

## For a Greater Oregon

The ASUO senate will take action tonight on President Jim Lynch's recent proposal that the student who is appointed Greater Oregon director be given a full salary.

Lynch sounded out the ASUO cabinet last week on the idea that a full-time director of the program should receive the top student wage—\$692 yearly.

The move strikes us as a most constructive suggestion.

The proposed ASUO budget, with its still dubious AWS inclusions, has been subjected to much senate inquiry, and The Emerald believes the new Greater Oregon plan to be fully worthy of approval.

Student-manned public relations have been underway only for a short time, in an attempt to keep pace with the unofficial and very successful job done by Oregon State College students for their school.

Since its institution here, Greater Oregon has been thought of chiefly as another committee assignment—though it should be pointed out that this year's group has made considerable progress in organizing the state area.

But the appointment of a salaried student director would offer a chance for the ideal desired end—the right person in the right job. Salary and attendant responsibilities would equate Greater Oregon with the other full-time student positions—the ASUO presidency, the Oregon and The Emerald editorships and The Emerald business manager.

And why should this not be so? To provide for the well-being of the University through proper selection of prospective students and to tell the "right" people the

many merits of the University demands a salesman of the first order.

Converting Greater Oregon into a full-time operation would be a farsighted move by student leaders. For if the goal of student government here is indeed present and future improvement of the University through its students, certainly the insuring of quality in freshmen should rate uppermost in any budget considerations.

If we want the job done, we should be willing to pay for it. That this is the only way to make Greater Oregon work to its full potential is not yet a certainty. But the adoption of a salaried position would offer an incentive for the kind of full-time leadership needed in such a job.

The philosophy behind salaries for students might bear mentioning here. The idea is that salaries should be comparable to what a student could earn at an outside job during the academic year. This would, in theory, make all students eligible for consideration.

The first year in such a position would be rough. Admittedly the first Greater Oregon director would be squarely on the spot and, in effect, required to make good—or else the budget likely would get pared the next year.

Any new enterprise, of course, needs time. And with such a worthwhile goal as the improvement of the University through recruiting higher quality incoming students, all the raw materials should be there for a successful project.

It's up to you, senators, to decide how to spend this portion of the students' money. Greater Oregon, given a chance, could make Oregon greater.

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## Let's Hope for Rain

Normally, the period of intensive studying before winter term finals week is made more bearable by the poor condition of the weather. With a good rain outside, one is certainly more comfortable indoors, and settling down to study is not quite so difficult.

This has been the situation during winter term finals weeks—as well as in the fall—for at least as long as we've been at the University. Only during spring term have we been plagued with invitingly good

weather to attract us from our studies.

But lately, the weather has been so spring-like that studying for finals has been greatly complicated.

How can one, after a dreary winter, face a pile of neglected books when the sun is shining, the buds are opening and the sap is rising (in students as well as trees)? How can one sit and type a late term paper when The River beckons?

Though we have enjoyed—too much, we fear—the early spring weather this year, we're still hoping for a spell of dreary weather to rescue us from the perils of procrastinations.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Emerald Editor:**

For every one of your statements [in Off-Campus Housing? March 7] supporting the present rigid and enforced ruling regarding off campus housing for undergraduate unmarried women, I have a different opinion. Mr. Editor, you can't become concerned over the cries for off campus housing because you are not required to live in it, and as a man, are not bothered by restrictions upon your personal freedom and right to happiness!

The regulations in so called upperclass women's dorms are unreasonable because they are designed to control. The very truth of the matter is, that group living is objectionable to a few women for various reasons. There comes a time in a mature individual's life when group living as provided no longer helps him reach maturity but hinders him. Space will not permit me to list contributing examples of the above, but compulsory dormitory meetings for the purposes of filling out an inventory of participation sheet for an activity in which the in-

dividual has no interest, for being told of new constraining rules, and of urging participation in activities, are reasons for objecting. To have to contribute to the "social" fund of a dorm when the desire to complete work for a degree prevents one from being able to attend such events and also, to be forced to clean one's room by a certain time on a set day or face punishment of being "campused" seems uncalled for.

