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Deferred Rushing Heresy

THE resolution voted by the Oregon dads at their convocation here last weekend calling for an investigation of deferred pledging, whether they realized it or not, was the veriest heresy. Fathers have a hardboiled way of asking the why for things we stripplings are prone to take as gospel that is positively shocking to us, especially since they are so frequently right.

It is a healthy circumstance that gives us a group of advisers interested in student welfare, yet qualified by their remoteness from immediate campus concerns to pass unbiased judgments. And the fact that they find grounds for criticism in a procedure which goes unchallenged among ourselves merits serious reflection.

We doubt the desirability of deferred pledging by fraternities and sororities has ever in recent years been given the proper amount of consideration. On such occasions as the issue has been brought up it has been dismissed with a unanimous snort of disapproval because of the apparent obstacles to putting it into practice.

LAST year when the interfraternity council was cleaning house and redrafting its rushing rules a few members toyed with the idea of postponing pledging until the sophomore year, but the plan never reached the floor of the council meeting. It was unofficially but widely and authoritatively asserted that such a plan "would wreck every house on the campus." No effort was made to go deeply into fraternity finances to ascertain exactly what was meant by this protest.

The major objection to the plan, however, may be deduced as the fact that at present every fraternity on the campus has to have ten or twenty freshman pledges each fall to keep the butcher, the baker, and the candlestick-maker quiet. Fraternities lead a sort of hand to mouth existence that makes them dependent upon a sizeable freshman board bill to counterbalance the decrease of income from the loss of members through graduation, etc., and from the fact that many of their upperclassmen "live out."

MOST houses have relatively large fixed expenses to meet every month—such inflexible items as rent and payments on debts and mortgages. If anything—the establishment of deferred pledging, for instance—should happen that would reduce the size of the fraternal group the pro rata assessment of these fixed expenses would make house bills higher than most members could afford to pay, and the fraternity would probably fold up.

This loss of freshman income would, of

course, be largely made up in the increased sophomore pledge class of the year following the establishment of a deferred rushing plan, but there would be one lean year which apparently no fraternity believes it can weather. It is that one lean year which is the fly in the deferred pledging ointment.

THE disadvantage of the plan is the loss of freshmen for a season. But, if pledging were postponed until the sophomore year there is reason to believe that fewer seniors would "live out," for there is less chance they would get their fill of fraternal life in a brief two years. This could possibly be shown statistically in the fact that at present men pledged in their sophomore years tend to "live in" during the remainder of their school careers, at least to a greater degree than men pledged as freshmen. Thus the deferred system would offer compensation both in the increased size of the sophomore class and in the retention of upperclassmen.

ALL this is aside from the recognized advantages of a system of deferred rushing, which may be summed up as follows:

- (1) Most important, it would give entering students a chance to get their feet on the ground scholastically before becoming distracted in the social events of fraternity life. After all, and trite as it may sound, the reason we come to school is to get an education.
- (2) It would give freshmen a chance to look over the different fraternities and really make up their minds which one they want to join.
- (3) With a year to keep an eye on the freshmen the fraternities themselves would get an opportunity to form a definite idea of a freshman's character.

WE think the advantages of a deferred rushing system will be denied by very few people. But still the objection holds—that first lean year, how to get around it. The Emerald, however, despite this key objection to the plan, does not think it impossible to effect. We urge the interfraternity council to appoint a committee to investigate its practicality further, a committee that won't lie down at the first hurdle.

Over-Confident Beaver

GEORGE T. Scott, Oregon State college alumni secretary, and a cluster of his undergraduate friends went into a huddle last week and came out with a slogan for the staters' homecoming celebration, which will feature the annual Beaver-Duck grid clash. The rallying cry at Corvallis this weekend will be "Back to Bag the Quack."

We must compliment them for the spirit and loyalty they demonstrate, but, on the other hand, we must question the wisdom of framing their entire celebration around such a shibboleth. Built up on this theme, the odds are that their celebration will be a fiasco.

Far wiser it would have been for them to have stuck to the old non-committal "Back to Back Oregon State."

Hop's SKIPS & JUMPS

By ORVAL HOPKINS

SMILING big round Mr. Sun peeped over the frost covered roofs of the houses and sent one of his rays smack into the room of Johnny, the College Boy. Dancing gayly, the little ray snuggled its way into one of Johnny's big blue eyes and woke him up as nicely as you please.

