

Little Man on Campus

From Seniors to Alumni

Two cheerful words which garner respect and pleasure on the University campus are spring and senior, and when these two classic words are put together—Spring-term senior—a special significance is recognized.

THIS PHRASE SPURS many a professor and alumnus to recall memories and good times, and many an underclassman to express envy, hope and some despair over the senior's status. But the full personal reflection on this term belongs to the senior for he alone is experiencing "senioritis."

A knot can form easily in the stomach of the senior when he seriously considers that his days of being an undergraduate are almost over, and soon many and most of his college ties will be broken.

Yet no one ever completely separates himself from his college days. He will consciously strive to give his University material and moral support, and many times he will unconsciously find himself reminiscing of his college days and placing a high value and pride in his Alma Mater.

This University, as well as most colleges, has an organization which attempts to bring its alumni into closer contact with the school—the alumni association.

The Oregon Alumni Association was founded in 1880. James (Jim) Frost, a graduate of the class of '42, who returned to the University in 1955 to teach journalism, is the Alumni Director. He directs an Association of 4,800 of which 1,200 are life members. The Alumni office has an address file on 35,000 graduates of the University.

Just what does an alumni association do? As paraphrased from a report by Ernest T. Stewart, executive director of the American Alumni Council in December, 1959, an alumni association has four essential purposes: to represent the school in an "ambassadorial" capacity, act as an advisory group, participate in getting excellent students to attend the college, and provide funds to "strengthen the college's resources."

THESE SERVICES WHICH the Oregon Alumni Association participates in continuously advance the status and quality of the University. But, alumni in the Association also receive many benefits. Close contact can be kept with the University through "Old Oregon"—the alumni magazine; preferred seating when purchasing athletic season tickets is provided; and continuous contact is maintained to help the alumni know what is happening on the campus.

A greater satisfaction is felt by many alumni when they return to the campus for Homecoming, Junior Weekend and other festivities because they belong to the Alumni Association.

Membership in the Association can be obtained in two ways: on a yearly basis or for life. Life membership costs \$66, quite a bargain in this day and age, compared to the membership charges of many colleges.

The other basis for membership is on a one, two, or three year basis, and costs \$4, \$7.50, and \$10 respectively.

Any person who has attended the University for one full term is entitled to membership in the Alumni Association. It is not just for graduating seniors to consider but for the entire student body. On commencement day, the graduate would be wise to take his diploma in one hand and his alumni membership card in the other.

AS THE OREGON ALUMNI Association puts it: "Alumni membership can bring that certain intangible but satisfying inner reward of knowing that you have not only helped advance the position of the Alma Mater, but have increased the value of a University of Oregon degree."

No Tea Party

(The following editorial is taken from the University of Minnesota Daily.)

When President-elect O. M. Wilson arrives here to take over, he'll find himself in the middle of a Board of Regents controversy that amounts to a lot of tempests in a pot of tea.

AND IT'LL BE NO tea party for him when the Legislature convenes next January.

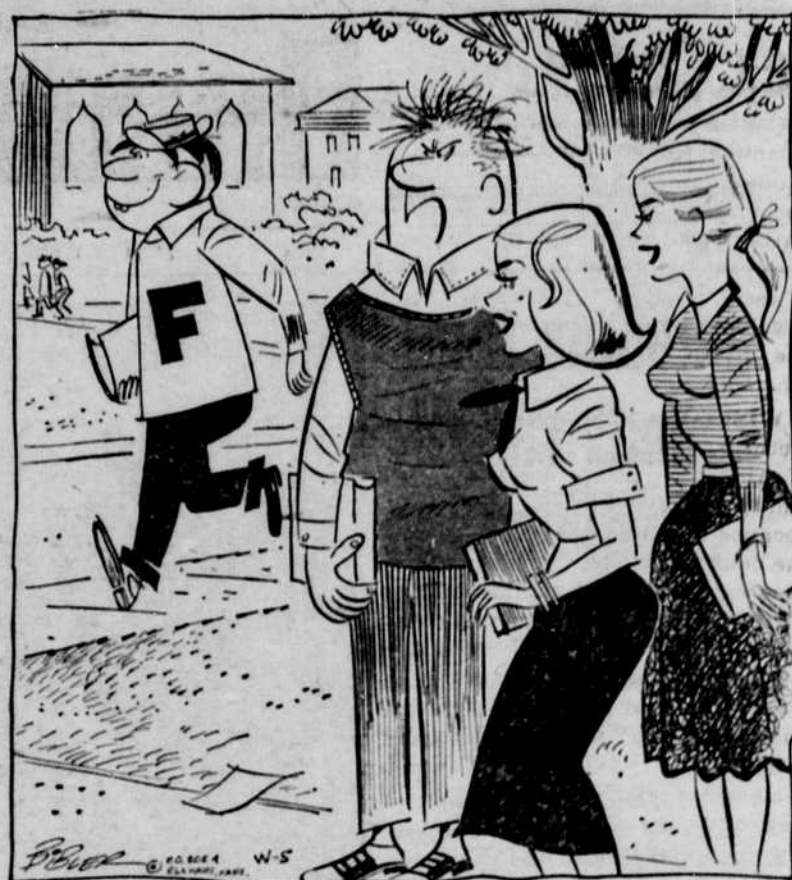
If he read his newspapers Wednesday, he discovered that a legislator charged the Regents with violating the law by conducting parts of their regular meetings in secrecy.

