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Tomorrow Is Straw Vote Day

Tomorrow is Straw Vote day at the University.

The Emerald has several reasons for sponsoring this project. One is purely selfish; it will provide big news of interest to all our readers. The results will be analyzed not only by the University community, but by many others throughout the state.

Another aim is to stimulate political thought and interest just a week before the national election. Writers and candidates have observed more political apathy this year than usual, except here in Oregon where half the state is at the other half's throats over Morse-McKay. Here at the University, however, Sen. Neuberger's assembly address attracted fewer than 200 students.

We feel that there's a lot more interest than such attendance would seem to indicate. Bumper strips and living organization bull sessions suggest that most of our students are forming opinions on the candi-

dates and issues of 1956. The Straw Vote is designed to discover those opinions.

We're going to make it easy for you to vote if you live in an organization. Precinct committeemen will contact you during the lunch hour.

If you're an "off-campus" student it will be more difficult. It is physically impossible for us to carry the ballot to you. We urge you to take a few minutes Tuesday to stop at the Student Union or Co-op booth and mark your ballot.

Our one fear is that the Straw Vote results may not be truly representative of the campus as a whole and may not adequately reflect the views of the hundreds of Eugene students and hundreds more who are married or live in nearby apartments. We can only ask their full cooperation.

We make no predictions, except that the election and its results should prove very interesting. The results will be significant only to the extent that everyone partici-

Frantic Frosh



A Letter to My Old School

Oregon 'Really a Riot,' Transfer Writes Home

By JIM THOMAS
 Emerald Columnist

A Letter to My Old School

I thought I'd sit down and write you and let you know what it's like to... what? Oh, that! Well, almost all the children are laughing over the Oregon - - gag!

Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha. Yes sir,

it's really a riot, here on the campus of the University of Oregon. It's one laugh right after another. Let me tell you about it.

It's like this... the children (better known as "gagsters" or hoaxers in these parts) have been busy tapping school spirit and letting it dribble out of the veins of the institution down into the gutters where the gagsters live, see? Ho, ho, ho, ho. It's really a merry thing! Not everyone can be as big a pest as these frustrated four, and they really tend to go all out in order to create confusion. I have to admire their destructive ways though, and their total disregard for other people's feelings. Like I said, it's a merry thing... ha... ha... ha. (Not everyone can be an idiot.)

I noticed a couple of other things on this campus, that bear telling. Did you know that there are unlimited activities that one can engage in? That's right. Almost everyone belongs to some sort of organization. There are a few complications, but they can be overlooked and... what complications? Oh, well, it's just that every one doesn't get along together as well as they should, though I know that this is my own un-qualified observation, and doesn't count much. You see, up here (this is a naughty word) I'm a Transfer.

What kind of activities? Well we have a paper, (er uh,) a paper and a half, and we... hum? Half... well that's a kind of new gutless wonder. Nobody signs names cause they are ashamed to. You know, like big brother is watching? They pass this little sheet from hand to hand... kinda like back-alley literature, know what I mean?

I guess you people heard about the hanging of Cas too, but it really wasn't bad. He wants to win ball games, and he... hum? It's like I said, I don't know why. Maybe they wanted to take it out on someone. You got me. (ho, ho, ho?)

You really can't beat it gang. Seems to have some kind of magical hustle and bustle to it, that makes University life good. Of course you have to... what? Why don't we get rid of the children? Like I said, I don't know. Maybe four years of college will...

+ + Letters to the Editor + +

Emerald Editor:

The other day, I believe it was Tuesday, I had a revolting experience. I was sitting with the rest of the house eating dinner when I heard some strange voice talking from the back of the room. He was trying to promote school spirit and complaining about the lack of spirit at the Stanford game. As far as this goes it was fine. But for years I have been taught to knock before entering someone's house, to close the door behind me, and if I wanted to make an announcement to get permission. Not only did this speaker not ring the doorbell, he left the front door wide open to say nothing of the dining room door. Also I never once saw or heard him ask for permission to speak.

I believe that if these people are going to go around and make speeches like this, they should learn some manners first. If anything, this person's actions, I won't mention his name, would make me go against his wishes. Also his actions put his house in a very bad light. If a fraternity is going to send out a speech maker, it should make sure he knows how to act.