"Well," said Johnny to himself—Johnny was sometimes given to talking to himself, being a freshman and all—"well, here it is bright and early in the morning on Dads' day. What a pity my own dear daddy could not be here today. But I shall make up for it. I shall go about and greet the dads of all my friends here at college, that's what I shall do."

And so, Johnny jumped out of bed and washed his face till it shone, and he brushed his teeth till they shone, and he combed and combed his hair until even it shone. He put on his best shirt, the one with the duke of something collar (it seemed sort of queer, but was "what's what," according to the boys), and his prettiest blue and white striped tie.

THEN Johnny went out and down the street where he had a bite of breakfast and read the morning paper, all about Dads' day and what a swell program was prepared for the dads. Johnny wished his father could have come. But he lingered not long on that thought because he planned to make it up to himself, and to Dad too, by gosh, for that absence.

Sometime later Johnny went up to the door of a house and asked for Dick.

"Well, Dick doesn't feel so good this morning," said the young man who answered the door. He made a characteristic gesture with his arm and head. Johnny gathered that Dick had been doing a bit of drinking the night before. "But isn't his dad down here today?" Johnny asked the young man.

"His dad? Hell no," Johnny went to the house of another friend. "I guess Dick's dad couldn't have been either," he thought. "Must have been busy or something." But at his friend's house it was the same. The friend was sleeping in this morning. Johnny couldn't understand it.

NOT to be discouraged Johnny forged on, from house to house and friend to friend. All day he searched for a dad. But he found not a one. He heard about there being some there that day, but they were mostly dads of fellows who lived in the town where the college was located. Poor Johnny was very discouraged and he said to himself, "They talk quite a bit about college spirit but nobody even takes the trouble to invite his dad down for Dads' day."

"On Homecoming," thought Johnny, "they have a football game and a dance and I saw many older fellows who seemed

to have been drinking and everybody was excited. But today there's no football game and I see nobody drinking. I wonder, Johnny wondered, "if that makes any difference."

So Johnny, the College Boy, wondered and thought and added and added. But he couldn't make it come out even. It just didn't fit. Don't the dads care, or don't the fellows care, or doesn't the college care, Johnny thought. So he finally went home and crawled into bed, a very disillusioned college boy. "I'm glad my dad didn't come, if this is Dads' day," thought Johnny. Poor Johnny.

Campus Calendar

Gayle Meyer, Muriel Nicholas, Jean Rawson, Myrtle Brown, Peggy Hayward, Harry Ball, Gerald Allen, Dennis Donovan, John Strucklin, Carlene Scott, and Robert Marquis, are in the infirmary today.

American Student Union executive council meets at 7:30 tonight at the Y hut.

Beta Lambda chapter of Delta Phi Alpha, national German honorary, will gather for dinner and a short business meeting Wednesday night at the Del Rey cafe.

YMCA cabinet will meet at 10 this evening.

Heads of houses meeting at 5 o'clock in the AWS rooms in Gerlinger.

Pledge trainers of AWS frosh orientation will meet in 110 Johnson at 4 today to hear Misses Bernice Rise and Lenore Casford, librarians, talk on the use of the library and explain some of the new books that have arrived.

Dean Landsbury's class in appreciation of music will not meet today owing to the fact that the organ is being tuned and workmen are using the auditorium.

Phi Theta Upsilon will meet today at 4 at the Alpha Delta Pi house.

World Cooperation group will meet in the YW hunt at 7:30 tonight.

Women's rifle team will meet at 7 p.m. today in the ROTC building. Elections of captains will take place.

Phi Beta meeting for all actives and pledges will be held in the women's lounge of Gerlinger hall, Tuesday evening, at seven o'clock.

Tau Delta Delta is meeting this evening at 7:15 in the music building.

MORRIS TO SPEAK
Victor P. Morris, dean of the business administration school, will speak at the regular weekly meeting of the Eugene Rotary club today at noon at the Osborn hotel. The dean's topic will be "Changes in Business Ethics."

Tune 'er Out...

By BOB POLLOCK

About that football game we got nothin' to say... it appears they build more than bridges down South... according to Mattingly, the referee gave Cal seven points, and the ball slipped out of the boy's hands for the other three parades into scoring territory... but, says the traveled one who's last meal was in Grants Pass at 2 in the morning, it was a grand game.

The Three Cheers, who, it seems to us, were with Kenny Allen of last year's Junior Prom fame before they went with Al Pearce, have joined NBC as staff artists... you'll hear 'em in four half-hour programs a week beginning today at 5:30... try KEX.

