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Limited Admission Hailed

For the first time in history Oregon taxpayers have been told that their children cannot enter state-supported colleges unless they meet certain standards beyond mere high school graduation.

The new limited admission policy was revealed earlier this week by the State Board of Higher Education, and will go into effect in the fall of 1958. Prospective students will be required to earn a C averaged in high school or score 60 per cent on a standard college aptitude test.

Had this plan been used this year, only nine per cent of entering freshmen would have been barred. Thus the proposal is not revolutionary in practice, but the principle certainly is.

Since Oregon has no junior college system and thus no tax-supported alternative for the student who cannot meet this standard, there is bound to be criticism of the new policy. Some will shout that their

government is depriving their children of the right to an education. The fallacy of such an argument is obvious.

There are two good reasons for this action. One is economic. Taxpayers are apparently unwilling to pay for all the quality and quantity of education that would be desirable. Since something must be sacrificed, it would seem that barring the least qualified students would be the place to begin.

Another reason is stressed by President O. Meredith Wilson. He welcomes the decision as a step toward rising academic standards. He prefers barring unqualified students instead of allowing them to overcrowd the facilities until they flunk out, as most of them would.

Whether any organized opposition to the limited admission policy will arise remains to be seen. Meanwhile the Emerald strongly commends the decision as a forward step for Oregon education.



College Capers . . .

From Coast to Coast

By JOANNE MORRISSEY
Emerald Columnist

When I was a child, I did as a child. At six I collected marbles. By eight I had advanced to collecting naughty things to say about people I despised. At fifteen I was forced by a biology requirement to collect specimens from nature. Now at eighteen I can't even collect my thoughts. Oh well, an Emerald columnist must go on (even if her name was spelled wrong in last week's paper!!!)

Fad diets being what they are to college students, this poem should prove interesting. (By the way, it came from a Chesterfield ad trying to compete with Lucky Strike's Sticklers.) "I'm glad to say," said Tootsie Brown

"The weight I gain just gets me down. Each bite, each drop of this or that Immediately turns to fat. Some girls, I note, can eat and eat, And yet they still look trim and neat. To aggravate the situation I much dislike my fat's location. I wouldn't so much want to change me, If only I could rearrange me." Moral: Cut out meals, cut out snacks, cut out your heart.

It's been said that it takes all kinds of people to make a world and in our little college world that's more than true. Have you ever wondered what kind of person you really are? The Brigham Young Daily Universe has the answer as determined by color likes.

Red is the color for extroverts, leaders and those aggressive in nature. It is a favorite for those with sharp tempers and those who love adventure and excitement. Yellow "denotes intellectuality and a keen mind. It shows an exacting nature, love of humanity (and in colored comic strips — cowardice).

The happy, well-liked person who finds it easy to fall in love (hmmm) is a green enthusiast. It denotes a clear mind devoid of prejudice.

Blue goes with a conservative person, even-tempered, thoughtful and cautious (if there be

any such animal) and purple typifies one of mystery and intrigue who is artistic but not a self promoter.

Brown is the preference of the substantial ones who are not impulsive and dislike pomp. Orange is the symbol for love of life and enthusiasm.

From the looks of things, plaid must be the mark of a well adjusted personality.

With all the costly new games on the market, (as a comp student I realize this is a dangling modifier but I'm using it for effect anyhow) those of us who are poor must invent our own fun and those of us who are striving to be journalists must use newspapers to do it. Taking headlines out of context is one of the most exciting games I've yet come up with.

The Colorado Daily said, "State Legislature Votes to Commend Buffaloes" — not meaning the animals, of course, but the school.

If the Central Oregon College Broadside went through with its plan for a "Skeleton Council to be Discussed" there might be hope for the leaders among us who pass into the great beyond.

"Pledges Park" reported the Lyola News—as if that were anything out of the ordinary. (So do actives). However it was referring to certain pledge classes who parked cars as a public service.

Not to be omitted is the "head" which our own Emerald ran on Tuesday, "East-West Topic of Duli Lecture." (Too bad the man's name couldn't have been "Bright".)

All's well that ends well, or so the saying goes. The question is "What happens when something —like this column—just stops?" Tune in same paper, same column, same writer (unless another can be found fast) for the answer.

