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The 'Old Guard' Steps Down...

"... every issue of the paper presents an opportunity and a duty to say something courageous and true; to rise above the mediocre and conventional; to say something that will command the respect of the intelligent, the educated, the independent part of the community; to rise above fear of partisanship and fear of popular prejudice."

—Joseph Pulitzer

The Emerald's "old guard" steps down today after nearly a year at the helm, tired and quite willing to turn over the paper's fate to younger hands. This would seem an appropriate time to assess the paper's editorial page — to balance the missed opportunity against the degree of courage and truth and better-than-mediocre of which a famous editor speaks above.

At the year's outset, as a new Emerald administration enthusiastically took over, we quoted a former editor who said the paper's editorial policy was "as subtle as a punch in the nose." This year's Emerald has tried to remain true to this tradition. We have resisted the easy path of smiling on all, making friends and perhaps slightly influencing people. We have attacked whatever we thought was wrong, which is our conception of a newspaper's duty.

Many of our editorials have been strictly conventional. We twice urged passage of constitutional amendments . . . we urged students to vote in campus and national elections . . . we supported Millrace development . . . we helped celebrate the University's 80th anniversary and The Emerald's 57th birthday . . . and we poked fun at Aggies in general and rah-rah ballerinas in particular.

We "liked Ike" and we opposed Sen. Wayne Morse, whom we questioned on grounds of either bad judgment or less than complete political integrity. We were somewhat unsympathetic of Gov. Holmes' legislative problems, since they could all be traced to the irresponsible and contradictory platform upon which he based his campaign.

Our attack on women's dormitory regulations and their underlying philosophy is our proudest accomplishment. We pointed out that the rules were made based on the assumption that frosh women aren't sufficiently mature and responsible to schedule study time or put themselves to bed at a reasonable hour. By challenging the status quo The Emerald has shown women they don't have to "learn to live with anything" — that if they will display enough courage they can change the present situation. It is now up to them — if this is truly a "silent generation" then it will continue to "live with anything."

We also attacked the administration for its handling of the Susan Campbell dormitory damage matter. We agreed with 90 Suzie women, that blameless victims should not be made to pay for damage by unknown men.

We attacked Inter-fraternity Council for its weakness. We strongly disapproved of its secret meeting at which it refused to come to grips with the vital deferred rushing issue. We also chided this group for its willingness to give up its power to regulate its own members' conduct, believing

that surely fraternity presidents were equal to such a job.

We urged less concern with the trivia of our campus, and more interest in those things which would contribute more to intellectual and cultural development. By pointing out the "commit" in committees, we suggested that committee-hopping is not the prime end of collegiate education. We also questioned the fact that many honorary members apparently have nothing better to do than to sell lollipops. While admiring true scholarship, we questioned the exaggerated importance given the statistical GPA. And we hinted that "queen-man-ship" is running rampant on campus, to the benefit of nobody.

We have strongly urged an increased budget for Oregon higher education, stressing especially the need for faculty salary increases. We have consistently supported quality not quantity in education, endorsing among other measures limited enrollment.

The Emerald labored for the living organization personal property tax exemption, pointing out that such would not be a "special privilege," for living organizations would still be paying higher taxes than appear just in relation to other citizens. This issue erupted into an all-out debate on racial discrimination in fraternities. The Emerald took a stand against restrictive clauses, but believed those who would apply outside pressure for their removal would delay accomplishment of the final goal, real racial brotherhood. This became the leading issue of the Oregon Student Party, a new group which this paper attacked in its endorsement of Jim Lynch for ASUO President.

Much unfinished work is left behind for the incoming Emerald administration. We have no doubt that that which is desirable will be completed, and that many new causes will be initiated. In Chuck Mitchelmore The Emerald will have an editor with a wealth of experience, and with a mind that is extremely keen and questioning. The status quo will probably take some new beatings. Mitchelmore probably won't be the most popular editor in The Emerald's history — that is not the goal of good editors — but he should be one of the very best.