Charlie Butterworth, identified as a comedian, has a standing bet with Fred Astaire that he—the aforesaid Butterworth—will miss a day of meals whenever Notre Dame loses a football game... so far he has gone hungry twice... once from the Pitt game and again when navy worked the South Benders over...

Says publicity written in Frisco about a week ago: "Lloyd E. Yoder, NBC press department manager, drove the first car to cross the Oakland-Frisco bridge today." And then a Swede from Nebraska piloted a battered heap out on California's pride before everybody... all of which makes the publicity department rather sore on the Swedish race.

A wild west weekly that is really good, Death Valley Days... tonight at 9 on KGW... all about an outlaw and a widge that done him—plenty. Tun in, friends, for a bit of the real McCoy...

All of which reminds us of the guy who went to the California unpleasantness... he came back so broke that if calico were selling for a penny a yard, he couldn't buy a wrestling jacket for a louse...

Golden Gate

(Continued from page one) modes swamped all of the curious Oregonian's previous standards of proportions. More could be said if a prosaic office manager had not wandered into the tower lookout, showed resentment at the Emerald scribe's presence and demanded an immediate departure.

To an elaborate Frisco news-hound lounging in the Hotel St. Francis who chanced to be one of the few Bay city celebrators returning answers to curious queries, the bridge was "not a mere combination of massed parts but one great entity with a structural per-

fection of strange and immense beauty."

The six-lane highway saunters over Yerba Buena island, commonly dubbed "Goat island," huge steel legs straddling the hill, and a double-decked tunnel, largest in the world, piercing almost two blocks of solid rock.

At the present time only passenger cars are permitted to cross on the upper deck. A lower tier for trucks and trains is under construction.

In addition to 16 toll gates with keepers demanding 65 cents or more from each driver residing at the Oakland entrance, there are scales for truck traffic, state highway patrol offices, a cash room with bullet-proof walls and windows, machine shop, garage, emergency cars, gasoline pumps and a jail. This last is a small bare cell for bridge lawbreakers netted by state highway police who dot the bridge at every important sector.

The structure, which is guaranteed durable for a thousand years, has piers which had established new engineering records for depth below water and for the speed and volume of pouring concrete, one caisson being sunk to a depth of 242 feet. Previous record was 240 feet and California engineers, stung by the Bear state chamber of commerce tactics, increased the depth two feet necessitating an additional paragraph to this story.

FOOT Lights
By EDGAR C. MOORE

TODAY'S ATTRACTIONS

HELIG: "Follow Your Heart," McDONALD: "Ladies in Love," and "The Captain's Kids," REX: "Rhythm on the Range," and "Public Enemy's Wife," MAYFLOWER: "Adventure in Manhattan,"

Marian Talley, America's prima donna, appears in her first motion picture "Follow Your Heart," a musical at the Helig. On Saturday only, one of Major Bowe's "amacher" units will appear at the theater with five complete shows from 10 a. m. till 11 p. m.

"Ladies in Love," starring Janet Gaynor, Loretta Young, and Constance Bennett, and featuring Simone Simon at the McDonald. With

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a European setting, the picture has a wish-romance plot. Don Ameche, Paul Lukas, Tyrone Power, Jr., and Alan Mowbray provide the leading male roles. May Robson, Guy Kibbee, and Sybil Jason are featured in "The Captain's Kid," the supporting bill.

The popular crooning Bing Crosby by teams with pretty Frances Farmer in "Rhythm on the Range," one of the best musicals of the year now at the Rex. Bob Burns, radio-comedian from Arkansas, makes a hit in his first picture, "Public Enemy's Wife," a G-man film with Pat O'Brien and Margaret Lindsay starring, rounds out an exceptionally good double bill.

Joel McCrea plays the part of a crime-predicting reporter in "Adventure in Manhattan" at the Mayflower. Jean Arthur gives romantic interest to the picture.

Prof. Dunn Remains In Serious Condition

Frederic S. Dunn, head of the classics department still remains in a very serious condition and shows little improvement, it was reported yesterday.

Professor Dunn has been seriously ill with pneumonia for several weeks.

Get a shake at TAYLOR'S.—ad.

Men & Nations
By HOWARD KESSLER

Lost: Extremely valuable amount of foreign prestige, of highest quality. Finder please return to Monsieur Leon Blum, Quai d'Orsay, Paris, and claim reward....

Month ago, first French-Jewish premier Leon Blum, coming into office on a wave of socialist votes, was looked upon as a strength for democracy, as opposed to the extremes of communism and fascism.

