

Maturity Through Reality

New women's rules approved this week by the Office of Student Affairs show a newly realistic attitude toward women on this campus. Positive action on this matter is the beginning of a new approach toward the governing of women at the University.

We believe that it is good that the rules changes were formulated by a committee of members from the AWS Legislature and Heads of Houses. These groups represent all women students, and the fact that their recommendations have finally been accepted so readily by Emerald Hall is a credit to the groups who drew up the changes.

We believe that it is good that the new plan calls for an annual evaluation of existing rules. This feature, theoretically provided for by the "old policies," will allow any woman who is dissatisfied with the present rules to go before the committee and state her reasons for wishing the rule change. Changes would then be subject to

the same necessary approval by the AWS Legislature and student affairs before going into effect the following fall term.

We believe that it is good that there is now begun some sort of philosophy of government for the women on this campus. At least now the freshman women can have some sort of why answer to their questions about the regulations over them. And this means that they will know who is responsible for the rules and how they can get them changed if they object to them.

We believe that this is good least of all because of the part that The Emerald has had in this program of change. The real beneficiaries of this new plan are the women who will live in Hendricks and Carson and Suzy next year.

The confidence shown in the maturity of University women is not misplaced and will be shown this fall, for by treating the women as adults, the administration will find that they will respond with more mature behavior.

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On Europe Since

"History is a very dangerous subject. I think no one should be allowed to take it . . . probably." Strange words, these, especially from the head of a department of history. But not strange, or uncommon at least, in the minds of those who have taken what was, without a doubt, the most popular course in the college of liberal arts — Europe Since 1789.

And what do you find in a course like Europe Since, those soon-to-benefit Stanford friends will ask us; can European history really be that interesting? Not just interesting — exciting. And not just history — insight. And not easy. Then why? Why have architecture majors, radio-TV majors, P.E. majors, physics majors, music majors and geography majors crowded into Europe Since term after term after term? The answer, friends at Stanford, is Gordon Wright.

And what to say in recognition of the departure — the loss — of Gordon Wright lecturer, scholar, educator excellent? Any attempt in adding adjectives would be superfluous to those of the official statements of the administration or those of the students in the long line which ended with the last Wright lecture Wednesday. But let some of Wright's offhand comments, out of context as they are, speak for the delight in a Europe Since lecture.

Such as the one with which we started this little piece, about the danger of studying history: "I hope you go out behind the barn and think about it," Wright continued; "sometimes we place too much more emphasis on the virtues of remembering than we do on the virtues of forgetting. It's often more important to resist it (education) than to accept it . . . in part."

Or take the definition of a University, offered one day between a discussion of the great Stalin purge and comment on the intellectual themes of the twentieth century: "A University is like a matinee to which your father or Uncle Sam buys you a ticket and you sit through several showings — some of them interesting and some boring. Occasionally you are asked to scribble some notes, and at the end of the matinee, you go out and everything outside is dark."

Delightful also were the added bits of historical color that crept in so casually. The description of the death of Rasputin, the commentary on Pavlov's "slobbering dog" experiments, the tale of Italian D'Annunzio's exploits — there was a new one every day.

But it wasn't just the light touch that earned Wright his justly deserved favor

in the mind of class after class. Somehow there's the idea that history is not so dangerous with Gordon Wright; the matinee becomes less boring, inspires more program notes of worth, and there's more light than dark outside. Our Stanford friends have something to look forward to. We at Oregon have some thinking to do out behind the barn.

Proud of Our Pride

It might be called just provincial pride, but if that's it then we're proud of our provincial pride. Humble beginning that editor Robert Paul claims for the "Northwest Review," we can't help but be proud of the University's initial effort at a literary magazine.

The policy, "if it must be stated," says Paul: "awareness." Awareness in the midst of the life of a region, reflecting that region, making criticism of it, making comment of it — this is the policy Paul and his staff have set for their infant publication and one which we welcome and endorse.

The Senator, the philosopher, the English instructor on an economy, on a novelist, on a jazz musician — it may seem a strange sort of awareness on the surface, but one of which we approve. It may be just provincial pride, but if that's it, then we're proud of our provincial pride.

A Greater Oregon

This summer will be the testing period for one of the University student body's newest and unique activities — Greater Oregon. Just how much will come of this gigantic "UO Rush" program will be interesting to note, especially in the light of the earlier good sounds that came out of some hustling and planning.

But the test is this summer, when the committee members will be scattered to all points of the state, and sub-committee meetings over SU lemonade will not be drop-of-the-hat matters. We wish to Co-chairmen Bud Titus and Joan Long and their crew the best of luck, and we hope the result of this summer's activity will be not just another half-hearted committee effort but something toward a really Greater Oregon.

Footnotes—

We just can't resist noting the page one display of Tuesday's Student Union news: Si Ellingson (in appropriate toga) fiddles while the SU (in appropriate smoke) burns.



"YES I'M GOING TO PASS YOU BECAUSE I'M TIRED OF HAVING TO MAKE UP NEW TESTS FOR THIS COURSE EVERY YEAR!"

William Cook

Year's End Observations: Or 'Final Week Made Easy'

Observations at the end of spring term:

Spring term finals—required by the administration, disliked by the faculty, hated by the students. Why? Wait a week and see. Otherwise, try.

Exam study tips:

PE major method—stack all books in piles, then move books from pile to pile as many times as possible. If books are heavy, plenty of exercise will result, and you can soon pass any PE course (this method only works for PE majors who actually have books).

Alcohol method—take books to Maxie's or the Paddock and place on bar stool. Sit on books and see how much you can absorb.

No-doz method—only for people who didn't go to class. Take triple dosage every day finals week. By the end of the week you'll be so tired you won't care anyway.

Beach study method — for groups only. Take all books to coast, and each hides own books in sand. Then on signal everyone tries to find books. Student who finds most books gets to take everyone's finals. Develops virtues of competition, fair play, etc.

Co-educational study method

—two students (one male, one female) involved. Take books, candle, and blanket to secluded evening spot. Spread blanket, light candle, open books, blow out candle. You should learn something this way.

Emerald method — go home now. You've had fun all term, haven't you?

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Summer jobs—the recession will make summer jobs scarce, so good luck! Now don't you wish you'd signed up for ROTC? You could have half a summer's vacation at government expense. But it's not too late to join the National Guard.

Vacation attire — With no jobs, you'll need vacationing clothes. Some suggested items are buckle-back sandals, buckle-back trousers, buckle-back shirts with button-down collars, buckle-back caps. For co-eds, buckle-back bikinis are the thing. Also blankets.

Good luck all.

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