

Letters to the Editor

(Continued from page 2) these students is being proposed by the State Department of Finance, not the Department of Higher Education, which indicates a monetary and not an educational problem situation.

Second, according to Dean Lemon, chairman of the State Scholarship Commission, the situation which prompted the action of waiver fourteen years ago still exists today.

Perhaps through some strong persistence the Alaskan-Hawaiian students may persuade the legislators of the Higher Education Sub-Committee of the Ways and Means Committee that there does exist strong argument for maintaining the status quo in this situation.

Howard Liebreich
Junior in Economics

A Request
Emerald Editor:

Since the recent debate on the ASUO Senate's action to have a letter sent to the Emerald editor requesting his resignation, there have been many diverse opinions expressed to us as to the validity of such an action. However, in the February 11th issue of the Emerald, only those letters to the editor which expressed their dislike of the Senate's action were presented. If any letters do exist which express their favor of the Senate's action, we feel it would be helpful to have them presented so that both sides of this issue can be presented to the student body.

Mark Smith
Freshman, Architecture
Paul Virene
Freshman, Liberal Arts

Editor's Note: Below are the only letters we have received expressing approval of the Senate's action. Both are written by ASUO Senators.

A Defense
Emerald Editor:

Mr. Palmer has stated that he has "lost all respect for the Senate." A number of students contend that the ASUO Senate has

committed an "invasion of democracy." Others maintain that "the Senate has been reduced to a weekly battle-ground of personalities where nothing is resolved or even discussed intelligently." Surely it is quite natural to run to the aid and defense of our editor, and voice our disappointment with our "aggressive Senate," but haven't we overlooked the real issue?

Has the Emerald been responsible in its journalism? Would one be "asinine" to question whether the Emerald has overstepped its "rights" by factually misrepresenting the University? Do we really approve of "hazing" articles printed in all our state papers, including the front page of the Oregonian and even the Christian Science Monitor? Do we approve if its not true? In other words, will we not agree that the University may have been misrepresented, and that we may have been the victim of "sensationalism"? If we do agree, then logically we must feel that something should be done.

Possibly now we can objectively evaluate the attitude of the ASUO Senators last Thursday night. We felt that something must be done in regard to the Emerald. Mr. Vertrees made a proposal that was accepted by the Senators as logical and necessary. Here I make my dissent. Yes, something had to be done, but was a request for the resignation of Mr. Buel the just and proper thing? I think not! A letter expressing the ASUO Student Body's disappointment, and disapproval of the Emerald's actions may have been more appropriate, and more closely expressed the true feelings of the Senators.

Personally, I feel that the Senior Class stands in opposition to the ASUO Senate's action, yet we have not "lost our respect for the Senate." The Emerald and Mr. Buel, however, receives our reprimand.

Jim Sheldrew
Senior Class President
ASUO Senator

A Defense
Emerald Editor:

The decision by the ASUO Senate regarding the Emerald editor has been criticized greatly. I would answer this in this way.

It has been said that the ASUO Senate has no authority or right to consider this matter. In the usual case, this is correct. However, in this instance, the Publications Board, which should have taken action on this matter, did not do an adequate job in many peoples estimation. Since the Publications Board is the only student group which has direct contact with the Emerald, this left no other source of appeal. (An appeal had been made earlier to the Publications Board) Where was one to go if he wished to pursue this? Since the ASUO Senate is the representative of the student body, and because this matter directly affects this group, the Senate was the logical choice.

If, as is suggested, this matter is not within the realm of the Senate, then one would think it would also be outside the realm of the State of Oregon. This is not the case as an editor was removed, some time back, at the request of the Governor of Oregon. I would ask that if the Governor of Oregon can consider such matters, can not the Senate of the University of Oregon?

If the belief in "Freedom of the Press" is examined, I believe one would find that we are free to say and print whatever we wish, as long as it is supported by facts or represents a personal opinion, and is stated as such. I do not believe that these two conditions were met in the recent coverage of hazing.

