

opinion

Significant remark

Like the chain reaction it is meant to prevent, the movement to put nuclear war into suspended animation has been set in motion.

Voters in eight states voiced their approval of a bilateral freeze on nuclear weapons production Tuesday. Oregon voters were among the most adamant.

The movement won't stop with a simple vote. More and more people — among them physicians, scientists, loggers, homemakers and college presidents — are realizing the necessity of speaking out in public.

The movement, started by college students and leftover radicals, is becoming a new American dream, a dream of peace.

University Pres. Paul Olum is part of the movement. In his "State of the University" speech Wednesday, Olum took time to talk about a matter that made his woeful reports of budgetary destitution seem "trivial and insignificant" in comparison.

"Everything we believe in for the University and its people and for the whole world about us could be destroyed in the most utterly literal sense of that word. And yet the nuclear arms race goes on . . ."

It took at least some courage to interrupt his official duties as head of a beleaguered institution and make his personal appeal for world peace. In addition to the hand Olum received from his faculty, the Emerald would like to offer its own applause.

your turn fulfilling Greek life

It is time that the University and community hear the other side of the Greek life. For every woman who disaffiliates from a sorority, for whatever reason there are 60 or more who are happy and satisfied with their fraternity membership.

The first Greek fraternal organization for women was founded in 1870 by a woman who realized that the fulfillment of education went beyond the attainment of academic success.

She founded the first Greek fraternity for women whose aim was to support its members in their pursuit of personal, intellectual, and moral growth.

There have been numerous changes in the Greek lifestyle over the last 100 years, keeping in tune with the era and the personalities of the members. We no longer have 10 o'clock curfews on weeknights and the number and types of "mandatory" activities vary from campus to campus, from house to house.

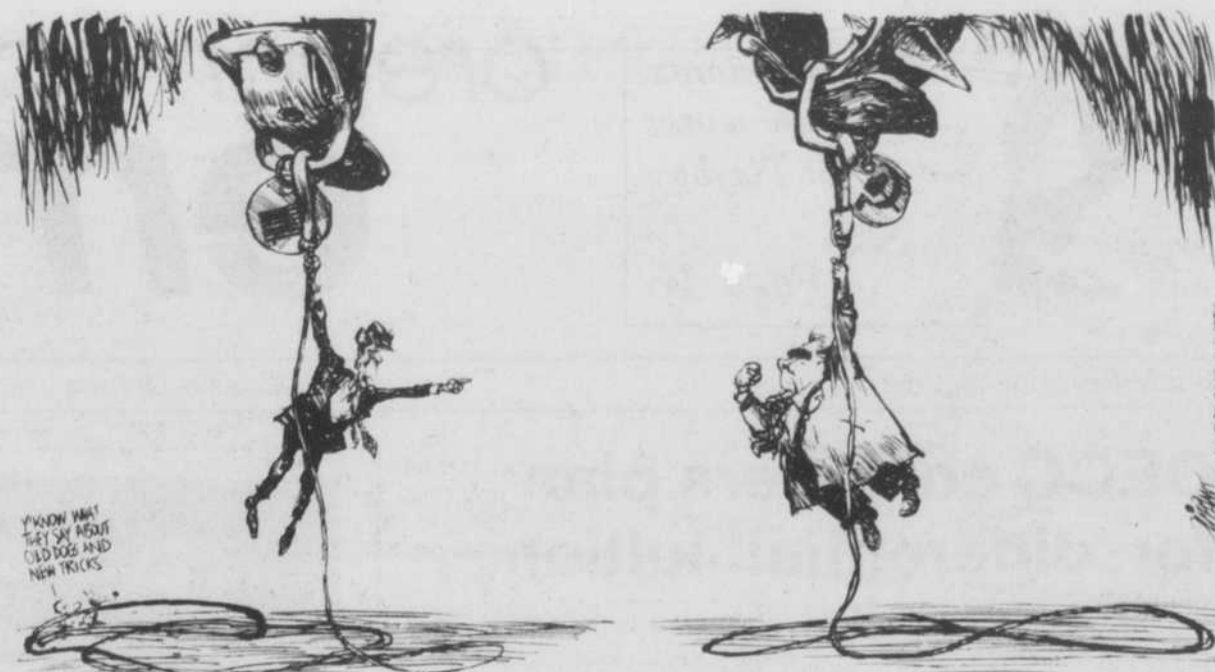
But the ideals which were layed out in 1870 are as relevant for our generation as for the past and are still alive and inspiring to our members today.

