

— Letters to the Editor —

Emerald Editor:

This letter is directed towards the Oscar Splids, Bass Dyers and Joe Smiths who, having donated time, energy and possibly "financial aid" to the University of Oregon's athletic "successes," believe that they have the right to scream to the heavens regarding the Oregon students' "lousy" display at the Stanford game.

Gentlemen, please do not forget that the University is still an institution of higher learning and that education is its primary purpose. If this is not the case, then anyone with the price of admission has the same right to "cheer or boo" as they do during a professional baseball game.

Before going further, I should make it clear that I am neither for nor against the booing, etc., which took place last Saturday. Had I not been sitting in the end zone, the best seating for couples, my feelings may have been different.

Gentlemen, you, I and every other alumnus, interested in the athletics of our alma mater, have created an ogre. We can either kill this ogre by giving athletics back to the students or we can learn to live without it. Undoubtedly, the choice of most of us will be the latter. Now, we all want winning teams and when we don't get them we become unhappy.

At first we mumble discontentedly over our coffee and in the barber shops, etc., and the mumbling grows into loud talk and finally, unless the team begins winning, the more "influential" people in our group go into action and ultimately, another coach has "resigned." We do all this, and yet, until our axe is poised, some of us are not willing to let the students voice an opinion. Is this really fair? After all, Oregon is their school, they pay tuition and they attend the games to watch their fellow-students defend the athletic name of their school.

Why is Oregon's spirit so low in comparison with Oregon State's? Both schools are approximately the same size. Let's compare the University of Washington and UCLA also. Oregon State and UCLA both have had winning teams while attended them and the spirit was terrific. (OSC also had some losers and the spirit was not so good.)

I can remember "boos" at Corvallis and one case where a basketball player was practically "laughed" off the floor.) Washington and Oregon both show low spirit and have losing teams. If this keeps up, "your group" will eventually get a new coach, but what happens 'til then?

I arrived on this campus last January and for nine months heard and read about Oregon's terrific team, "dark horses" for the Rose Bowl, etc. Then I saw the Idaho game and shuddered. Is the team or individuals lying down on the job? I doubt this. Is the team lacking in talent? I doubt this also.

This places the blame on someone higher. Are the team's co-ordinates, "coaches," lying down on the job or lacking in talent? I refuse to enter this controversy in print. Is the competition too tough? They're human and they make mistakes also. However, they do win the ball games. This must mean that their personnel on both levels is superior. If this is the case, then, barring upsets, we should not have won anyway.

Then why should the students have poor spirit? They have a good reason. They were told Oregon had a terrific team and have discovered this isn't the case. Much like taking candy from a baby. The baby doesn't understand, so it cries, and you refuse

to let the students vent their emotions.

In closing let me point out to you that Notre Dame, UCLA, and Oregon State, with Leahy, Sanders and Prothro, all have or have had winning teams and great spirit. However, Leahy and Sanders have been termed the biggest "cry babies" in the business and Prothro has been promising the worst.

R. L. Wilder
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Emerald Editor:

Your editorial supporting Douglas McKay for Senator would have been complete if it had simply read, "Today we endorse an 'Eisenhower man' Douglas McKay, for the United States Senate."

The rest of the editorial was so much Republican propaganda.

The purpose of the propaganda is to replace the objective fact that Senator Morse has one of the most consistently liberal voting records in the United States Senate, with the subjective feeling that Senator Morse is inconsistent, and hence should not be re-elected.

The proof lies in the fact that the propaganda does not site specific votes on specific issues, but relies on statements out of context and largely separated in time.

As an exercise in this technique, let us apply it to a man that you support.

Eisenhower promised to revise the Taft-Hartley laws in 1952. After he was elected, he did nothing about it.

Eisenhower says, "I need men in Congress who will support me." Yet he failed to assist one of his most ardent supporters in the Congress, Senator Wiley of Wisconsin.

While the administration's federal aid to education bill was before the Congress Eisenhower failed to give vigorous support to his own bill, but now he says that the country will get better schools if he is elected.

I'm sure you see the point. What this suggests, Mr. Editor, is that you measure the merit of a candidate for public office on the basis of what legislation the candidate supports or does not support, and not on your subjective estimates of his "character."

One of the most deplorable aspects of this year's election campaign is that so many people have been diverted from judging a candidate on the basis of what he stands for, and directed toward judging the candidates on the basis of whether they like him or not. It makes a mockery of the democratic process.