I believe there are many student who are dissatisfied with the way this was handled and the reasons behind the recent campaign on hazing. Not solely for the sake of the fraternity system as such, but for the re-

percussions this will and is having against higher education, only one of which is concerned with the State Legislature.

If the ASUO Senate is denied the right to consider a problem such as this, under these conditions, then I feel we are denying the students a means by which they can be heard and receive some kind of results concerning matters which are of interest and importance to them, and where other channels are not available.

John Ashley
Senator-at-Large

Ex-Advisor Speaks
Emerald Editor:

As the "late" advisor to the Oregon Daily Emerald, I feel compelled to speak out regarding the recent attempts of some student politicians to discredit the Emerald and its editor, Ron Buel.

In the 2½ years I have worked closely with the Emerald as its faculty advisor, the paper has shown consistent improvement in such things as maturity and scope of news coverage, journalistic responsibility, completeness and accuracy of coverage, aggressiveness and reasonably sound judgment in expression of editorial viewpoints. There has been a substantial decline in the number of serious mistakes in editorial judgment and factual reporting.

The Emerald is not perfect today, nor will it ever be, nor will any student activity—including student government—ever be.

Though he has made errors from time to time (who hasn't?) Mr. Buel has worked more conscientiously than most to make the Emerald a mature, responsible student newspaper. The pure attempts of the student politicians to discredit him are, in my mind, a serious indictment of student government.

I am prepared to say further that as a member of the Pacific Coast Publications Managers Association, I have closely followed the performance of major college newspapers along the Pacific Coast. In terms of journalistic responsibility, the Emerald equals and in many cases surpasses all of them—Washington, Washington State, Oregon State, Cal (Berkeley), UCLA and USC.

The student Senate, in my opinion, is not competent to pass judgment on the level of performance of the student press—a point all too dramatically demonstrated in its action last Thursday night.

Ken Metzler
Editor, Old Oregon

A Representative?
Emerald Editor:

ASUO Graduate Senator Vertrees does not represent the undersigned graduate students. We feel that the Senator is using his position for the pursuit of personal goals, rather than responsibly representing his constituents. We suggest that any statements made by him on the Senate floor be regarded strictly as personal opinion.

Mathematics Graduates:
Larry L. English
David J. Leeming
Arthur L. Stone
Karl P. Reitz
Diane K. Stone
Ethan F. Kennel
Arne Baartz
James W. McCoy

Boy Scapegoat
Emerald Editor:

Well, boys and girls, our stalwart and intrepid Senate, paragon of University politics, is on the job. Our brave and stout-hearted representatives have the ball rolling to root out the iniquity of that yellow-dog journalistic rag, the Oregon Daily Emerald.

Were this saga to be dramatized, it might well be called "A Nightmare in the Life of Ron Buel, Boy Scapegoat."

Ponder the point made by Bill Vertrees, leader of the "Let's Purge the Paper" movement.

"The Emerald has again acted irresponsibly in this matter and has damaged the University of Oregon irreparably in a legislative year." What is he, some kind of nut?

I for one was not aware until now that the Emerald is or should be subject to censure or control by the Senate, the faculty (as suggested by one Senator), or irate individuals who may not like to see their shortcomings in print.

As for the hazing hassle, it's futile and a little silly to blame the Emerald for reporting certain aspects of a problem which the Senators and Greeks can't control.

The Emerald is an ostensibly free communications medium in an ostensibly free segment of what we call our democratic society. It would be too bad if a group of zealots in key positions, who are, perhaps, overly concerned with their own rather dubious importance, were to prove it otherwise.

Jill Hart
Graduate, Classical Languages

Open Letter
Emerald Editor:

AN OPEN LETTER TO BILL VERTREES:

(With reference to the February 7th Senate decision to ask for the Emerald Editor's resignation for alleged irresponsibilities, especially with regard to the "hazing business," which vertrees termed "the worst offense of the year.")

Dear Bill,

You're right, this hazing should not have been discussed and, as Gordon Zimmerman said, the general principle to discuss was the damage this publicity had done to the frat system. Considering the probable damage, Senate support for your motion was certainly in order.

