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Interfraternity Council And Public Opinion

A BAD hitch in fraternity relationships on the
Oregon campus was straightened out yester-
day with the release of the advisory council's
ruling in the case of Sigma Nu versus the inter-
fraternity council. Both sides have agreed to
abide by the advisory council's ruling and have
expressed a willingness to cooperate in the re-
organization of the council.

In the report of the appellate body, reference
was made to publicity released by the Emerald,
prior to the tribunal's rehearing of original
charges against the fraternities, as being "pre-
mature, ill-timed and ill-advised... making
more difficult the possibility of a fair inquiry at
the time of the rehearing which occurred some
six days after the original announcement of the
charges."

In previous years, actions of the interfratern-
ity council have not been released for the press.
As a result of such cloistered procedure, inade-
quacies in the constitution of the group were
left unremedied, fines assessed were either "fixed
up" or lost in the routine of general business, and
the council degenerated into an uncertain and
ineffectual body for governing the practices of
its members. It was ignorance of the expressed
provisions of the atrophied constitution that
drew the present council into a quandary and
caused the discrepancies in its machinery to be
made widely known and criticized by heretofore
uninformed students.

As long as there exists such a body as the
interfraternity council—responsible for and cur-
ators of the student welfare, their actions must
be made public and understandable.

Of course, it is unfair to publicize the guilt of
the defendant before he has been given a chance
to defend his case. But failure to provide for
adequate hearing before release to the press is a
fault of the council—based upon essential
weaknesses in the constitution or ignorance of
provisions restricting the powers of the executive
group.

The mistake will not be made again. If it
is, the Emerald will be pleased to let it be
known.

Playing Hob With Mr. Hobbs

IN a report made recently and presented before
the state board of control by Mr. E. C. Hobbs,
numerous references were made as to the desir-
ability of moving state-owned printing plants at
the University of Oregon and Oregon State col-
lege to Salem—under one head.

Mr. Hobbs' report rolls merrily on and ap-
proaches a meek question: "May we be pardoned

for making this general observation?" Then Mr.
Hobbs places the stiletto neatly between the ribs
of Oregon's campus newspapers (which naturally
includes the Emerald) and twists it in a manner
that would be murderous—were it not so ludi-
crous. Opines Mr. Hobbs:

"A school of journalism to endure and merit
support must be wisely directed and funda-
mentally sound. It should inculcate into the minds
of the students the principles of American jour-
nalism. And the student or campus paper particu-
larly if supported by the state, as in Oregon—
should not be the plaything and toy of youthful
crack-pots with bolshevik tendencies; nor should
it be the propagandizing vehicle for jealous and
zealous professors."

Now, Mr. Hobbs, let us look at this thing in a
manner wisely directed and fundamentally sound.
We agree with the forepart of the foregoing
essay. And it is also a most condensed and
accurate statement of the fundamentals under-
lying Dean Eric W. Allen's 35 years of journalism
teaching at the University of Oregon.

But by an extensive and honest application of
all the canons of true journalistic integrity we
find it most difficult—yes, practically impossible
to agree with the gentlemen as to our being
"young crack-pots with bolshevik tendencies."

The Emerald will pay \$4 per head for any
beard discovered on any Emerald staff member
beard discovered to be of a length approximating
one fourth of one inch. And all beards must be
measured by Mr. Hobbs' own line gauge. There
Mr. Hobbs—isn't that nice?

As for the professors. It is difficult to be
anything but hungry on the pay they get. Tek,
tek.

As for "crack-pots." Mr. Hobbs, were we not
of stern stuff, toughened by the tempo of news-
paper endeavor, we would slump to the floor,
beaten things, and cry like all manner of babies.

Oh, but why carry this on? We shall go home
place our crack-pots where they belong, climb
INTO the bed, unfurl our shaggy bush outside the
covers, and dream of the American Legion, the
constitution, and pray God's indulgence on our
scarlet souls.

Oregon Needs A Theater

GRATIFYING and encouraging as it is to see
a new library, gymnasium, and infirmary
being built up to make a greater University, we
must not consider that the completion of these
projects means the fulfillment of all the needs
of the school. For, almost as badly-needed as a
new library, is an adequate theater for the pre-
sentation of the dramatic efforts of the University
players.

The dinky theater in the administration build-
ing, with its doll-house stage, has for many
years curtailed the programs of the drama divi-
sion directors who would prefer to cast more
elaborate productions and play to larger audi-
ences. But the "little theater" seats a mere 190
persons, and the narrow confines of the stage
hinders any adequate settings, even disallows a
proper perspective for the audience.

