the ushers and segregation would be over.

We don't think it will happen.—(J.W.)

Footnotes

Even more deserted place than library during first week of classes is quad at 1 a.m. on a weekday morning. But then who, besides Emerald staffers on the way home, should be up and around at that hour?

Anyone else noticed the tattered U.S. flag on the SU flagpole?

Rain winter term or sprinklers fall and spring. Either way the Oregon student gets soaked.

College Capers ...

From Coast to Coast

For over-intellectual students who are not content with the mere happenings on the UO campus, the Emerald has taken the liberty to print a column on the current events, risqué and otherwise, that are capturing the thoughts of our collegiate counterparts on distant campuses, to help satisfy this thirst for knowledge of the national campus scene.

munity projects including cleaning, plastering, painting buildings and packing clothing for Korea.

The Huskies have a ribald side to their news also, as the University of Washington Daily put out a special "Hangover Issue," after the holidays, so the paper could be read despite bloodshot eyes.

THE PIONEERING spirit of the west is enjoying a regeneration, at least, as far as television is concerned. It seems the University of Washington has come forth with its own TV station. It's designed for educational purposes and aimed at three general levels—young people, family and adults. Televising began January 5, with Washington's Governor Arthur B. Langlie delivering an inaugural address.

TRAGEDY HAS befallen the Washington State college campus. The reason was the death of their amiable cougar mascot, Butch IV, who, after 12 years of loyal service at his position finally passed away. However, WSC students are not entirely in mourning as Butch V, another cougar, is being rushed to the scene as fast as possible to fill his predecessor's shoes. Now if WSC would have four more cougars rushed to the scene they might have a basketball team this year.

THE UCLA campus is slowly attempting to acquire a prudish atmosphere. When Bruin students returned from the holidays they discovered an array of signs declaring a negative emphasis on smoking in the class room. Reasons for the banishment of class room "puffers" was that it irritated non-smokers, it caused a serious janitorial problem and distracted the professors.

BY GEORGE, HE DID IT AGAIN!...

COLUMBUS, OHIO (ACP) — Pete George, Ohio State University dental student, came home for the second straight year from Vienna with the world's middle-weight weightlifting crown, the Ohio State Lantern reports.

OTHER ITEMS on the U. of W. campus of passing interest include letters that are being sent to fraternities urging them to turn a part of "Hell Week" into "Help Week." This would mean fraternities helping with com-

He copped honors with a 259-lb. press, a 281-lb. snatch and a clean and jerk of 352-lbs. for a total of 892 lbs. He edged Bogdanovski of Russia who had a sum of 885 lbs. Twenty-eight countries entered the world's championship match.

OSC Maybe?



"I've never had a student work so hard to pull down an A."

Letters to the Editor

Segregation

Your editorial entitled "It's Discrimination" (Jan. 10, J.W.) in the Emerald of January 10 stimulates me to bring up for discussion a matter which is seldom questioned at the University of Oregon.

"Why are men and women students segregated at sports events on campus?"

The only answer that I have to this question when asked of a number of students has been that this segregation is a tradition. As a woman student who is interested in sports and attend the games whenever I can it seems to me that this is a tradition or custom which should be examined.

I can think of no reasons for continuing this distinction and the following reasons for discarding it.

If sections were reserved for students as such there would be no problem of whether the men's or women's section is better—all students would have an equal chance for a good seat.

Married students could sit together without finding an even more undesirable section than those reserved for single students.

An extra opportunity for dating with small expenditure of money would be provided.

Those of us who are interested but do not understand all of the finer points of the games could go with someone who could explain what we don't understand, thereby increasing our interest. When sitting in the women's section our neighbor, more often than not, knows even less about what happens than we do.

Who knows, perhaps more women would go to games if they could have more dates that way. They might even become interested!

Traditions should be discarded when they not only serve no useful purpose but actually interfere with, or obstruct, the functioning of human events. It seems to me that the enjoyment of football and basketball games here would be increased by the mingling of the student body as a whole and that we should discard the tradition of segregation.

Vernette Kilger
Editor's note: See editorial comment "End Segregation?" on this page.

Also Noteworthy

Emerald Editor: In regard to your statement (in "Disappointing Grades," Emerald editorial, Jan. 12) concerning the "less noteworthy" achievement of the Zeta Tau Alpha pledge class in the fall term grade standings, we feel that

they should be ranked equally with the grades of the other pledge classes. The accumulative G.P.A. of 3.22 was based on individual achievement, with one of our pledges making a 3.8 taking such "less noteworthy" courses as Organic Chemistry and Microbiology.

We are very proud of the fact that all of our pledges made their grades and are able to be initiated this weekend. Thus we consider their achievement very noteworthy and deserving of the praise and recognition of the Emerald.

Sincerely yours,
Beta Pi Chapter
Zeta Tau Alpha

Editor's note: The phrase "less noteworthy" in reference to the Zeta Tau Alpha pledge class grade achievement was a poor selection of words on behalf of the Emerald. An average of 3.22 for a sorority freshman class, even if small, is indeed commendable.

The point we wished to make is that the high average of a large sorority pledge class—for instance Alpha Phi, whose 21 pledges had an average of 2.89, with three on the honor roll, 10 above a 3 point, and all above a 2.2—was a significant achievement, an achievement equally as noteworthy as that of Zeta Tau Alpha.



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