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Post-Pledge Banquet



"TH' SIGMA PHI NOTHINGS AREN'T PLEDGING TH' SAME CALDER OF BOYS THEY USED TO."

Cooperation Is a Must

President Eisenhower's illness has emphasized again the necessity for close cooperation between the President and Vice-President. The country was fortunate that such cooperation did exist at the time when the President was knocked out of action by a heart attack.

At the time of his attack, President Eisenhower held a unique position in the world. People throughout the world associated him so closely with the movement for world peace that the man and the idea seemed almost one.

When the heart attack removed him from the scene, the ideas and the movement with which much of the world associated him were in danger of toppling, or at least of receiving a severe setback.

That this setback became no more than a temporary panic can be attributed to two factors:

1. Prospects for the President's complete recovery.

2. The smooth functioning of the government and the continuation of the President's policies.

There can be no question but that Vice-President Nixon has played an important part in achieving the second factor. He has been able to step in and coordinate the various agencies and branches of the government while the President is ill. He has presided over the regular cabinet meetings and meetings of the National Security council, both of which become more important now that the President is absent from Washington.

Had the President not kept Nixon informed on matters before his illness, the Vice-President would have been unequipped to take charge at this time.

It was not always this way. There have been times in our history when the Vice-President was almost totally ignorant of what his chief was doing. There were times when a dozen men were consulted before a new policy was announced; but the Vice-President found out about it when he picked up his newspaper.

There have been times when many politicians around a Presidential candidate knew who he wanted for his running-mate, but neglected to tell that person until he was selected.

There are various reasons for lack of cooperation between a President and a Vice-President. Often the job is given to the favorite candidate from an influential state or section of the country, or from a strong minority within the party, without regard for the man's personal ability or philosophy. Conflicts are bound to develop.

The country can count itself lucky this time. But when the political conventions of 1956 open, leaders in both parties must start attaching more importance to the selection of their Vice-Presidential candidates.

Worth the Effort

An innovation of all-campus proportion which facilitates matters for everyone concerned is the current set-up for Oregana pictures, to be taken in the Student Union basement.

Purposes of this are to save time and energy of busy students and also to encourage more off-campus students to have Oregana pictures taken. Both of these, it seems to us, are worth the expended effort in setting up the temporary equipment here on campus.

Even if this were not to work as well practically as it promises to theoretically, the idea itself should be lauded as a nice public-relations builder.

Whose idea this was is irrelevant—whether that of Moderne Studios, which will do the actual photographic work—or of the Oregana staff members themselves.

It will be handy, and the gesture is appreciated.—(A.R.)

And at Oregon . . .

An editorial in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch accentuated a corresponding lack of extra-class intellectual stimulation in the South's largest university.

"St. Louis is a city that can get all worked up over the Cardinals or the Veiled Prophet ball, but won't support a program of world politics discussion groups," says the Post-Dispatch.

The orbit is complete. We can get all worked up (sometimes) over the Longhorns or an obscure and in many ways meaningless committee or a Greek Week ball or two-hour Sing-Song practices, but seldom will one find undergraduate discussion groups on literature or politics or history.

Such is the unacademic atmosphere that has lulled our sophisticated campus—From The Daily Texan.

Footnotes

Emerald editorials may not be guaranteed to get results, but a recent sign change outside Allen hall appears to be a direct reply to an editorial of October 3. The editorial commented on the fact that the hall's outside wooden sign said simply "Journalism." A couple of days ago it was replaced by a similar sign, which now reads "Allen hall,—Journalism,—U. of O. Press."

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Latest word on the wild west show scheduled for our country cousins in three weeks: The Annie Oakley of television will add glamor and shootin' to Gene Autry and his ranch characters.

College Capers . . .

From Coast to Coast

By Bobbye Harris
Emerald Columnist

ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING pieces of news this week comes from George Washington university in Washington, D.C.

A limited number of women students are being admitted to the Air Force ROTC upon the recommendation of the professor of air science and the university president.

Two reasons are given for the new program. First, the basic air science courses are useful not only for male but also for female students. Secondly, by organizing a women's AFROTC detachment, a women's unit will be available, not only to march but to serve as hostesses and ushers as occasions demand.

The women students will take classes together with the men students. They will also be given uniforms and will march as a separate unit with the AFROTC detachment.

EVIDENCE THAT THE honor system really works comes from Stanford university. Mrs. Kapsoon Kim Lee, a speech and drama graduate student from Korea, lost her purse and retrieved it complete with the signed blank checks.

SOMETHING NEW! THE Tri Deltas at Dennison university, inspired by an idea imported from Ohio Wesleyan, held a dawn dance beginning at 6 a.m. This pre-class entertainment began with a parade down to the soror-

ity house for breakfast and was ended with dancing and games in time for 8 o'clock classes.

LET'S HOPE THIS NEVER happens at Oregon: At the University of Kansas, a coffee shop is charging coffee drinkers extra if they use sugar and cream. But the odd part about it is that tea with sugar costs no more.

So when the cashier asks if sugar is for coffee or tea, what do you suppose happens? The university's Daily Kansan thinks this little practice is making liars out of former law-respecting students.

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF Kansas, they make a real effort to pep up student spirit for their games. Current slogan of the week is "Go, Kansas, go!" It's printed on stickers distributed to students.

They also have regular Friday morning pep and auto rallies, and all of the campus living organizations answer the phone with "Beat —," then name the team Kansas is playing that week.

A CAR CRASH OUTSIDE Pullman killed two Washington State college students. The dean of students reported that high speed was an obvious factor in the accident and said that the safety education program would have to be redoubled. He looks to students and living organizations to provide leadership on the problem.

Letters to the Editor

Emerald Editor:

Sights of the times: college student roams through the Student Union, picks up a copy of the Oregon Daily Emerald, rapidly leafs through its pages (perhaps stopping to chuckle at the Biber cartoon), and tosses the almost untouched paper away. Estimated reading time: 10 seconds. (Excepting, of course, athletes, politicians and activity hounds, who may waste an additional half-minute looking for their name or photograph.)

This is no complaint. For many students, time is a precious quantity, and even 10 seconds are too many to spend reading the Daily Emerald. But what newspaper worthy of the name is willing to condone such a state of affairs?

Mr. Editor, would you like a remedy? For, admittedly, remedies do exist. But most of these have to do with journalistic "quality," ability and other talents too complex for you to consider. A simpler solution is required—and we have one.

Why not add a daily crossword puzzle? The Portland papers (even the Register Guard) have them, and look at their circulation!

Imagine the impact on our staid Oregon campus! Hundreds of students line up for the daily dose of Emeralds, rush to SU booths, and begin intently studying the enclosed crossword puzzle. Afternoon classes suffer, finally disband as students study instead the subtle undertones of

our English language. And the Oregon Daily Emerald would finally achieve the status it so justly deserves among American student publications.

We think it's a good idea, Mr. Editor, Don't you?

P.S. We noticed in today's (10 October) Emerald that 16 men were "able to correctly name Lon Steiner as (football) captain." How many "incorrectly" named him as Lon Stiner?

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