However, it would not be necessary to erect
a new building. Villard assembly hall has all the
potentialities of a fine theater, and with a
moderate expenditure could be renovated to hold
several hundreds of people.

The classrooms at the back of the hall could
be removed, extending the seating capacity, the
acoustics could easily be made perfect by proper
treatment.

Such a change might well mark the beginning
of a golden era in University dramatics. For
many years the drama division has felt the handi-
cap of an inadequate theater, and the lack has
been reflected in a discouragingly uninterested
attitude of the student body to the plays that
have been presented recently. Legitimate drama
should play a far greater part in the education of
University students than it does at Oregon.



The Marsh of Time

By Bill Marsh

Haircut

Bill Barker started it. Now Noel
Benson has followed suit, and got-
ten himself a haircut, too. Benson
looks like the barber's foot slipped.
His ivory is covered with a scant
half inch of bristly stubble, mak-
ing his head look like a Kansas
wheat field in the middle of the
drouth.

I wonder how Franny Johnson
feels, going around with a conv-
ict.

Sidewalks of Eugene: Overheard
just outside the College Side. Two
charming young ladies, conversing
rapidly. Says one, "And he didn't
even try to insult me. Was I sur-
prised?"

Whoever the gentleman in ques-
tion was, his reputation seems to
have preceded him. Look these
now, oh spirit of immortal Casan-
ova, and behold thy modern coun-
terpart—the collegiate Romeo.

NEW YORK: Scores of Gotham
police rushed to a downtown hotel
when they received a call, saying
that a "man has been stuffed into
a sack." Sensing another hatchet
murder or something, they burst
into a room and found the man
sitting up in bed. "It just seemed
to me, at the time, that I was
stuffed into a sack," he explained.

Fortunately the room was too
small for the chap to see any pur-
ple alligators running up and down
the walls.

Boner

This brodie was executed last
Friday night by Scott McKeown.

University debator. Orator Mc-
Keown led off with a recital of the
causes of the next war, working
up to the question of the evening,
to wit, "Can the United States re-
main neutral?"

Booming to a stirring climax
with a flourish, McKeown cried in
a righteous fervor, "We in Amer-
ica must guard against being in-
volved in such a holocaust of hate,
death and INSTRUCTION!"

He said it was the effect of Hell
week, but they shot him anyway.

Pun of the week: "The new deal
is doing Farley well, thank you."

Skunks and Cabbage

Some crackpot scientist at Cor-
nell has invented a smellless cab-
bage.

All right, then, howin' hell do you
spell smellless?

An the smell is the best part of
cabbage anyway. Cabbage is like
a rattlesnake. It gives fair warn-
ing. When you smell it cooking,
you can always sneak out and run
over to the Greasy Spoon for a
hamburger. But cabbage without
a smell could be served on your
blind side, and by that time it
would be too late to run.

Thank you, no. Mother nature
gave cabbage a smell, just like she
gave the little polcat his distinc-
tive aroma. Now if someone were
to invent a smellless skunk, there
would be something. But no scien-
tist, however zealous, has the cour-
age to experiment with skunks.

What started all this hooey any-
how?

Phooey.

assumed that whatever decision
was reached by the Student Advi-
sory committee would be enforced
by the proper authorities.

On account of the fact that Dean
Onthank and Dean Earl had been
rather intimately associated with
the interfraternity council and the
tribunal by which the judgment
was rendered, it was deemed ad-
visable to eliminate both of these
men from the Student Advisory
committee and to substitute for
them Dean Wayne L. Morse and
Orlando J. Hollis of the law school.

Mr. Patterson, a student member
of the committee because of his
affiliation with a certain fratern-
ity, was also asked to withdraw
and the president of the student
body was asked to name a sub-
stitute. The substitute member, if
appointment were made, did not
appear at any meeting of the Stu-
dent Advisory committee. All other
members of the Student Advi-
sory committee were present for a
two hour session on Thursday,
January 16th, and again at an ad-
joined meeting held Friday after-
noon, January 17th. Those pres-
ent for the combined sessions
which aggregated four hours,
were: Gilbert, Morse, Hollis, Spen-
cer, Shumaker, Mrs. Schwing,
William Hall, and Virginia Youmie.

The specific questions on which
the committee was asked to rule
were as follows:

1. Did the accused fraternity
have a fair trial before the tribu-
nal or did prejudice, bias, or desire

to satisfy a grudge have a part in
shaping the decision?

