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CAMPUS COMMENT

55 Years Tomorrow

Happy Birthday to us. With Monday's issue of the Oregon Daily Emerald, we will begin our fifty-sixth year of publication.

Since 1900, size, type, publication dates and the very news itself have varied in accordance with the times. Fifty-five years of the University's history are chronicled on the pages of the Emerald.

Many are the men who have used the Emerald as a stepping stone to bigger things. One of the earliest editors, 1911 to 1913, was Karl Onthank, now associate director of student affairs.

Congressman Harris Ellsworth was business manager in 1918. Arden Pangborn, Emerald editor during 1928, is now editor of the Oregon Journal in Portland. Senator Richard Neuberger edited the Emerald in 1932 when he was a sophomore. The 1947 editor, Bob Frazier, is now associate editor of the Eugene Register-Guard.

The tradition is an imposing one, and a great challenge to present and future Emerald staffs.

For 55 years the Emerald has been a leader in the reflection of campus thought, opinion, and reactions. Through its news and editorial columns, a reflection of the

University as it has been and as it becomes apparent.

It is the history of the University in print and a representative of the University to the "outside world." The Emerald is Oregon—and the Emerald is you.—(S.R.)

A Matter of Rules

Following is a partial list of rules for the Dads' day sign contest as published on page one of the January 25, 1955 Emerald:

1. No decorations or pictures on signs.
2. Signs will consist of a rhyme, slogan, or verse.
3. Verses cannot exceed 25 words.

If the winning sign conformed to the rules, we certainly can't see it. Whether the judges were not informed as to the rules or whether they chose to ignore them, is not a matter for discussion.

We cannot argue as to which were the best signs because we are convinced that the ones selected for the winning spots were the best. Our only question was whether the winning signs conformed to the rules and whether the sign contest chairmen should have informed their own living organizations as to the rules.

Should houses which violate the rules win a contest? —(P.K.)

Columnist Ponders Which Came First

By Sam Frear
Emerald Columnist

If you ever tried to figure what made them that way, it would be a hen before the egg sort of a proposition. You can always wonder, when looking at the inmates of the various schools and departments around this place, were they like that before or do they become that way afterwards?

You can take the fellows in the law school for example. Most pre-law majors are really quite human. But when they enter Fenton's corridors they not only become secluded they also assume a rather superior attitude.

Now this could be caused by: (a) They are all over 21 which allows them

to be among the elite that meet at Maxie's, or, (b) They have somehow absorbed the propaganda about the selectivity and difficulty of their school, and like the rest of the campus, thoroughly overrate their position.

Now there's the question. Is it the man or the major? Did, say, students majoring in sociology form the nucleus of liberal attitudes on this campus after they started majoring in sociology, or did they major in sociology already possessing liberal attitudes.

Not all, of course, but a whole lot of radicals, would-be-radicals, married radicals now called liberals, skeptics, belligerents, Democrats, and administration haters can be found with sociology books in their fists.

Pedanticism and just plain snobbishness are traits often

found among English professors. If you believed them, the campus is composed of nothing but football players, immature freshman, low-grade idiots, and one or two intelligent English majors.

Now did English majors major in English because they found pedanticism fascinating, or were they pedantic before entering Friendly's not-too-friendly atmosphere.

The difference between last year's senior and this year's graduate student is often found in the fact that graduate students wear ties. We had this to distinguish them from the human race when lo and behold, we found quite a few juniors in Education also wearing ties.

Now our problem is whether to admit Education majors into the human race even if they do wear ties (and double breasted suits) or should we omit them because of the fact they will be teachers. We have frankly wondered why anyone would major in education. It's so precarious, one never knows when to be progressive or retrogressive.

Architects are handy people to have around. Every house should have at least one. They can design, paint, and erect homecoming signs, construct floats, and do all kinds of other worthwhile tasks. But the point at hand is, were they that handy before deciding to waste eight or nine good years of their life, or is that what they were taught to do?

Next week we will discuss why there are introverts in the School of Journalism—if it is a Speech Department prerequisite to be banned from Friday at Fours—and who those people are that dwell in the dismal confines of Condon Hall, and which did come first, the egg or the chick—snobbishness are traits often?



INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Pattern of Soviet Shakeups Show USSR Needs Economic 'Grace'

By WILLIAM L. RYAN
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A pattern is beginning to emerge from the series of Soviet shakeups. It indicates the Soviet Union hopes for at least four or five more years of grace in which to build its economy.

The Communist Party has entered into a deal with the forces representing career men of the Soviet army, and some attention will be paid henceforth to army views on preparations for eventual war.

It is good news in this respect! The world may have time to compose its differences, while the internal Soviet structure evolves from a monolithic dictatorship under the Communist

Party to a sort of hybrid military dictatorship in which conservative army leaders have influence.

This seems to follow from the appointment of Marshal Georgi K. Zhukov as defense minister and the spotlighting of other military leaders in the rubber-stamp Soviet parliament.

The fact that Zhukov has exchanged warm words with President Eisenhower need not pre-empt any softening of Soviet policy toward the United States. But Zhukov is a hard-headed career general likely to think of military consequences ahead of dialectics on the inevitable triumph of world Communism.

There undoubtedly has been a compromise in the Soviet hierarchy. Some of the army leaders' views must be taken into consideration by Nikita S. Khrushchev, the leading personality in the Soviet Union today.

If Khrushchev has come to terms with the army men, some attention will be paid to the consumer sector of the Soviet economy to quiet the army's fears of a brittle situation which could crack in wartime. Apparently, however, this must be accomplished without sacrifice to the heavy industry sector. The army, if satisfied this can be done, probably will go along with the stepup of Soviet heavy industry which produces armaments. No army is ever interested in weakening a nation's armed forces.

The Soviet Union, therefore, can be expected to put forward strong talk, in the Stalin manner, in foreign affairs but to avoid going far enough to risk plunging the world into war.

This was implicit in Tuesday's address by the new premier, Nikolai Bulganin. He condemned the United States as "aggressive" in China, but he carefully noted that the Soviet Union sympathizes with and supports "the Chinese people" over Formosa. He said nothing about Soviet government support for the Chinese government.

Bulganin gave other hints. The Soviet Union is thinking in terms of five to six years for the repair of its agricultural situation. While that remains in its present state, the Soviet Union would not be likely to take long chances. It will be likely to take long changes.

The Soviet Union thus, for some time to come, likely will say one thing in foreign affairs and mean another. It will be talking tough but apparently hoping nothing too serious will come of it. But it will not relax for a moment its program of expanding Communism in the world, exerting pressure against the lines of least resistance.

Letters to the Editor

Sign Contest

Emerald Editor:

In regards to the Emerald's recent "comments" concerning the Dad's Day sign contest we wish to repeat the following information for those on the staff who didn't read their own proof.

1. A complete list of rules were published in the Emerald one week prior to the contest. They were designed to eliminate expense and cause less confusion for the organizations taking part.

2. The judges were picked from the faculty and local Eugene personalities. The judges did the judging in accordance with their understanding of the rules and the way in which they evaluated the signs.

3. This is the normal way for judges to react.

We sincerely hope that this will solve your confusion regarding the sign contest. We also express our appreciation to all living organizations for their fine displays which contributed to the overall success of Dad's Day.

Dave Chambers
Barkey Herman

Co-chairmen, Sign Contest
(Editors Note: See editorial entitled "A Matter of Rules" for comment.)

For Virility

Emerald Editor:

Your recent editorial to the effect that NAACP has given up in its efforts to assist fraternities in the elimination of their discriminatory clauses came as no surprise to us. We had noticed the recent change in staff, the increasing amount of space devoted to the exaltation of the merits of the Emerald, and the sterility of the news and editorials in general.

But, in its attempts to stir up a campus battle, did the Emerald have to refer to the "... NAACP and people with similar views ...", thus implying that, in addition to fraternities and sororities, we also have an exclusion clause?

Nothing could be further from the truth. For the information of the Emerald and the rest of the campus, membership in our organization is open to students of all races, nationalities, and religions—even fraternity and Emerald staff members.

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Kenneth R. Cunningham, Treasurer
NAACP, Oregon Chapter

Scientific Approach



"Her system is to study books—I study the professors."



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