Herb Matthews
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Emerald Editor:

The Emerald, in closing its editorial, "The Way We See It—McKay for Senator," asserts that "the Senator's record" is the issue in the forthcoming election. A quick examination of the editorial, however, shows that the issue, as far as the writer is concerned, is not the record, but the man.

For "the record" is not merely a collection of statements torn out of context and the situation in which they were made, to be reproduced in campaign literature with the intention of questioning the character of a candidate. It is also the performance of that candidate as is indicated in his voting record, which is available to all who care to look at it, in the Congressional Record, as well as other sources.

The point of this letter is not to contest the endorsement of the Republican candidate; it is rather the uninformed and careless manner in which such an endorsement was made. It seems likely that the Morse

quotations were taken from a current piece of Republican campaign literature (one of the features of which is a 'doctored' photograph of Morse speaking to an empty Senate chamber).

The general principle underlying such literature is to tear statements out of their context and thereby give them a vastly different meaning than they originally had; a procedure elementary to propagandists. If the political naivete of the Emerald editors is so great that they wish to rely on such literature, one would at least expect that they rely on the propaganda of the opposition as well, in what is apparently an attempt at objectivity.

Even more to be hoped for, but less to be expected, is that the Emerald editors would attempt to go to sources independent of partisan claims in their effort to reach a decision on endorsement; there they might find information related to genuine issues. There are such issues in this campaign and they far transcend the character of any individual; education, civil rights, the lot of the small businessman and farmer, labor policy, power development, taxation, to name a few.

The writer of the editorial, however, has a peculiar way of making judgments on such issues. He admits that he cannot come to a decision on any of them except for Al Sarena, which then serves as a yardstick to measure all the others: "But if Al Sarena is indicative of the Democratic charges in general, then we don't place much stock in them." Such primitive reasoning is deplorable, and it is suggested that a genuine examination of issues is a necessary prerequisite to any judgment as to whether Wayne Morse's "conscience has served him well."

In the typical local daily, one expects partisanship in large doses. In a university newspaper, however, one hopes to find at least the beginnings of a higher level of argument and discussion, and less conformity to the swell of mass opinion; as usual, the Emerald fails to provide it.

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Letters to Parents Tell Homecoming Activities

By **KAREN MAUNEY**
Emerald Staff Writer

Now that everyone is in the midst of mid-terms, few letters are being written home, especially any detailed letters concerning Homecoming Weekend.

So here is one ready-to-go. All you have to do is cut it out and mail it home. And if Mom or Dad is an Oregon alum, remember the trophy going to the class having the most alums returning for the Big Weekend.

Dear Mom and Dad:

In less than two weeks Homecoming will be here and we thought you'd like to know all the great times which have been planned for you.

Of course, Saturday will feature the Big Game itself, when our Ducks will run over those Washington State Huskies. And that night will be the annual Homecoming Dance to the music of Dick Dohr's band.

Something new has been added this year with the living organizations not only entering in the annual sign contest but also getting together to produce the first Homecoming parade in a long time Saturday morning.

Here is the schedule of events for the entire four days:

Friday, Nov. 9—Registration in the Student Union and all living organizations—2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Voting for Homecoming Queen in the SU and the Co-op—9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sign Contest judging — 5:30 p.m.

Rally for Saturday's game—7 p.m.

Bonfire and queen announce-

ment—8 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 10—Registration—9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Parade begins—10 a.m.

Duckeroo Barbecue—11 a.m.

Pregame action—1 p.m.

Game begins—1:30 p.m.

Open House—4 to 5:30 p.m.

Final registration—4 to 6 p.m.

Homecoming Dance—9 to 1 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 11—Church, 11 a.m.

Dinner at all living organizations—1 p.m.

See you then,

Oregana Contracts Are Due on Friday

Contracts of the Oregana are due Monday, according to Jim Perry, yearbook editor.

Organizations who have not received contracts in the mail are to pick them up in the Oregana office on the third floor of the Student Union. The contracts are also to be returned there.

Page payments are due Nov. 12.

KWAX Schedule

Thursday

6:00 Sign on
6:02 Music
6:25 Coming Attractions
6:30 Campus Highlights
6:45 Guest Star
7:00 "78 Hour"
8:00 Study Time
9:00 Radio Workshop Players
9:30 Campus News
9:45 Campus Sports News
10:00 Music
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