2. Assuming the guilt of the
Sigma Nu fraternity, were the pen-
alties assessed fair and regular?

3. In the light of the decision
on the foregoing question is Sigma
Nu privileged to withdraw from
the interfraternity council or has
the organization assumed a con-
tinuing obligation of membership
and of conformity to the by-laws
to which the organization has sub-
scribed?

4. What would be the conse-
quence of allowing a fraternity to
withdraw from the Council when
dissatisfied with its rulings and
with penalties assessed?

**Proceedings Were Irregular But No
Evidence of Prejudice or Bias
Found.**

With regard to the first ques-
tion on which the Student Advisory
committee was asked to rule, the
committee was compelled to reach
the conclusion that proceedings
before the tribunal in the original
hearing of October 10th were ir-
regular and failed to conform to
the express requirement laid down
in Section 4, Article VI, of the
constitution, in which it is stated,
"The accused fraternity may ap-
pear at the meeting of the tribunal
to present its case."

Extensive inquiry into the cir-
cumstances surrounding the origi-
nal hearing led to the conclusion
that the procedure was more or
less secret, the cases being dealt
with by number, no particular fra-

subjected to fine, and more con-
vincing still is the consideration
that the tribunal was divided
equally between the two opposing
political camps.

The Student Advisory com-
mittee finds no evidence to support
the charge that Thomas McCall,
president of the Interfraternity
council and ex officio member of
the tribunal, was actuated by any
desire for revenge upon Sigma Nu
because a member of that organi-
zation is alleged to have prevented
McCall from being elected senior
class president. The senior class
presidency was never an object of
considerable desire so far as Mc-
Call was concerned, and he is not,
in the opinion of our committee,
the type of man to cherish a long-
standing grudge and seek to ob-
tain revenge upon his political en-
emies. Whatever warnings were
given to Sigma Nu fraternity by
both LaBarre and McCall were in
the nature of friendly reminders
and intended to forestall further
violations of rushing regulations.
If LaBarre and McCall had been
actuated by a desire to "get Sigma
Nu fraternity" by laying a trap
for the organization they certainly
would not have warned the offend-
ing fraternity in advance of the
time when the "trap" was being
set.

Despite the fact, therefore, that
the procedure before the tribunal
was not regular and in conformity
with the terms of the constitution,
we believe that the personnel was
impartial and that prejudice played
no part whatever in shaping the
final decision.

**Sigma Nu Fraternity Guilty on
Two Counts**

Despite the fact that the pro-
cedure was irregular, the commit-
tee reviewed in detail the charges
which had been made against Sigma
Nu fraternity and arrived at the
conclusion that the defendant
organization was guilty on two of
the five charges which had been
preferred against them. (Nos. 1
and 5).

Under No. 1 it was charged that
the Sigma Nu fraternity through
William Dick and Lee Canessa had
been talking to Brad Foley, a
rush, in an automobile parked
in front of the Osburn hotel at the
hour of 11:15 p. m. on Monday,
September 23, 1935. The facts as
stated here were freely admitted
by the representative of Sigma
Nu. The organization attempted
to make a defense on the ground
that Dick and Canessa were not
members of the organization at
the time when the offense oc-
curred. Technically this is true.
Both Dick and Canessa had been
released from pledge at the end of
the academic year 1934-35. They
were, however, repledged to the
organization on September 28th
under special dispensation re-
quested from the national organi-
zation by the local chapter. In the
interim these two men had all their
affiliations with Sigma Nu and
unquestionably acted as represen-
tatives of the organization in ap-
proaching rushers. The defendant
organization must therefore as-
sume responsibility for the acts of
these two men and the charge
against the organization is sus-
tained.

On No. 5 Don Goodall and N.
Kavanaugh, members of Sigma Nu
fraternity, were in the room of Mr.
Bill Polk, rush, in the Eugene
hotel until twelve midnight. This
charge was freely admitted by the
representative of Sigma Nu frater-
nity, both at the original hear-
ing by the Tribunal and in the re-
hearing, and in the written brief
submitted by the organization, and
finally before the Student Advi-
sory committee.

The fine originally assessed upon
these two specific offenses were
\$5.00 and \$10.00 respectively, and
it is the decision of the Student
Advisory committee that these
fines remain unchanged.

