

From Where I SIT

By CLARE IGOE

it ain't right. here i work and slave and wear my brain down to the bone trying to turn out a column with which to greet my six silly readers each morning, and what thanks do i get. thanks, hah! for one night i go to a class and do not show hereabouts and the next morning i read nasty remarks about myself in the very place which i so diligently strive to fill with my poor efforts each day. i tell you it hurts. it sort of destroys my faith in the kindness of human nature. it kills something in me—perhaps it was an illusion—something about editors being nice fellows with hearts of gold beneath the rough exterior. ah, yes—an illusion! a hollow laugh fills my throat when i think that only yesterday i thought my feeble efforts met with some sort of appreciation around here. but that was yesterday. a pox upon you, "I.m.!"

Campus Calendar

Mortar Board will have a luncheon at the Side this noon. Senior cop meeting at 12:45 at the Side.

The YWCA comparative religions group will meet tonight at Mrs. Turnipseed's house at 9 o'clock.

The Amphibians will meet in Gerlinger pool at 7:30 tonight.

All persons wishing to go on the ski trip next Sunday must get their \$1 tickets at the Dudley Field college shop before 6 p.m. Friday.

There will be an important meeting of Alpha Kappa Psi tonight at 106 Commerce at 7 o'clock. All members should be present.

The Coed Capers committee meeting, scheduled for 11 o'clock has been called off.

TRI DELTS HOLD DANCE
The Tri Delt will entertain with a faculty dinner tonight, honoring Miss Dorothy Lede, national officer, from Seattle. Members of the faculty, who will attend the dinner, are Dean and Mrs. Virgil Earl, Dean and Mrs. Karl Onthank, Doctor and Mrs. C. L. Schwering, and Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Spencer.

DEANS ENTERTAINED
Dean Hazel Schwering and Mrs. Alice Macduff were entertained by the Sigma Kappas at an informal luncheon yesterday.

Condon Museum

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leontological, botanical, biological, archeological, geological, and ethnological collections. Indian basketry from British Columbia, the Aleutian islands, Alaska, and western and southwestern parts of the United States is to be found in the ethnological collection.

Skate Saver



His 12-year-old master forgot his skates, so Sandy stood careful guard all night... even offers of guard the next morning failed to tempt him.

What Do You Get for Your Forty Dollars a Month?.....A Home or a Hovel?

The Right to Live in a Decent Environment

GENERALLY the two fraternity organizations, the council and the house presidents, have a tendency to be conservative. They have made their policies one of opposition to change, of maintenance of the status quo.

Despite the fact that this year more than ever before the Greek letter system is playing for the biggest stakes in its history, at least on the Pacific coast, the local groups have produced surprisingly little action. With the entire system going by the boards in university after university in the east and this term facing the problem of existence at Stanford, it seems strange that the council, particularly, continues to stand pat in a game where it might be advisable for it to draw three cards.

The difficulty at Stanford which has been attracting academic eyes for the past few weeks has arisen from pledging regulations governing women's fraternities. The girls threatened to refuse to pledge at all because less than half the number rushed could be taken into administration-limited sororities. And the dean of women announced immediately that the university would accept the obligation of housing the women and would reimburse the sororities for their financial losses, an offer which seems significant in itself.

WITH the suggestion, made by Oregon dads, that deferred pledging might be the solution to a host of University housing problems on this campus, both the interfraternity council and the house managers threw up their hands, figuratively, and declared, "It can't be done."

The point is that something has got to be done—and fraternities must recognize this and indicate their willingness to cooperate or face extinction within the next decade.

THE "stand pat" attitude and the belief that nothing can be done to improve present conditions indicate a lack of deep insight into the purposes and the future of the fraternity.

The fraternity system has its strongest hold on the coast schools, largely because these schools were the last to develop and to undergo the period of rapid growth which made the social organizations necessary.

Because of its higher objectives and the brotherhood which it represents, the fraternity is a better home for the student than are dormitories, other factors being equal. But the University, like other schools, had more pressing reasons in mind when it encouraged their organization.

Installing the fraternity system gave the University a chance to unload one of its biggest problems into outside hands—the aforementioned housing problem.

Since the period of rapid growth is over, the University and other leading institutions of higher education show signs of looking at the situation more ideally. The fraternity system has fulfilled its duty, physically, but has it provided the proper background for student life? Can it be revamped, modified, and refinanced to put it in such a condition as to justify its continued existence?

NOW, the proposal to install deferred pledging, despite the fact that this system seems to be an improvement, has been rejected, always, because of financial reasons. Such reasoning is an indication of shortsighted policy. Why can't it be done?

House managers are quick to protest that the new pledging system would mean a reduction of the number of men living in the house and a corresponding reduction in revenue. This is not a satisfactory answer, for every fraternity on this campus is overcrowded.

