

## + EMERALD EDITORIALS +

### Other Reasons

Each year the University stages a World University Service drive. Usually it accompanies Duck Preview and involves such things as the Ugly Man contest, carwashes, and other such money-raising projects.

Students probably are familiar enough with these projects because they are directly involved. Students probably do not know, however, where the money goes and how it is used.

WUS is a service organization to foreign student universities which includes countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East and North America. The goal of the organization is to unite in efforts to provide better educational opportunities and living conditions for university students throughout the world.

This year WUS funds will aid student refugees, provide medical care and housing for students, send books and equipment to university centers, establish scholarship and loan funds and support educational activities. Special emphasis this year will be placed on the countries of Greece, Africa, India, Japan, and Korea. In these countries even such trivial things to us as books and paper are scarce.

So what?

So in just a few years, today's students in other lands will be the leaders of those lands. Consequently what happens to them today could very well affect us tomorrow.

There are other reasons for offering help. Some American students who traditionally are rather sympathetic anyway, might feel some sort of kinship for fellow students, no matter what color or race they are.

During the week of April 9 to 15 the WUS drive will be going full-force. This year's goal is 50 cents per student.

To an American student 50 cents is half the price of a show. To a refugee student in Germany, it represents almost one day's living expenses.—(A.H.)

### Out of Context

Novelist William Faulkner, a native of Mississippi, has asked that the South be given "time" to work out the problem of desegregation. But it's doubtful that he had in mind Time magazine. The Luce publication placed Mr. Faulkner in a rather bad light in a recent article about Senator Eastland and the South (March 26).

It quoted the Nobel Prizewinner out of context from an interview he gave to a recent British newspaper correspondent (Reporter, March 22). And the statement it chose certainly is not indicative of the general impression the novelist conveyed in the interview.

Time used his remark that "if it comes to fighting, I'd fight for Mississippi against the United States, even if it meant going out into the street and shooting Negroes."

But Faulkner said more than this. He also declared that "as long as there's a middle road, all right, I'll be on it. . . . After all, I'm not going to shoot Mississippians."

Then he added that this meant not just the whites, but all of them. He said that the problem is not racial because 90 percent of the Negroes are on one side with the whites, but all of them. He said that who "believe that equality is important."

Faulkner further emphasized that the Negro has a right to equality. He said that it is inevitable that he will attain it.

"But as I see it you've got to take into consideration human nature, which at times has nothing to do with moral truths," he asserted.

The novelist beseeched Northerners to "take off the pressure," and let the Southerner see how intolerable is his position. "Let him see that people laughed at him. Just let him see how silly and foolish he looks. Give him time—don't force us."

This kind of talk makes sense, and merits

repeating. Time magazine would have done more to help the situation in the South if it had given William Faulkner a better break. —(J.C.R.)

### Too Borderline

We took our usual shocked look at the fraternity and pledge grades and were just that—shocked. Despite the metric rise of the Tau Kappa Epsilon pledges from a dead last fall term with a 1.750 to third winter term with a 2.434, the figures are discouraging.

The overall fraternity pledge average rose from a low 2.153 to a still low 2.246. Despite this, five fraternity pledge classes—Lambda Chi Alpha, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Phi Sigma Kappa, Beta Theta Pi and Sigma Chi—and three sorority pledge classes—Alpha Xi Delta, Alpha Chi Omega and Alpha Gamma Delta—actually did worse winter term than they did last fall, when presumably they were having difficulty getting adjusted to college life. Two fraternities are still below a 2 point. A number are too borderline for comfort.

There's a bit of room for improvement, we'd say. (S.R.)

### Games and Events

So now we have "games and events" and the rugged young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of women's football. But what to say about women's football? (And we already hear the raucous belly laughs in the background, boys.) But in an editorial like this you aren't supposed to speculate on "What Penalties shall be Called?" or "How Can They Call It a Five 'Man' Line?"

Because this is serious. It competes with the Oregon-Oregon State track meet for attention on one of those big Spring Sports weekends the Athletic Department talks about. And the coaches have spent the better part of several class periods trying to figure out formations for their female footballers. And we learn from an irate wrestling promoter writing to the Register-Guard that we shall soon see that it is a constitutional right for women to wrestle, so why not "Games and Events" touch football? (C.H.M.)

### When Frost Forgot

Poet Robert Frost must have made every ex-schoolboy feel good Wednesday night. He forgot the lines of a poem!

How many of us can remember back to the days when we were called upon to recite before the class, or perhaps—oh, agony—before an auditorium full of parents. We had no trouble at first as we mechanically intoned the verse. But then about halfway through we hit a snag. The next line had completely escaped us. We went back a little and tried again, but it didn't help.

This is what happened to Robert Frost as he attempted to recite one of his poems from memory. Mr. Frost is 82 years old, so can hardly be blamed. But nevertheless, he made us feel good. (J.C.R.)

### Footnotes

The moral of the story is never help anyone in need. The Emerald's sports editor, Chuck Mitchelmore, did and it backfired. Mitchelmore was pit-side when Duck pole vaulter Bob Reid sprained his left ankle landing after a practice jump Monday. Tuesday the Emerald S. E. raced out of the exchange assembly to his two o'clock drill and fell on the Student Union steps. An hour later he was in the same Infirmary room with Reid—yep, he sprained his right ankle. Both are now out on crutches, but Mitchelmore holds to the story's moral. He says the policeman who took him to the Infirmary had a broken hand—it doesn't pay.

### Dutch Treat



"FRANKLY, I HADN'T PLANNED ON THAT KIND OF AN EVENING."

## Letters to the Editor

### Emerald Editor:

When our plan for changing the campus election procedure was brought to the attention of the campus last term, we explained it fully before the Senate, A.G.S. and to the public by our open letter to the Emerald. Since that time we have talked to anyone who wanted to know of our plan. Once again, the reasons behind this idea are not of a personal nature, but are along benevolent lines, i.e., we feel it would be better for student government and student activities on the Oregon campus. We have operated in the open and have tried to inform everyone of this proposed change in campus election procedure. By doing so we have given the A.G.S. the chance to do something worthwhile for our campus by initiating a new and better way of electing ASUO officers.

Since that time, leaders of the opposition have been operating under cover of trying to organize opposition. . . . this may be all right in itself, but we feel that the "stall tactics" they are using are a detriment to the public which wants to openly air the facts and choose the best plan. They have not shown any specific arguments against our proposition in public or to any representative body. Instead they are approaching certain "individuals" who may or may not have the power to defeat this plan. We do not feel that it is fair to the rest of the students of the University. We also think our plan is good and should stand or fall on its own merits—not as the result of a few political organizers who don't have faith enough in their

arguments to bring them out in the open.

Every one has had an opportunity of investigating our reasons for the change, but very few if any, know of the complete argument opposed to it. A few scattered and inconsistent remarks surely are not what our opposition bases their stand on. . . . There must be more, and we think that the students should know of them. We have not once said that our plan was a "panacea of all ills"—we are not that short-sighted—but we honestly believe that the campus will see more favorable results from such a change than under our present out-moded and archaic system.

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Senior Class President and first-year law student

**John Whitty**  
Graduate student representative and third-year law student

**Bud Hinkson**  
ASUO President and senior in history

## From the Files

April 6, 1920

The student advisory board stated that interlining language textbooks with translations of subject matter was definitely considered to be cheating.

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Golf was added to the list of activities offered by the physical education department, for feminine members of the faculty, faculty wives and administrative members.

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