Fraternity parties have the same focus as most college parties — dancing and drinking. However, they are one of the smallest parts of sorority life.

The sorority provides incentives for personal growth — when living with 60 other girls you have to learn to be flexible, and to understand and appreciate various personalities. There are numerous leadership opportunities where you are forced to examine your strengths and weaknesses and learn to work with these. Sororities offer the chance to provide service to your community and University.

The sorority offers intellectual incentives with guest speakers, in-house tutor programs, awards, and yes, mandatory study tables, but only to help those members whose GPA has slipped dangerously low. Sororities promote moral growth by encouraging belief in certain standards of behavior, obedience to rules established for group living, following through with commitments, living up to responsibilities, respecting and supporting the people you live with.

Through these programs, through belief and dedication to fundamental ideals, sororities continue to encourage and develop leaders and pioneers in society and on this campus. There are restrictions involved in fraternity living, certain responsibilities which come with the privilege of membership. But to have 65 people living



THE DOGS OF WAR

letters

Journalists

Words are the tools of the journalist. Naturally, one would expect a university newspaper to reflect this fact through good

choice of words. Unfortunately, such is not the case with the Emerald.

I would like to cite several examples from the Oct. 19 issue. The first is from the recycling article. In it the non-existent word "chailer" is used, instead of the correct term, "chair." Also, the picture caption on the front page refers to tickets prices at "\$4.50 a pop" and "\$15.50 a shot." This slang usage is inappropriate; "each" or "apiece" would be far more suitable.

Most offensive, however, is the needless use of profanity in "Sidelong Glances." While many students exchange vulgarities as a matter of course, that is no reason to discard all professionalism and respect for more tasteful readers by putting it in print. Any journalist who cannot express an idea or opinion without resorting to meaningless gutter language has chosen the wrong field.

The School of Journalism at the University has a fine reputation. It is time that the Emerald examines its procedures and begins to live up to this reputation.

Gene Buckley
freshman

Insincere

To imply that the United States and the Soviet Union are equally uncompromising, arrogant and insincere in their positions toward negotiating limits on strategic arms (as did the Emerald 10/12) is a distortion.

Immediately after the inauguration of Pres. Reagan, the Soviets proposed that arms talks begin immediately. For months the United States refused. The Soviets proposed that negotiations include all nuclear weapon systems.

Allison Snow
Allison is president of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority and a member of the varsity track and cross country teams. She is also on mortar board.

Again, the United States refused, agreeing to discuss land-based systems only. (While over 70 percent of the Soviet arsenal relies on land-based systems, the United States arsenal relies primarily on sea-based and air-carried missiles).

Prior to current arms talks in Geneva, the Soviets proposed that the talks also begin to halt the development of chemical weapons and further militarization of outer space. The United States refused.

Counter to what the Emerald would lead us to believe, the Soviets have already agreed to an immediate ban on nuclear testing as well as a no-first-use pledge provided that the United States follow suit. In both cases our government refused.

No amount of rhetoric can gloss over the fact that the United States started the nuclear arms race and has always taken the lead in perpetuating it. Pretending that the Soviets are equally to blame for its perils not only distorts history, but ignores the fact that it is our government which must be held accountable.

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Artless

Darren Berg's insipid retaliation to Cort Fernald's editorial is another perfect example of the Emerald's acute competency in its letters policy.

Never, in any professional publication, have I read such offensive material as what occasionally appears in the Emerald. Allowing this type of artlessness to be printed takes me one step beyond taking the Emerald seriously.

Kevin Lamb
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letters policy

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