Unfortunately, the first challenge to the Greek system is an economic one. Co-op houses are indicating that slightly lower living standards can be maintained at a little more than one-third the cost of living in a fraternity. But the co-ops, too, are crowded.

None of the houses on the Oregon campus can accommodate more than 25 men and some can not approach that figure. Students live

in tenement conditions, three and four to a room, have little closet space, and sleep in droves on cold porches which do not have one-half the ventilation required by state health laws.

And still the managers howl that deferred pledging would be impossible—because they couldn't keep the house full to the eves.

THE solution must go deeper—deeper than pledging, although evils attend that institution which demand its revision, and deeper than keeping the house full.

If a fraternity cannot operate on the number of memberships for which its house was constructed, something is wrong and University and state aid should be enlisted to correct it.

If taxes are too high, let the University hold the house titles—it already owns land upon which additional University houses can be built—and get the fraternities and sororities the reduction which applies to state-owned land.

If a small group of men hold house mortgages at eight per cent and there is little possibility of the tong owning it before it falls to pieces, why not refinance at four per cent?

And if graft and mismanagement account for some portion of the high bills the students pay and repair costs and upkeep are too high, put the management and upkeep under University supervision in order that they may be handled efficiently and at a minimum.

THE fact is obvious that a student paying \$40 a month deserves to live in better than tenement conditions—and isn't.

One reason this is true is that this crop of students is still meeting 20-year-old obli-

gations. This is partly caused by the lack of collection between the houses and the administration. A student cannot defraud a Eugene merchant—not with any degree of success—and he cannot get out of paying University fees. But, for years, he has been able to leave school owing his fraternity hundreds of dollars.

The University has not fulfilled its obligations to its students in more ways than this, however. It has not provided them with conditions conducive to study—with the type of environment in which a student should live. It has passed rules about the Oregon man's classes, campus conduct, his grades, and even when and how he can use the books in the library; but it has let his living conditions, most of all in need of investigation, pass without notice.

DEFERRED pledging raises a problem with many ramifications. It is an opening into a situation which stands where it is now because of years of neglect and negligence. Perhaps it is not the key to solving that problem—and if it is, it will take years to reach that solution.

But, fraternity leaders, don't give up because it's not the easy course and may be a threat to the status quo.

And don't overlook the fact that the full house is no indication the fraternity is achieving its purpose. There are things, more than mere ideals, in the fraternity system, which make it worth perpetuation.

But they are not sufficient to warrant the discarding of those ideals of brotherhood and fellowship and scholarship—and the educational aspects of this institution should not be pushed aside.

It's time to stop playing ostrich.

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IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE

(Editor's note: The following unsolicited contribution was written entirely by a well-known professor.)

A Reporter's Dream of the Fall Grades

"I have been highly gratified," said Prof. M. Agitat Molem of the Universitas Oregonensis, in an interview with an Emerald reporter, "at the attitude of my students toward their grades for the fall term."

"In several instances, students to whom I had given D's telephoned my house to express their appreciation of the course. I recall that one of the young women said the mere matter of the grade was nothing to her; that all she wanted was to learn. She had been encouraged by her sorority head to take this course and was particularly urged to take the courses in political science and accounting, and when she received a D in one of these and an F in the other all her sorority sisters gathered around her and complimented her on emphasizing the essentials and not making grades her only consideration."

"Then there was that girl who has been in the running for Phi Beta with a 3.3 GPA. She complimented both her instructors who each gave her a C in a four-hour course and exclaimed to one of them that she'd rather have a D in a course like that than to have missed it and made an A in some pipey type of course."

"I would have lost my respect for you," said one of the men in my class, "if you had given me anything better than F after the lousy final exam I wrote. All the fellows at the house are backing me up in my determination to take that course over. Dad wrote me his congratulations for picking out courses with good, solid content and for having the nerve to stick it out even if I failed, and enclosed an extra \$10 bill. Dad said the high standards of the University had been demonstrated anew by the low grades of one as industrious and capable as his son, and that he was glad I had no foolish notions about going east to school. He asked me to express his personal appreciation to all my professors and to tell them he would double his donation to the library browsing room."

"Not a single student, you can say in the Emerald," the professor continued, warmly, "pointed out that he had had a B at mid-term, B's and C's on

all his papers, and asked where he had fallen down in his final to give him that F which is going to stand between him and initiation in his house—or even that D which will keep him out of a needed NYA job.

"The only protest, you may

say, came from a student who argued a bit that the A I gave him was a little too high and who could hardly be persuaded to defer to my better judgment not to reduce the mark.

"I expected never to see such universally high sportsmanship and true regard for scholarship. You may quote me on that," Professor Molem concluded as a D student rushed in beaming for late registration.