Of the 1,894 women enrolled last year, how many were likely to be eligible or interested in off campus housing? Not very many unmarried undergraduate women were apt to request off campus housing. Those who were affiliated with sororities on this campus were obligated to live in and contribute to their groups. Many women preferred the security of a dorm and the mothering influence of counselors and house mothers. Those who did request off campus housing had strong rooted reasons and because the permission was so important to the individual, I feel that provision for reviewing

those requests would not have been too great a burden.

You say the problem involves a moral judgment and shouldn't be in the hands of the administration. If this is so, why is it right for the administration to maintain the present policy of rigid and stiffly-punishable-for violation ruling? The present solution may be an easy and therefore satisfactory solution for the problem of student control but it does not untangle the problems of the women who are restricted by the present rule and have to choose between suspension and graduation at the price of personal sacrifice, irritation, and unhappiness.

The need for upperclass living space is not met. How many single rooms in quiet corridors are available? Why should upperclass women who are pressed for time have to spend three hour sessions on phone and hostess duty? Off campus housing for unmarried undergraduate women who deserve the privilege ought to be granted.

**Shirley McCauley**  
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"ARE WE AROUND TO GRADING FINALS AGAIN PROFESSOR SNARF?"

## Letters to the Editor

**Emerald Editor:**

The members of Rebec House would like to extend a public thank you to those who have shown an active concern in our campaign to change the name of the proposed George Rebec Hall. We are grateful to President Wilson for his definite action, to The Emerald for its support and coverage, to the research committees from the AWS Legislature and Phi Theta, and to the students and townspeople for the interest they have shown.

In view of the prominent part that J. J. Walton played in the establishment of the University of Oregon, his name is a worthy choice for the dormitory.

**Marcia Mathews**  
President of Rebec House  
**Midge Woodhouse**  
Secretary of Rebec House

**Emerald Editor:**

We want to thank the writer of Thursday's editorial [Off-Campus Housing?, March 7] for dispelling one of the schoolroom fantasies that we learned along with the story of the cherry tree. Of course, we learned long ago that the cherry tree was a myth, but it was not until Thursday that we learned that living without supervision is a privilege—not a right.

Now who was that out-dated old fellow who once said some ridiculous things about "certain unalienable rights," including such things as "Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness"?

**Fairy Gardner**  
Sophomore in Pre-Law  
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Sophomore in Liberal Arts

**Emerald Editor:**

Having been subjected to a rather excessive amount of forced-noise for some time now at the corner of 15th and Kincaid, we can not help but question the purpose of it all. Possibly the Phi Delta Thetas consider themselves the self-appointed entertainers of the Pi Phi's, opposite them, or else feel that their broadcasting throughout the neighborhood will enhance the intellectual atmosphere brought about by the presence of the library across street. While a third explanation would be that all members of said house are deaf, we cannot help but consider this Stenorian blaring of noise to be of very questionable propriety. It

would be somewhat less than a rash presumption on our part to suggest that possibly everyone in the neighborhood is not as fond of the emissions of the Phi Delt loud-speaker as they are.

We feel it unnecessary to comment at this time on their musical selection.

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**Emerald Editor:**

Last night, a student left the classical music listening room. He said that the atmosphere was disconcerting and that he hoped that students would learn, sometime, the way to listen to classical music.

In designing such a room, one should try to come as near as possible to the conditions and atmosphere of a concert hall. But, when considering this particular room, we may as well wonder if the designer ever went to any concert.

Though some improvements have been made since fall term, the general impression given by the chair arrangement and the day and night "eclairage" is still that of a dentist's waiting room.

Small wonder that students may consider it as a cosy place for chatting and/or studying, with any musical background.

This is all the more regrettable because the collection of records seems of excellent quality and, in my opinion, there would be much to gain by giving students the best chance to get acquainted with classical music.

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