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a typewriter warmed in hell

The Yale News Bulletin each year publishes the Insiders Guide to Colleges, listing the attributes and deficiencies of the nation's institutions of high learning. The current description of the University of Oregon is somewhat out of date, and they have asked the Emerald to bring it up to date.

The catalog now reads as follows:

"Few schools can make the transition from playboy school to radical mecca. But the party-oriented University of Oregon, long one of the few reasons Californians might venture north of the border, is now emerging as a liberal bulwark of the state and of the entire Pacific Northwest.

"With the vibrant development of campus activism, OU (sic) was the home of protests and even a bit of violence a few years ago. Just as at other campuses, however, things have quieted down.

"The changing political mood never endangered good social and academic environments. Frats and independents continue to thrive side-by-side, with low-key, high-quality fun being the general rule.

"All that glitters is not gold, however, and OU still has some academic shortcomings alongside its improvements. The school's high faculty turnover is not necessarily bad, for it may provide for a steady influx of new ideas... Socially a hodgepodge of tradition, trivia and genuine progressivism can be found... Diversity can make for a good collegiate environment and Eugene appears a reasonably genial town."

However, things have changed since this description was written.

Dear Yale University:

The current description has a nice sound to it, and is essentially accurate. But a few things have changed since this description was written and should be brought up to date.

The University remains high on the bulwark list, though bulwark competition in the Pacific Northwest is not heated. We're still balancing on that fine line between activism and "playboy." We may be tilting toward the latter. We still vibrate with activism, though given the choice between promoting human rights, saving a whale and going to a function, 80 percent choose the function and 20 percent chose the whale. We also like cheap drugs.

Independents and Geeks alike find women, minorities and the handicapped good for a few laughs.

The Geeks love nothing better than low-key high-quality fun, especially when there is an independent around to have it on. Rush provides a perfect opportunity for this. Activities such as picking up olives off ice blocks with butt cheeks and jumping nude into the Millrace rank high on the list.

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We are trying to raise tuition, in hopes of pricing out foreigners, out-of-staters, and the poverty-stricken out of the education market. This should

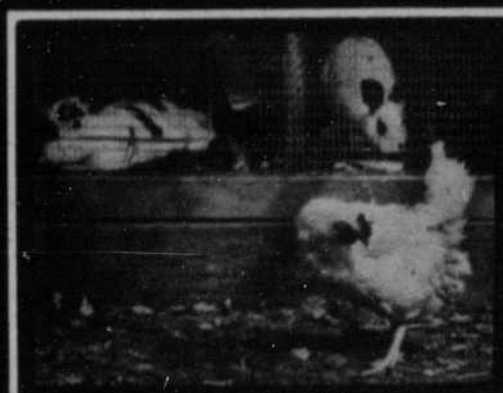
clean up our hodgepodge problem. Women are now permitted to join the faculty, provided they have their husband's consent.

The faculty no longer turns over. The average age in certain departments is 75, and we are lucky if they move at all. If our professors weren't still

breathing, we'd bury them.

Our influx of new ideas has dried up, but in its place we have stability and permanence.

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