At this time my opinion of the University of Oregon football team is very low, and if this is the type of representation it has, my opinion will not raise.

Jim Dutcher
 Sophomore in Speech

Emerald Editor:

Because of all the excitement over the effigy hanging and so-called "lousy" attitude of the student body, I wish to go on record that I for one do not think that the underdogs (the students who hung "Cas" or rooted at the Stanford football game) deserve all the abuse awarded them by those who sit

on their righteous pedestals and bellow.

Certain people have called these students, by insinuation, mentally deficient. In return I wish to say that is, in my opinion, the remark of an educational snob. The remark that the effigy hanging was done in the "wee hours of the morning" is entirely an assumption and not a "fact" as was stated. You could hang a human body on this campus at 10 o'clock at night without being detected. This is further substantiated by the actual fact that the effigy was still hanging for all the 9 o'clock classes to see—and was not, as reported, cut down before the 8 o'clock classes.

If the worse thing a college student ever did was hang an effigy of their coach (and how many coaches haven't been hung at one time or another?) college administrators would have a lot fewer grey hairs. Even the Mr. P and Mr. L hoaxers didn't do anything more harmful than shake up a few gals and upset the dignity of a campus office.

If every harmless prank that a student does is jumped upon and torn to shreds like the recent events, how can you expect "ye olde school spirit"? It was not many years ago that the college jokes were really whoppers. I'll bet a lot of dads from the Class of 1928 could really top the few harmless jokes pulled on campus in 1956. Are these old alums a bunch of witless, mentally deficient, fops because of the stunts they pulled? Maybe one of those witless, retarded, effigy-hanging and hooting students of 1956 will one day be endowed with "intelligence" and donate a scholarship or stock to the University of Oregon in 1976—because that is just what a lot of "meat-

heads" of twenty years past are doing today!

As far as name-calling at the football game is concerned, there was nothing malicious intended. What's wrong with such remarks as "fight fiercely" or "sophistication doesn't win ball games"? These remarks were REALLY twisted. As for the booing—if there was any—it must have lasted all of three or four seconds because most of the people at the game didn't hear any.

What about this business of "poor school spirit"? If a school has something to be proud of, it doesn't have to complain of nobody taking pride in it or lack of school spirit.

This all boils down to the plain fact that too much was made of the hooting and the effigy hanging. Something that should have been laughed off, like one would would a Halloween prank, was inflated way out of proportion—and not by the students!

Russ Taylor
 Studentwife and
 campus employee

Emerald Editor:

In Thursday's edition, a letter from Joe Smith attempted to hammer home the time-honored theme that lusty throated acclamation will fine a team to astronomical heights. Let's face it. If Oklahoma or Michigan State adherents booed to the high heavens, they would still go on to smashing triumphs; conversely 100,000 cheering students couldn't spur a team like Podunk State to glorious victories in spite of insurmountable odds. We have a good club at Oregon, but, believe me, Mr. Smith, the booing wasn't the cause of Oregon's butterfingers offense.

Rale R. Pound
 Jr. in History

Emerald Editor:

As may be expected, this letter is an admittedly partisan protest against the errors in editorial judgment manifested in the Emerald's endorsement of Republican candidates for the presidency and one of Oregon's seats in the U.S. Senate.

I am happy that the Emerald's policy includes endorsement of political candidates by editorial, but I am not happy that the policy was this year exercised on the basis of inherited partisanship rather than the judgment of an inquiring mind.

This letter is not intended as a full answer to the lengthy endorsements. Rather it will be limited to a principally factual contradiction of some reasons given for the presidential endorsements.

The Presidency: Nixon and Eisenhower, A Mistake

In endorsing Ike the Emerald made no mention of any vice-president or vice-presidential candidate either living or dead. But the Emerald should have done so. It's a package deal. Endorsement of Eisenhower is only a heart-beat away from endorsement of Nixon as President. Perhaps a silence was claimed to be a matter of good taste—"one shouldn't talk about one's operation." If it is, Republican editors seem to be the most tasteful of journalists. At any rate the prospect of Richard Milhous Nixon in possession of the presidency for 2½ or 3 years may justify a little poor taste in considering the reasons for preferring one candidate over another.

Or perhaps Ike's recent poor health is not really considered an issue. The editor stated that there were no big issues which separated the candidates. But I suggest that Jim

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