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Our Responsibility to Endorse

Smoke-filled rooms and feverish political conferences have been the rule the past few days as the candidates prepare to do battle for ASUO President and lesser offices. The campaign has added new interest with the surprise entrance of the Oregon Students Party.

One feature of the campaign is always the Emerald endorsement. Unlike most college newspapers, The Emerald traditionally selects the candidate it believes best qualified for ASUO President, and often for a number of other Senate positions. This year's Emerald endorsements will be announced in the Monday paper.

Since The Emerald presumes to pass on its advice, it is well that readers know upon what basis the selection is made. The remaining presidential candidates will be thoroughly interviewed for more than an hour by The Emerald editorial board. This board has kept close tab on student government and its personalities. Its membership includes three former members of the Senate including an ASUO vice-president. At least one of its present members has attended nearly every Senate meeting for the past three years. And because of our position on the college newspaper, we naturally

have access to much information not available to most students.

The interviews are tough, designed to learn everything possible about the candidates. By pinpointing inconsistencies and throwing out "thought" questions we hope to add to our present knowledge of the candidates' ability and character. We also hope to learn exactly how the candidates stand on a multitude of issues. Then the eight members vote, although the final responsibility of recommendation rests upon the editor.

We explain this today so that those who read our endorsement editorial Monday will have some way of evaluating its importance. We do not know how much influence our position has upon the vote. We do feel, in all honesty, that the candidate recommended will be the best qualified man for the job, provided one accepts the basis upon which we make our selection.

The recommendation is made because we believe this newspaper has a responsibility to exert leadership on matters of importance to students of the University. It is made very carefully because we believe that whatever power The Emerald has carries with it the responsibility of selecting the right man.

Along with That Welcome

The word is welcome, seniors — welcome with the fraternity gladhand, the coed smile, the dance blind date, the official greeting speech. And we mean it, every word of it. But there may be things that we're forgetting to say along with that welcome.

The Vodvil show will be quite impressive — student talent, just another thing we take for granted here, we'll tell you. But we're forgetting to tell you about the midnight rehearsals — it had to be after study hours — that went into this thing.

Those campus personalities on the auction block Saturday are quite the characters — and they get a lot of fun out of all these goings-on too. But don't let us forget to tell you that they have to make a C average if they want to stay in school along with the rest of us.

And the big dance ought to be quite a fling — name band and all that. But if you were to ask us, we'd have to tell you that one or two weekends a year we have to study hard, even on Saturday night. We might even spend a whole weekend trying to write a term paper.

Yes, those track men and baseball players out there Saturday lead quite the lives, too. But quite a few have to do their house duties and most of them have part-time jobs — after the day's workout.

So that's the way it is, seniors. We think of these things now and then, but this is a big weekend and we want you to like us so we may have forgotten a few of these other items. Don't get us wrong, the word is still welcome. We just hope that you'll get the whole meaning behind it. (C.H.M.)

He's All Shook Up!



Reviving Funk

Four Sophisticates Congregate in U.S.

Bob Funk, an Oregon Law School graduate in 1955, frequently wrote a column in the Emerald called "A Day at the Zoo." During his SEVEN years on campus, his comments on college life became minor classics. One of his best is reprinted below.

By BOB FUNK
Emerald Columnist
Feb. 27, 1952

They were sitting, four of them, around a table in the soda bar. Each had her left elbow on the table. Each was dangling a cigarette between the first and second fingers of her left hand. It was, they all knew, the ultimate in sophistication.

"I'm so awfully tired," sighed one, delicately filtering some smoke through her nostrils. "So beastly tired." The other, three mused looked at her sympathetically through half-closed eyelids.

"Wretched," said one. "Wretched," the other two agreed.

They were all drinking small cokes. It was not sophisticated to drink large Cokes. Someone might get the idea that you actually liked Cokes. You were not supposed to actually like

anything.

"I was going to New Orleans to the Mardi Gras," said the tired one, "but I just couldn't drag myself away."

"I'm so disgustingly bored," said a second one, listlessly stirring her Coke with a straw, "why don't they serve cocktails in this place anyway?"

"Ah, cocktails," sighed the tired one.

"Cocktails," the other two agreed looking coldly down into their Cokes.

"Here comes someone we know," said the leader. "Look at her but don't speak." They all looked directly through the acquaintance. The acquaintance, being up on such etiquette, looked directly through them. It was all extremely sophisticated.

"She's such a grind," said one of the sophisticated ones.

"I heard she actually likes it here," said another. They all sneered slightly in the direction of the acquaintance.

"Remind me to cut her dead, not that I won't," said the tired one. "Really, I would speak to more people, but it's so strenuous."

Noting that their cigarettes were not too far along, they all puffed feverishly, put them out, and casually lit new ones. The tired one, having grown bored with her Coke, quietly slushed it onto the floor. "I wish one of these peasants would come and mop this up," she said.

"Yes," said one of her compatriots, "it's such a beastly place."

"So boring," said another.

"So unsophisticated," said the fourth.

They all inhaled a great deal of cigarette smoke and exhaled it through their noses, choking only slightly. They were all so very tired.

From the Files

Ten Years Ago

Les Brown's "Band of Renown" was scheduled to play for the Junior Prom. This was the first big name band signed to appear on the Oregon campus since the war.

+ + Letters to the Editor + +

Monday will be the last day this column will carry political letters containing new charges in ASUO election campaigning.

Tuesday will be the final issue the column will contain answers to previously-made charges or any other campaign material.

Deadline for letters to reach the Emerald office is 3:30 p.m. the day preceding publication.

Emerald Editor:

I would like to reassure our Law School Editor, Mr. Fadeley, that KWAX has not dealt a blow to the Oregon students as he claimed in his letter published in the April 25 edition of your paper.

The reason that the ASUO presidential candidates did not discuss the issue of racial and social segregation was defini-

tely not because of station policy. KWAX has never had such a policy nor does it intend to develop one.

The reason segregation was not discussed was a matter of program policy. The moderator of the broadcast in question felt, that at that time, the other candidates were not prepared to discuss this issue as it should be discussed.

If Mr. Fadeley, Mr. Kalberer, or anyone else desires to discuss the issue of segregation, KWAX will not, I assure you, try to suppress those desires, in fact we will encourage anyone to discuss such subjects over our station.

If anyone wishes to discuss the segregation issue, or any other subject of campus interest, I invite you to contact myself or our station manager, Bob Chapman, and we will make time available to them.

We are very sorry that Mr. Fadeley got the impression that KWAX would try to suppress the right of the students to speak on important subjects. We would never, nor morally could we ever, do such a thing.

The KWAX listeners have a right to know the truth and it is our duty to bring the truth to them. To the best of our ability we will do just that.

James Dutcher

KWAX Publicity Director
Sophomore in Speech

Emerald Editor:

Mr. Jones' vitriolic innuendos directed against the political science graduate students can be understood by looking at his class standing. (See Webster's for etymology of "sophomore.") (Mine is already stigmatized by this very column!) Despite his flippant attitude, the issues

raised by them are not very funny to those undergoing their adverse effects.

Maybe if it weren't for the prolific amount of letters written by them and others (and published by the Emerald), these important issues might never have been brought out into the open. Sure, they took up a lot of space, but I think the space was certainly warranted by their relative significance.

So it seems that you, Mr. Jones, and Worthal will have to put up with Letters to the Editor for a while. That is, unless you transfer to another school, where student newspapers might not bother "good old status quo" by printing such irrelevant, undiscussed topics like race discrimination.

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Journalism