

# + EMERALD EDITORIALS +

## House Organ Plus

Today's edition of the Oregon Daily Emerald marks the beginning of daily publication during the 1955-56 school year. In the 140 issues that follow, this paper will attempt to be more than just a house organ for the campus.

The Emerald will at all times attempt to be a newspaper in the fullest sense of the word. It will keep the students informed of all that happens on the campus, and of the significance of these events.

It will also carry news of outside agencies whose actions may affect the University of Oregon or any part of its student body, such as the State Board of Higher Education or the state legislature.

In addition, the Emerald will carry each day the more important and significant news of the world.

However, this paper will not be content with printing the news as it comes from our wire service or from publicity releases. It will seek at all times to be first with that news.

To keep the students informed this paper will print articles from time to time explaining some of the more complicated problems facing the University and the students.

The ultimate goal of the Oregon Daily Emerald will be to serve the interests of the University of Oregon and its students, but, believing in the students' right to know, this paper will not hesitate to print news of wrongdoing by those students or of unfavorable conditions in the University.

## Fight Watcher's Plague

In the past two or three years we have watched approximately 50 professional boxing matches over television. In that time we have not had the opportunity to watch the one boxer whom we would really like to see the most: the incomparable heavyweight champion of the world, Rocky Marciano.

We had one chance to see the Brockton strongboy on the video screen when he KOed Jersey Joe Walcott in the first round of their return match a couple of years back, but unfortunately we missed that one.

Ever since the Walcott fiasco, we have been patiently waiting for another opportunity to arise. None has. It is not hard to see why.

When television first began to show fistfights on a nationwide scale a few years ago, both the boxing organizations and the TV networks were more than willing to cooperate in bringing the top fights to fans all over the country. The sale of television sets boomed, the International Boxing club and other such groups made money like they never had before, the boxers and their managers doubled or tripled their purses and of course the video people profited immensely by the whole set-up.

Everyone was pretty well satisfied for awhile until someone got an idea which would net still more money for the aforementioned groups and persons. The idea is now developing into the plague of the television fight-watcher. It is known as the closed-TV circuit.

How does it work? It is simple indeed. When a big fight comes along, such as one in which Marciano is defending his title, the home TV-viewers are blacked out completely. Planners then carefully schedule special theater showings of the match throughout the country. Then by charging what we consider ridiculous admission prices, the promoters and fighters haul in even more wealth for their venture.

Last Wednesday night Marciano stepped into the ring for a title defense against aging Archie Moore, the light-heavyweight cham-

panion. And, as usual, the closed circuit showing was put to use.

In Eugene the fight was shown at the local armory. Admission prices ranged from \$6.00 to a low of \$3.50.

In our opinion this is just plain disgusting. People are lured into buying TV sets on the presumption that they will then get to see all the top sports attractions. Then when a big boxing match comes up in which interest is high all over the country, the closed-circuit is shoved into use so a rabid fight follower has to shell out some more money if he wants to see a live telecast of the match.

Thank goodness for one thing. So far this boxing idea has been limited strictly to the fisty sport. But if it proved to be a successful venture, we wonder just how long it will be before the same plan is put to use with the bowl football games, the World Series and the top horse races.

We don't know how it should be done but TV sports fans ought to revolt. (B.R.)

## Geared to the Campus

Just under 800 freshmen and transfer students received their first nibble, and in some cases, sip, of Oregon's Greek system this weekend. The main course is yet to come for most.

The fraternities and sororities have put their best foot forward to counteract the nationwide negative publicity received by the fraternity system as a whole in recent years.

Actually, as the 362 freshmen women and the expected over 400 men going through rush will discover, there is much to be said for the fraternity system.

Both Panhellenic and IFC recommend that rushees visit a number of houses before rushing. That way they can compare the advantages of large and small houses and of Greeks and independents, at the same time meeting more people and insuring the rushees that they choose the house which is right for them.

Greek living is not essential on the Oregon campus: the Greeks are but a minority of the total enrollment. There are less than 600 larger number of Greek men. But the Greeks continue to wield a power that exceeds their size. Why? Because a number of the campus leaders, the athletes, the scholars are fraternity people. Because the smaller unit of more congenial people encourages the development of the individual. Because the Greek organizations are geared to the campus.

There are those who charge that fraternities operate at the level of a boarding house, that they are the proponents of mediocrity and immaturity in their lack of stress upon scholarship. Such generalizations are difficult to justify. Of the 20 students featured in the outstanding senior section in the 1955 Oregonian, 17 were Greeks. On the spring term grade list, the top two positions were held by sororities, while the leader in men's grades was a fraternity. Non-organization men and women were right behind the leaders. In all realms of student affairs it is the same.

The Greeks are not big bad men who waylay freshmen. The independents are not social misfits with two horns and a tail. And there is no major split between the two.

The choice is up to the rushee, for both have much to offer. The advantages of the Greek way are not to be denied by tall tales. (S.R.)

## Footnotes

Ode to the Trojans:  
Gather ye touchdowns while you may,  
Soon will come the Bruins of UCLA.

## Study Hints



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

## LOOKING AT THE WORLD

### Test Case for Faith

By Gunther Barth

President Eisenhower's heart

President Eisenhower's heart attack eliminates him as a candidate for 1956. This is the only possible conclusion in a moment in which the outlook is still colored by emotions and nature's unpredictable course. The GOP will hardly attempt the suicidal task of offering the country a nominee with a record of coronary thrombosis, despite the growing trend of conservatism in the nation which labels 1956 as a Republican year.

President Eisenhower's heart attack has become more than just a dilemma for the Republican party or a threat to his life. It forms a test case for the democratic faith of the West when major portions of the world are still struggling to transfer their confidence from the symbol Eisenhower to the abstract institutions of democracy.

President Eisenhower has been able to intrude successfully between the no man's land which lies between the letters of the constitution defining his office and the imagination of the people. The emotional reaction of the Western world about the news from Denver demonstrates his personal achievement.

Nature's unexpected blow against the heart of the 64-year-old President has severely increased the basic anxiety, the characteristic keynote of our age. This uncertainty might confuse the world in its tributes to the President, leaving the realm of sympathy or respect and dangerously equating the patient with the sound democratic institutions he represents.



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