FROM THE FILES

10 Years Ago

"With no classes Friday, University students made merry in the snow, broke windows, built snowmen, ckied up and down the rolling hills of a local golf course and snow-balled everyone they met, professors no exception."

Interpreting the News

Budget Vague About Tax Cuts

By JAMES MARLOW
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WASHINGTON (AP)—You can get dizzy these bright January days just trying to follow President Eisenhower and Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey when they talk of cutting the budget and reducing taxes on small business.

Last August Eisenhower's special committee for helping small business made 14 recommendations, including tax cuts that would amount to 600 million dollars a year.

During the presidential campaign Eisenhower said, "I shall call for further help to small business with some dozen specific recommendations for actions — including special tax measures."

But he was very vague when he sent his economic measures to Congress yesterday, contenting himself with saying any tax cut for small business should "involve only a minimum loss of revenue" to the government.

Last week at a news conference Secretary Humphrey brushed past the Cabinet committee's recommendations for 600 million dollars in tax cuts. He said he opposed any substantial loss in revenue but added he'd be glad to see small business get a cut of 20 to 30 million dollars.

It was over the budget itself that a peculiar fog descended. This past year, as every year, the heads of government agencies worked for months figuring out their spending estimates which would go into Eisenhower's total budget.

They're supposed to cut to the bone. To see that they do, the Budget Bureau goes over their figures, looking for places to use the axe. Humphrey at his news conference praised the agency heads for their zeal. And he said:

"I think the budget as now

drawn has been prepared with the very greatest care and I think it is the best that we can possibly do right now. I don't think there is anything in sight that can be done better than is now proposed in this budget . . ."

Yet a few minutes later he was saying spending must come down.

Yesterday at his own news conference Eisenhower likewise said spending must be kept down. Then, however, unlike Humphrey who said the trouble started with the public which wanted more from the government and went on up to government officials, Eisenhower said:

"As long as the American people demand, and in my opinion deserve, the kind of services that this budget provides, we have got to spend this kind of money." But if Congress can cut the budget, Eisenhower said, it ought to.

That's hardly news, since it's Congress' job. It would seem, from all this, that the White House isn't going to provide leadership in cutting the budget, or fighting for what it asked, and that if small business gets any sizable tax relief it will have to look to Congress, not to the administration.

Letters to the Editor

Emerald Editor:

Have you ever considered the possibility of changing the name of the Oregon Daily to the Ephmerald? I think this would be an appropriate name, for it would mirror your subject matter—transient, fleeting, and unimportant.

I find it continually amusing that you manage to emerge each day, like a scavenger from his den, with so much tripe and nonsense. How do you do it? You must spend all your time sneaking about campus encouraging people to do silly things and to engage in silly functions so that you will have material to write about.

However, I understand your position. Like so many editors you sacrifice personal integrity, if you have any, for diplomacy. You are dictated to by that university equivalent of social mediocracy, the Greeks. The Greeks have been so effective in propagating mediocracy, that it has even infected the freedom of the press. Therefore, I will be indeed surprised if this letter finds its way into your columns. To use a hackneyed phrase, "I don't think you have the guts."

Besides your subject matter, your journalism is rank, barren of any originality. The primitive limericks in men's restrooms

are far more expressive than anything I have seen in your columns. To this I suppose you will argue that journalism affords no room for individual expression. Bunk!

But continue in your present folly. You do credit to the university and to your own intelligence.

I might add, that if there are any indignant Greeks who wish to void their rheum in my eyes, I will be happy to engage them in a duel of journalistic foils in these same columns. And I promise that, if the challenge is accepted, I will bring about a Greek Tragedy.

"Harold Mock"

Editor's Note:

Our friend "Mock," who is such an admirer of guts, apparently left Eugene immediately after writing this. He's not registered in school, and has never lived at the return address on the envelope. Our staff cynic has even suggested some characted signed this letter with a phony name.

We're breaking a staff policy by printing this, even though the writer was afraid to identify himself, because of the clever writing and interesting ideas expressed. Even Benjamin Franklin started with a pen name; we'd hate to let a policy of ours deprive the ages of "Mock's" thoughts.