And so the "old guard" steps down after four years of effort on The Emerald. We're conscious of the missed opportunity, but also proud of much of our effort, and confident that the paper's best days lie in the future.

Footnotes

And the sorrowful word passed on to us from the new sports co-editor is this: spts. co-ed. takes copy of Emerald to Skinner's Butte. Monkey in SB menagerie spots same, reaches out eager hand. Spts. man obliges, hands over copy of ODE. Monkey clutches copy, reads it (upside down) in frenzy — until he "reaches-sports pages. Then brother chimp gets fierce look in eye and attacks page teeth and paw. Result: one torn Emerald and one shaken spts. man.

Bowerman's Training Methods?



"That's not what I mean by broad jumping, Pedigo."

Letters to the Editor

Emerald Editor:

An open invitation is extended to all campus radicals to meet with other undesirables to discuss questions of philosophy, religion, etc. at 2 p.m. Sunday afternoon near the center post in the S.U. coffee room.

In addition to high level discussions, we also give lip service to the three freedoms that we believe absolutely necessary for the "good life," viz. 1) Free beer. 2) Free love. 3) Free health service.

Interested persons are asked to contact Raymond Peat, or Benjamin Webb, Barrister Inn, ext. 494, or meet with them at 2 p.m. Sunday. See you Sunday. O.K.?

Benjamin Webb
Senior in Business

Emerald Editor:

It is with great pleasure that we announce the second Sometimes Annual, Often Traditional March to Maxie's being presented for the second consecutive glorious year by the University of Oregon Law School (at Eugene) Marching Band and Sipping Society. Those fortunate enough to have been on campus at this time last year are sure to remember the martial march around Fenton Hall in honor of the patron saint of the law school, Pioneer Fatha.

Those not able to attend last year are extremely fortunate in that they will have another chance this year. Once again the Marching Band and Marchers, attired in splendid uniforms and led by Eugene's own musical giant, Sir Basil Metabolism, will march proudly around Fenton Hall, Pioneer Father and then to the Student Union for a concert.

Then the enthusiastic march to our "Home Away From Home." As you may recall these festivities are pregame activities for the finest traditional picnic on campus, the Law School Picnic, to be presented Saturday afternoon, evening and perhaps even part of Sunday.

There will be two opportunities to observe this hallowed event. The first will be at the gathering at Cicero's Rotunda scheduled for approximately 3:30 p.m. At this point the campus is invited to watch the formation of the group, drill exercises and cheers directed to the School. The second will be the Band's entrance at the Student Union for the Queen Se-

lection and command performance.

It should be said at this point that all coeds are eligible for this honor and by virtue of same will be admitted to the picnic the following day and a trip to Maxie's immediately after the coronation in a surrey at the head of the band. The qualifications are age and weight. Pulchritude is advantageous. An acceptance speech for the queen will be made at the S.U. by war hero Joel Reeder.

So don't miss the big occasion, weather permitting. The entire campus is invited and they will also be welcome at the pregame festivities from one to 3:30. See you there.

Jack Tanzer
Corresponding Secretary,
Law School Marching Band
and Sipping Society

Campus Capers

(ACP)—What holds back student government? What factors can keep it from being truly effective?

Notre Dame University's student senate president Pat Logan writes his answers to these questions in his school's Scholastic magazine.

"First," says Logan, "there are some individuals in the senate who are seriously lacking in the qualities of selfless leadership, in making decisions on principle rather than for personal interests, popularity, or out of fear or weakness."

"Many," he adds, "are not fulfilling responsibilities to fellow students outside of attending a meeting once a week."

"Secondly, the conservatism of the university administration holds back progress of student government at times. Realizing that our basis for authority rightly is delegated to us by the administration, there are areas of student life where this same administration is very reluctant to let us exercise the authority which we have been delegated."

"Thirdly, student apathy is a serious hindrance to student government's becoming a vital, influential force."

Logan makes a definition of leadership, too. To him, it is not service. Rather, he defines a "true Christian leader" as one "who creates a significant impact on the thoughts and actions of those whom he deals."