

# + EMERALD EDITORIALS +

## Discuss the Issues

Along with most of the audience, we were disappointed in Governor Averell Harriman's speech here last week. Since that time we have been attempting to find out just who, if anyone, told Gov. Harriman that he must not mention politics during his talk.

We have come to the conclusion that the whole situation arose out of a misunderstanding, either by the governor himself or by some of the Democratic leaders in the state. In any event the gag was not clamped on by either the University assembly committee or anyone in the administration.

Gov. Harriman was told that he could not use the University engagement to push the candidacy of any one candidate, but he was never told that he must not talk about political issues.

The whole problem dates back four years to the last Presidential campaign. At that time the leading candidates, or men representing the candidates, were invited to speak here. There were no limits on what they could say in the pursuit of getting themselves nominated. However, when supporters of Senator Estes Kefauver passed out campaign literature in the SU ballroom, the University decided to call a halt.

There is little value in having the candidates speak to the students of the University unless they are allowed to talk about political issues.

Presumably men who became political candidates have something to offer in the way of ideas and possible solutions to our problems. Members of different parties quite naturally disagree with each other on these ideas and solutions.

These candidates are invited to the University to discuss their ideas, not to tell the student body how nice a trip they had or how wonderful it is to be in the great state of Oregon.

## High Speed Action

It's that time of the year again. No, not time for finals or Christmas shopping (although they are not far off), but for basketball. The high speed action, the mad scrambles for the ball, the whistle of the referee, and the ensuing boos, the heavy smoke hanging from the ceiling of the pa-

vilion; they all come to life again with the coming of December.

Oregon fans as well as the rest of the thousands of coast hoop fans can expect to see the most interesting season in many years between Friday night's opener and the last games in March. And nothing could be more appropriate for an opener than Friday's kickoff game between Oregon and Oregon State.

There are several reasons why the basketball season should be a fan-pleaser, particularly at Oregon. The one great change since last year, the incorporation of the Northern and Southern divisions of the Pacific Coast conference into a full nine-team league, will be the biggest interest-getter. The new league is well-balanced and competition will be hot for the top spots.

The televising of 12 coast games by a Portland TV station will gain many new basketball fans for Oregon and the other Northwest schools. Some minor rule changes will speed up play and make the game better. A good Oregon home schedule that will have 10 different teams visiting in McArthur court is one of the best ever.

Last, but by far the least, is the Oregon team. With some improved veterans returning plus some sparkling newcomers, the squad is much stronger than in 1955. With a toss-up title race in the crystal ball, the Ducks can be rated as championship challengers. Oregon teams have always been crowd-pleasers and this will again be a characteristic.

This is the preview for the next 3 1/2 months of the winter sport at Oregon. Sound interesting? It will be. And a big and enthusiastic crowd on hand Friday to help the Ducks repeat their smashing football victory over OSC will get the season off on the right foot. A good team with a good rooting section behind it will be tough to beat.—(J.C.)

## Footnotes

An unusual experience for students who have read George Orwell's "1984" would be to walk through the University post office and note the room under construction just off the post office itself. The room is number 101.

One thing that will never recover from the OSC-Oregon football game is the rally girls' white uniforms. They may not even be clean by Friday's basketball game.

## Really Safe Driving



## WHEN THE SMOKE CLEARS

# Committee Considers UO Parking Problem

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If you are an off-campus student, a faculty member, or just a driver who wants to park, you are undoubtedly aware of the lack of available space on this campus.

If you have received an unjust citation for parking illegally because other cars were out of line, the seriousness of the situation has been further impressed upon you.

This year, with the increased student enrollment, and the fact that a larger percentage of students are driving cars, the necessity for taking action has become obvious.

For this reason, a four-man committee has been appointed which will present the background of the problem during the Senate meeting Thursday.

This committee plans to study both the immediate situation and the long term parking problem. It hopes to find temporary remedies to make more parking spaces

available now, and to establish a workable solution to allow for University growth in the future.

The Eugene police are being asked to re-mark some of the city streets so that maximum parking utility can be gained. The campus is also being examined in the light of utilizing existing state property for parking facilities.

Another possibility is to have stricter enforcement on both illegally parked and unauthorized vehicles. If this idea were pursued, a University parking sticker would become meaningful, for cars without them would not be allowed on University lots.

Although one solution on other campuses had been to forbid freshmen to take cars to school, we shall attempt to avoid taking such steps as long as other methods prove satisfactory.

Early next term, the committee report will be presented to the University planning commission. It will then be referred to President Wilson and on to the state board, if this step is necessary.

Committee meetings will be announced from time to time in the Emerald, and any student who wishes to contribute suggestions may do so by contacting the committee secretary, Patty Fagan.



# Letters to the Editor

**Emerald Editor:**

One of the more important ways in which the public is informed and thus public opinion generated is editorial comment. Because of the importance of this medium of information, irresponsible editorial comment is particularly to be deplored. And of course, comment which is not based on well-considered ideas or which is not based upon actual facts is likely to be irresponsible.

Somewhat of a case can be made for placing a recent editorial in your paper on last week's congressional committee hearing in the category described above.

That editorial stated that the hearings were not bi-partisan, but it failed to name any particular instance having relevance to the basic issues which the committee was investigating. Surely the banter between committee members cannot be gainsaid. However, that does not justify the sophomoric cynicism that "politicians will be politicians" and that, therefore, an impartial committee hearing is neither possible nor to be expected.

Which one of the issues involved provided the factual background for these observations? Who should build the timber access roads; which method of marketing federal timber is best, BLM or forest service; what are the duties of counties in the matter; whether a government re-appraisal of its timber was needed; or the question of retention or denunciation of marketing restriction areas?

The only political comment I heard on any of these things was by a lumberman witness, George Owens, and he himself said he thought the issues were outside the purview of partisanship, so far as the committee was concerned. I'll admit that he had little choice but to say that in response to Senator Neuberger's questions. Certainly the highly political repartee of Republicans and Hoffmann on the Chudoff and Baker's dozen of interior department employees following the committee about did not prevent impartial considerations of the issues involved, for it had little if any bearing upon any of them.

The only actual fact appear-

ing in the editorial other than that a hearing had occurred recently was a listing of members of the committee. By implication, at least, Senator Morse was included. That indication is of course in error. Don't editors usually read the news in their own paper?

Perhaps a more basic difficulty I find in the sophomoric cynicism I referred to above is the fact it subtly attacks the institution of a congressional member or committee as a finder of original facts upon which to base desirable legislation. This denies the efficacy of an important process of a democracy, a process which I would protect and venerate in our democracy.

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P.S. Don't misunderstand me. Criticism of congressional committees is a necessity, and is of course, an important function of a journalist. Some committees have deserved the severest criticism. All I ask is that as to our institutions and as to readers who rely on newspapers in the formation of their ideas and opinions.



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