The socialist victory over the next-most popular party, the Radical, was a surprise, but when the press boys got together in the back room to find reasons, they concluded that French voters were endorsing a middle-of-the-way policy. Neither fascism nor communism did they want in France, but democracy.

Then and Now
Cultured, well-dressed, intellectual, mild-mannered, that was Blum in the papers of last summer.

Dandified, weak, short-sighted, timid, "with a voice like a girl," that is what they are saying of Blum today.

For Leon Blum has not strengthened democracy.

The French foreign policy is weakest since the World war.

European nations are crossing the street to avoid supporting France against its enemies.

French foreign policy is dictated And it shouldn't be long until Leon gets the Blum's ruse.

With a strong Radical minority and a dozen smaller parties dragging at his heels, Monsieur Blum started three blocks behind Hitler, Mussolini and company in a four-block race. He couldn't alienate the fidgety Frenchmen supporting his People's Front government, and that meant he couldn't push a strong foreign policy and remain in front of the Front.

Inseparable, That's Us
"Where goes Britain, there go I," has been Blum's guiding principle. Just look what it brought him.

Ethiopia was betrayed at Geneva by Britain, and France trailed along. A wiser policy would have been to strengthen the League of Nations, even at the price of antagonizing Italy.

The Spanish loyalists get no official assistance from France, while the rebels owe their preponderate efficiency to Germany and Italy. Thus a fascist Spain will separate France from Morocco, and hem it in on three sides with nationalist nations.

Belgium was the first country to formally cross the street, but the tendency is growing for middle European republics whose assistance France sorely needs, to line up with the side they conceive to have the winning cards, namely, the fascists.

Call Their Bluff
Even Russia is sniffing the air in disgust, for Stalin sees that only by calling the dictators' bluff can European peace be saved. Concessions increase the danger of war.

But Sir Robert Vansittart continues to be the real foreign minister of France. Leon Blum still will not risk a war anywhere, for any reason, without the full support of Britain.

It's a rusty gun.

"The old gay France ain't what she used to be."

"They're scared. They're ap-

Boyer, Hunter Head for Texas

University Heads to Meet At Austin for Discussion Of Mutual Problems

President C. Valentine Boyer left last week accompanied by Chancellor Frederick M. Hunter for Texas where he will meet with university presidents to discuss mutual problems.

Enroute to the Lone Star state, the two stopped in San Francisco last Friday to attend a conference of the western consultants of the National Education Policies commission. From there they went to Houston for the Land-Grant college association meeting November 16 to 18.

Their main meeting will be in Austin, November 19 and 20, when the National Association of State universities discuss and conclude on pertinent questions which concern the universities over the country.

At a round table discussion of "What and Why is Progressive Education" the two will meet with Dr. Mervin C. Neale, president of the University of Idaho; Dr. John T. Tigert, president of the University of Florida; Dr. Arthur A. Hauk, president of the University of Maine; and Dr. B. A. Burnett, chancellor of the University of Nebraska.

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"Too bad, too bad. Democracy is an unburied corpse."

That's what they're saying about France and Frenchmen.

Yes, indeed, Monsieur Blum will reward right handsomely anyone who can find that lost prestige and restore it to its former owners.

Streamlined Oregana Features Informality

By STAN HOBSON

ANNOUNCING: The 1937-model Oregana. New and modern in appearance, both inside and out, the 1937 Oregana has "invaded the "painless payment" field. It is not only in tune with the times but several steps ahead. Its interior decoration will brand it as a truly remarkable college yearbook.

This interior decoration is built around a chassis of pictures—the greatest number of pictures ever to be in an Oregana in the history of its existence.

The All-America Pacemaker Oregana of 1936 had but 559 pictures. The 1937 edition will have nearly 1500!

Don Casciato, pilot of the new 16-cylindered Oregana, has a capable staff working overtime to provide an annual that will be popular and informal.

Every organization and activity on the campus will be represented with an air of informality that will do away with the old-fashioned "horse and buggy" style of stiff studio portraits.

There will also be candid camera shots in the senior, law, and medicine sections besides the campus shots. The cover and insert pages have not been selected as yet but something novel, clever and attractive is promised by Casciato.

At present, agents are working in every living organization on the campus under a contract plan whereby no down payment is necessary to assure the reservation of an Oregana. The payments will be made later in the year by installments.

This method is being used to facilitate convenience in ordering

Collegiate Life Is Hard On Clothes

The racing, chasing activity on the U campus is bound to be hard on shirts, dresses, skirts, everything. They don't last long! BUT — one way of insuring the longest possible wear from them is to be careful about their laundering.

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