If he reads his newspapers today, he'll discover that the University has cited various Supreme Court and Attorney General's rulings which support the right of the Regents to regulate their own meetings.

AND IF HE HAS PURSUED the matter further and tried to determine where the various papers stand on this "freedom of the press" issue, he undoubtedly is even more confused, for at least one leading newsman has supported closed Regents meetings.

Our opinion at this point—just in case the President-elect wishes to consider it along with others—is that it would benefit the Regents and the University to try to work the matter out peacefully in the next few months, perhaps by devoting a special meeting or a part of a regular session to the topic.

If an agreement or at least an understanding can be reached this year, it will be to the University's advantage when the rigorous legislative session begins.



"NAW, THAT ISN'T HIS LETTER SWEATER — THAT'S HIS GRADE AVERAGE."

Slide in Current Stock Prices Affects Public Thinking

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NEW YORK (AP)—The stock market works on the mind as well as the pocketbook. This year's drop in stock prices of 10 per cent and more leads some to see it as signalling a break in economic activity. Others doubt if it is that good a barometer, holding that the break was really a return to reality after a spree.

BUT THE slide in prices does affect public thinking.

Many interpret it as meaning: "Those guys down there must have the inside dope." Others are nervous because they recall that in the more free-wheeling past a panic on Wall Street was the first inkling of a depression.

They forget three things:

- There has been no panic and no hint of a coming depression.
- Numerous safeguards on stock trading and on the movements of the general economy now make comparisons with the past of considerable less value.
- Corporate affairs are much more a matter of public record now than a generation ago when only the insiders had the dope.

BUT THE debate over how good a barometer the stock market is of coming business activity will go on for some time. Good or bad, it does affect confidence and spending plans, particularly those of businessmen setting inventory and investment policies.

A study of past performances of the stock market as a barometer is offered in the April survey of the Morgan Guaranty Trust Co., New York.

IT NOTES that over the years the curves of stock prices and business activity generally have tended to move in the same direction, with the stock curves usually ahead of the business one.

But it warns of two hazards in jumping to conclusions:

- The relationship of the curves varies widely in specific cases;
- There have been false signals in the stock market which business ignored.

EVEN IN the big 1929 break, stock prices turned down quite a bit after business activity had. The market didn't lead. And in 1945 and 1946 stocks turned down and business activity continued to rise.

As an example of false sig-

nals, the survey cites the long price decline in the early 1930s which "was punctuated by a series of revivals, one of which continued for five months and was widely interpreted as forerunner of business recovery until it gave way to another price collapse."

A more recent example of the stock market's flunking out as a barometer came in the period from August 1956 to February 1957.

The almost continuous seven months' decline in stock prices didn't faze business activity. Finally the market reversed itself and climbed back to its previous peak.

Our Contemporaries

With presidential primaries and mock conventions in the air, Syracuse University announces the results of the nation's first university mock convention.

VICE PRESIDENT Nixon and ex-Governor Adlai Stevenson were chosen on the second and third ballots, respectively, to become their party's candidates for the presidency. Henry Cabot Lodge nosed out New York Senator Kenneth Keating for the GOP veep nod, while Massachusetts Senator John Kennedy was named the Demo's number two man on the first ballot.

With the national nominating conventions still three months away these results hardly seem significant, but they are interesting.

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Letters to the Editor

Emerald Editor:

For an institution which publicly expresses itself against violations of academic freedom the University of Oregon certainly has a nasty stack of violations against basic freedoms.

DID YOU know that backing into a parking space is an offense punishable by \$2 fine or \$2.50 if the authorities find it necessary to take the money out of your breakage fee? Probably you thought, as I did, that backing into a parking space is just as legal as heading into one. Upon inquiring I have discovered that the officer who is checking to see that our cars have the proper stickers on them cannot walk around to the backs of them to make sure that he can't also catch us in the more serious \$10 offense

of using a parking lot without an official U of O sticker.

I have also found that this same delicate footed officer is on the committee which reviews the petitions of the indignant students who are innocent enough to this they will get a "fair deal" if they feel that they have been unjustly fined.

THIS IS NOT the first time that the regulations concerning campus parking have come to my attention as being just too "far out" and unjust but I have always heard that it is better to pay the fine and not try to fight back. The time has come to think in other terms! If we don't fight back now things won't get better but they could get worse.

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Emerald Editor:

I am very glad to see that the people in the editorial department are willing to take such valuable space in the Emerald to exploit with consistent and excellent concern the glaring situation of women's apparel. It is, perhaps, one of the most important issues on campus. One might say our clothing makes or breaks us and is the only means of telling whether or not we are women and just how far we will get in life.

IF WOMEN find it more comfortable to study in such dispicable apparel as Levis and sweat-shirts, they should surely confine themselves to their study habitats. And if they should during their tedious hours of study find it helpful to make occasional trips to the SU for