**Sigma Nu Fraternity Exonerated
on Three Charges**

On charges Nos. 2, 3, and 4 the
Sigma Nu is exonerated and the
fines remitted. The committee be-
lieves, however, that a consid-
erable measure of blame attaches to
Mr. Fenwick's conduct with
Dick Roberts at the Eugene hotel
after the hours for such contacts
on Tuesday, September 24th. Mr.
Fenwick entered the plea that he
and Mr. Roberts were long-stan-
ding friends, and that he, Fenwick,
happened into the Eugene hotel at
the time mentioned and stopped to
converse briefly with Mr. Roberts.

The committee believes that the
relationship between the two, the
fact that the meeting was ac-
cidental and apparently not pre-ar-
ranged, constitute extenuating cir-
cumstances. On the other hand,
the committee believes that Mr.
Fenwick as president of the or-
ganization should have recognized
a special obligation on his part to
"shun every appearance of evil"
in the matter of violating rushing
rules to which his organization had
subscribed. The fine was remitted

but the action of Mr. Fenwick is
subject to censure.

Under charge No. 3, namely,
that several members of Sigma Nu
fraternity were seen at Mammy's
Cabin after midnight on the eve-
ning of September 24th, it was not
established to the satisfaction of
the committee that any rushers
were present and the concurrence
of members of Sigma Nu fraternity
at any hour of the night or day
does not constitute a violation un-
less rushers are present and being
entertained by the members of the
organization. It appears that
rushers had been present at an
earlier period in the evening but
they had been sent home before
10:30 at which time lawful rush-
ing ceases.

Upon the fourth charge that the
Sigma Nu fraternity entertained
rushers at Chicken Inn until one
o'clock in the morning, the evi-
dence was conflicting and not con-
clusive. It appears likely that the
contention of the fraternity that
no rushers were present at an hour
subsequent to 10:30 is a correct
statement of the case.

On the three counts last men-
tioned, therefore, the Student Ad-
visory committee reaches the con-
clusion that not only was the pro-
cedure irregular but that the evi-
dence submitted was not convinc-
ing. The fines therefore originally
attached to these three offenses
should be remitted.

We may therefore list the find-
ings and recommendations of the
Student Advisory committee under
the following heads:

First: Because of the irregular-
ity of the proceedings involved and
because of the lack of satisfactory
evidence Sigma Nu fraternity is
adjudged not guilty with reference
to charges Nos. 2, 3, and 4, al-
though some censure must be at-
tached to the conduct of Mr. Fen-
wick in connection with his meet-
ing with Mr. Roberts at the late
hour mentioned, in the Eugene ho-
tel.

Second: The committee finds, de-
spite the irregularity of the pro-
ceedings involved, that charges
brought against Sigma Nu frater-
nity under 1 and 5 are supported
by conclusive evidence and admit-
ted by the fraternity itself, and
that the fines levied against the
organization to the extent of \$15.00
shall be allowed to stand. It is fur-
ther decreed that that the fines,
now long over-due, shall be paid
to the Interfraternity council on
or before January 22, 1936.

Third: It is the opinion of the
Student Advisory council that Sigma
Nu fraternity has no just
grounds for withdrawal from the
Interfraternity council during the
present academic year. Mention
was made in our hearing of advice
from the national organization
that the local chapter sever its re-
lationship with the Interfraternity
council. It is difficult for us to un-
derstand how the national organi-
zation could request withdrawal of
the local chapter from an organi-
zation to whose constitution and
by-laws it has definitely sub-
scribed. Moreover, in matters af-
fecting the discipline of organiza-
tions as well as students, full power
is given to the University of Ore-
gon faculty and its proper com-
mittees, and their decision with
regard to the status of a definite
fraternity must take precedence
over any wishes expressed by the
national organization.

Fourth: The Student Advisory
committee after a careful study of
the situation presented by the case,
is firmly convinced that an organi-
zation modeled after the present
Interfraternity council is necessary
to regulate matters of common
concern to the Greek-letter organi-
zations on the University campus,
and to establish a code of fair
practices with regard to competitive
rushing.

It is, therefore, the recommen-
dation of the committee that the
present Interfraternity council be
reorganized on a permanent basis
and that membership therein be
made compulsory.

Fifth: As indicated in the body
of this report, procedure before
the tribunal was irregular, failed
to conform to the requirements of
the constitution and with regard
to the usual practice that an in-
dividual or an organization charged
with an offense shall have power
to submit evidence in its own be-
half and present in a formal way
an answer to the charges made.
We believe that the procedure be-
fore the tribunal should be revised
with a view to safeguarding future
decisions against the charges set
forth in the body of this report.
The committee refrains from mak-
ing definite suggestions, believing
that the problem should be solved
through collaboration between the
Interfraternity council and the
present administration of the Uni-
versity of Oregon.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES H. GILBERT,
Approved:
C. V. BOYER.