With a bit of luck you might get this thing working on a national level. Imagine, if you will, newspapers with no publicity of muffled invasion attempts (t'would offend the administration), no articles of flubbing rockets (our technicians might be embarrassed), and no editorializing about crime or delinquency (all but the honest would be understandingly disturbed) . . . I could go on but, enough, your idea is great; with Ron's co-operation the Senate may gain the ability to control editorial policy and by so doing set a most important precedent.

N. Pfundt
Graduate Student Interdisciplinary Studies

SU Calendar

Tuesday, Feb. 12, 1963	
7:30 A.M. to 11 P.M.	
1-12	and 2-5 Oregoniana Distr.
Ping Pong Room SU	
9:15	Catholic-Luth Disc 108 SU
11:00	SU Directorate 313 SU
11:45	Theat Staff 109 SU
Noon	Italian Tbl 1 SU
	Baha'i Fellowship 110 SU
	Acad Require Comm 111 SU
	Biol Staff 112 SU
	Advis Council 213 SU
	Carlson Lehn 215 SU
1:00	John Roy Carlson Ass. Bllrm SU
3:00	Canoe Fete Steer Comm 337 SU
4:00	Jr Class Convoc 101 SU
	Jr IFC and Jr Panhel 108 SU
	Rally Bd 110 SU
	Fr Honor Society 111 SU
	AWS—Meet the Cand Dad's Rm SU
	SU People to People Comm 313 SU
	Campus Crusade—"College
	Life Valentine Tea Gerl 2nd Flr
4:30	Jr IFC Panel, "Status of Greek System" 108 SU
5:30	Inter Co-op Council 214 SU
6:00	Phi Beta Pledging Gerl 2nd Flr
7:00	YMCA Afric-ore Studies 204 Campbell
	101 SU
7:30	Corwin Edwards Lect 101 SU
	Fest of Arts Lect —
	L.A. Hiller spkr., "A Panorama of Electronic Music" Bllrm SU
	Beginning Silk Ser Les 336,334 SU

Local Colleges Bill Introduced

A controversial bill to limit the number of community colleges in Oregon was introduced Monday at the State Legislature by the Senate Education Committee.

The bill, introduced at the request of the Legislative Interim Committee on Education, would prevent the establishment of any new community colleges during the two years beginning next July 1.

State support would be limited to the nine community colleges already established. The State Board of Higher Education included in its recent budget a requested appropriation for community colleges.

The colleges are supported jointly by the state and local districts. They can provide either vocational training or the first two years of college, or both.

Many legislators are concerned over the rapid development of community colleges and have suggested that their development be controlled until the program can be studied more completely.

Sen. Al Flegel (D-Roseburg), chairman of the Senate Education Committee, said "This is a moratorium to give us time to get our feet on the ground."

Other legislation is now being considered which would give the legislature direct control over the establishment of community colleges. One bill would give the State Board of Higher Education a veto power over creation of such schools.

Community Colleges are expected to increase the number of students at state supported schools since more students would have an opportunity to do lower division work.

Job Opportunities

Dow Chemical Company will hold interviews this afternoon for applicants with a BA or BS in business administration and chemistry. Nationwide assignments are available after a year of training in Midland, Michigan.

Positions are open for students with a PhD and MS in physics and math or a PhD only in Physics, chemistry or statistics with Bell Telephone. A representative will be here for interviews Thursday.

Interviews will be held for students with PhD. degrees in mathematics, physics, physical chemistry and statistics or a MS in physics or mathematics for positions with the Bell Laboratories. The interview is Thursday.

The United States National Bank of Portland will interview students with majors in business administration, economics and liberal arts Thursday for a position in Oregon.

Please Don't Feed the Birds

to the cat. Birds are good for lots of things. For example, the whole world would be over-run with worms and insects if it weren't for robins and things. And we also need feathers for hats.

So, next time you run across a bird, give him something nice, like a Dairy Queen. Or, better yet, buy yourself a Dairy Queen every time you see a bird. Mr. Dairy Queen will like you.

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