## OREGON COMMENTATOR

#### Radical moderation

n a book describing experiences as a volunteer in the 1960 presidential campaign, novelist James Michener described how then-candi-date John Kennedy had been heckled by some youthful Republican sympathizers at Indiana University. Michener indignantly reported this was all

# Stop the presses

Alternative paper hits campus

Some 4,000 copies of a new biweekly newspaper, the Oregon Commentator, hit the newsstands Monday morning

The new non-profit publication, is published by Dane Claussen, a former Emerald ASUO associate editor. The Commentator is an alternative newspaper that "believe(s) in the newspaper's role as an opinion leader, rather than simply recording and reflecting a viewpoint," writes Claussen in his "Publisher's Files" column.

The newspaper will offer articles about science, business and economics and debate education issues, tasteful humor and satire, according to Claussen's column. Additional copies will be printed as advertising allows, says

'Commentator articles will tell you what the other publications on campus are unable to tell you because of the inexperience, incompetence or narrowmindedness of their staffs," writes

Oregon Daily Emerald Editor

see an alternative paper on

"I think it's great...I think there's a need for students to have a choice of opinions and in what they want to read," she says.

But the Commentator isn't in direct competition with the Emerald, Howlett says. "We have the same market, but we're not in competition," she says.

Commentator editors agree.

"We will complement rather than compete," says Michael Rust, a Commentator associate editor and a former Emerald associate editor.

"To plan to compete in any way would be too complimentary to them (other campus newspapers)," writes Claussen.

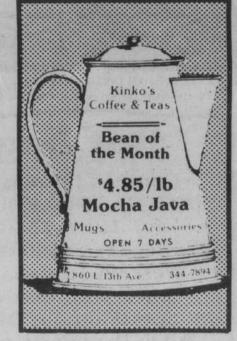
"We appreciate their activism," says Jim Middaugh, ASUO publications coordinator. "We find it generally well researched and written."

However, "we regret that they talked about other publications being 'inexperienced, incompe-

tent and narrowminded." Middaugh is editor of the Survival Center's Oregon Advocate.

The paper is subsidized through the resources of the staff and advertisements, Rust says.

Commentator has applied for use of unoccupied EMU space on a rental basis. The House Committee of the EMU Board of Directors, which handles such applications, is meeting Wednesday. The publication has filed for registration with the ASUO for the purpose of having access to meeting space, but not for funding.





#### ASUO paper gets new name, editor

The ASUO executive branch announced two changes affecting the ASUO programs newspaper a new editor and a new name.

Jim Middaugh, a senior in journalism and political science, has replaced Mary Hope as editor. Hope left the University because of financial reasons.

The paper's name, originally announced as Not the Emerald, has been changed to Off the Record because the Oregon Daily Emerald published a parody issue April 1 two years ago and holds rights to the name Not the Emerald according to Sherri Shultz, ASUO executive assistant.

Shultz also says some ASUO staff members, including Middaugh, were not comfortable with the name.

ASUO Pres. Mary Hotchkiss says she has mixed emotions about the change in editors.

"Im disappointed and sad that Mary Hope had to leave," Hotchkiss says. "But I'm glad to have Jim and think he will do a good

Middaugh, who edited his high school paper in San Jose, Calif., and is also editor of the Survival Center's newspaper The Advocate, said he is "a bit apprehensive" about his new job but is looking forward to the challenge.

The first issue of the monthly paper should hit the newsstands Nov. 7 or Nov. 8 and Middaugh says that doesn't leave him much

"I need help," he says. The paper needs volunteers to write copy, people to sell advertising on commission and the programs to submit copy, Middaugh says.

Middaugh says the bulk of copy

will come from the ASUO programs, but the paper will have an editorial column and he has offered a column to the interfraternity council.

Long-range goals include establishing a community calendar, a legislative update and an occasional poetry or fiction piece, he

But right now Middaugh just wants to get Off the Record off the

"I hope the programs will take advantage," he says. "The success hinges on getting copy."

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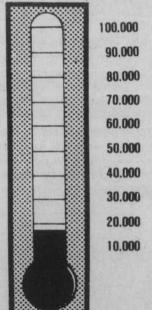
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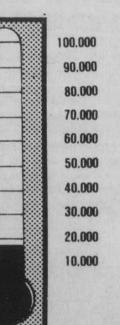


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