Air Y' ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ Listenin'?

By Jimmy Morrison

Emerald of the Air

Archie Parrott will, as Woody
Truax puts it, "tickle the keys" of
the KORE grand this afternoon at
3:45.

Local Bands

It is rumored that Hal Grayson
and his famous orchestra has been
engaged to play for the senior ball
here February 15. And it's with a
sigh that Tiltlen fans regret the
lovely Martha Tiltlen is no longer
with him. But even at that, the
band is still very fine, and the
dance should be a swell deal.

Scott Held, who with his orches-
tra has just completed a successful
engagement at the Trionon in
Seattle, is booked for a one-night
performance at Willamette Park
Friday evening, January 24.

The Air Angle

"Der Musik Geht Rund Und
Rund," suite fur eine grosse or-
chestra mit 29 horns, in the man-
ner of Franz Liszt, will be played
by Lud Gluskin's orchestra on
CBS tonight at 7:15.

The novel work is in three move-
ments entitled, "Das Kleine Valve,"
"Das Mittel Valve," and "Das
Grosse Valve," played just as
Liszt himself might have written
it.

Ever like to sit down and hear
a few of those good old tunes that
swept you off your feet just a few
years ago? If so, tune in KOIN or
some other CBS station at 12:30

p. m. today and hear Freddie Rich
and his novelty orchestra play
"Two Cigarettes in the Dark," "I
Just Couldn't Take It, Baby,"
"Collegiate," "Overnight," "San,"
"Lazy Bones," "Stormy Weather,"
and "My Sweetie Went Away."

Another gay Caravan of music
and humor, featuring Deane Janis,
Walter O'Keefe, and the Casa
Loma orchestra, will be heard this
evening at 8:30.

Miss Janis will sing "Please Be-
lieve Me," with Kenny Sargent and
Pee Wee Hunt singing the vocal
interludes to "Too Much Imagina-
tion" and "Dancing Feet." The
Casa Loma lads will play Stephen
Foster's famous melody of "Old
Kentucky Home" and "Should I?"

You can hear Eddie Duchin, one
of society's favorite pianists and
orchestra leaders, on the "bigger
and better than ever" Jumbo-Fire
Chief show tonight at 6:30, when
he and his band joins the weekly
program.

Lawrence Tibbett, who has
starred in famous baritone roles
at the Metropolitan opera house,
will demonstrate the unusual
range of his voice by singing as a
tenor the popular aria, "Vesti la
Giubba" from Leoncavallo's opera
"Pagliacci" this evening at 5:30
over CBS.

NBC-CBS Programs Today
12:30—Among Our Souvenirs.
KOIN.

5:30—Pickens Sisters. KPO.
KGW. Lawrence Tibbett. KOIN.
KSL.

6:00—N. T. G. and His Girls.
NBC. Jumbo-Fire Chief show.
NBC.

7:00—Swift Studio Party. KPO.
KGW.
7:15—Lud Gluskin's orchestra.

KOIN, KSL.

7:30—Jimmie Fidler's Hollywood
Gossip. KPO, KGW.

8:30—Camel Caravan. KSL.
KOIN.

Complete Report

(Continued from Page One)

posed by the action of the coun-
cil on October 10, 1935.

Subsequently provision was
made for a review of the case and
a rehearing before the same tri-
bunal that imposed the fine for
the five specific cases of violation.
This rehearing took place on Thurs-
day, October 17, 1935, after which
the tribunal saw no reason for
revising the decision reached at
the previous meeting and the fines
were allowed to stand as original-
ly assessed.

Sigma Nu fraternity then raised
the question of the regularity of
the proceedings and alleged that
bias and prejudice had played a
large part in determining the de-
cision against their group and the
amount of the fines which had
been assessed. At the same time
the defendant organization assert-
ed its desire to withdraw from the
Interfraternity council, expressing
a lack of confidence in the present
personnel of the council and the
tribunal.

The Interfraternity council ap-
pealed to the president of the Uni-
versity to support their decision
and to enforce compliance on the
part of the Sigma Nu fraternity.
The president of the University
properly referred the case to the
Student Advisory committee with
a request that a thorough review
of the case should be made and
recommendations with regards to
the lines of settlement should be
transmitted to the president and
to the dean of men and dean of
personnel administration. It was