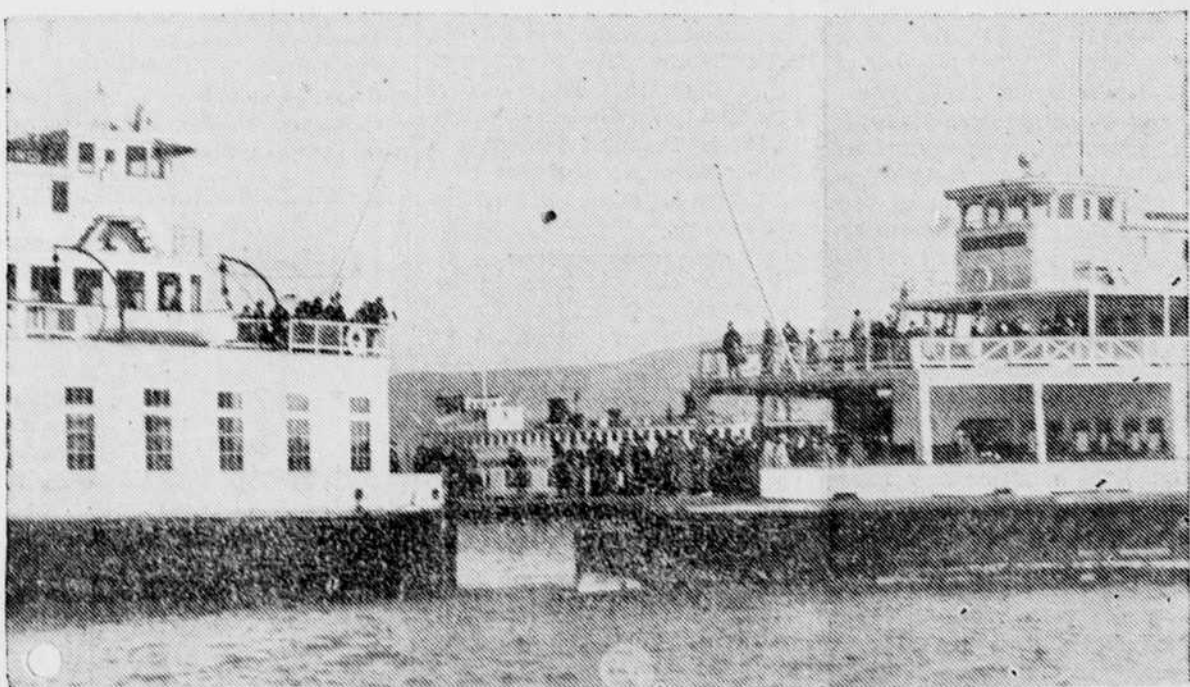
Just then the reporter's 7 o'clock alarm went off and terminated the "interview."

Invaders Go Over the Top



The Japanese cheered... the Chinese departed.

They Walked the Plank...



This ferry had trouble in Frisco's bay... the passengers were transferred, via plank, to another vessel... nobody slipped, all arrived in port safely.

SIDE SHOW

By Bill Cummings and Paul Deutchmann

National

Now that the Sino-Japanese war is entering into its sixth month we see an increasing flood of pamphlets—"The Far Eastern Incident," "Japan in China," "Japan's Position in China," etc.

Each purports to tell the truth about the situation. Each deals in phrases and catchwords. The Chinese hurl "aggression,

jingoism, aggrandizement." The Japanese return with "communists, bandits, anti-policy."

Japanese publications turned out for the benefit of the United States popular opinion usually deal in a number of arguments. First, they point out that Japan has three times the trade with this country that China has. Then they point out that the "war," pardon us, "incident," is purely defensive, for is not Japan merely defending her nationalists and investments (\$1,400,000,000) in her neighbor?

Then they prove that they are not in the least interested in more territory, but only in stamping out the anti-Japanese feeling, which a "misguided" acquired. Last, but not least, they point out some horrible things that the evidently sadistic-minded Chinamen have done.

Chinese arguments follow the same general plan. They can even start with trade, showing that Japan's buying from the United States will fall off if she gets China. Then they point out that Japan is fighting an aggressive war for purposes of "territorial aggrandizement." They list the treaties protecting the territorial integrity of China and show that Japan is violating them. (Japan has already proved that she is not.)

Some appropriate pictures may also be included, like the one of the squalling Chinese youngster left sitting on a pile of debris from a recently dropped bomb. There are captions about "Orphaned by Japanese Bombs," "Bombs Over China," etc.

Incidentally, both kinds of pamphlets take up the Marco Polo bridge incident and the Shanghai naval officer incident. Both explain how right they were. The Japanese (speaking of the latter one) tell how Japan was trying to be patient, but the stubborn Chinamen would have nothing but war, and deliberately kidnapped an officer, killed two seamen, and "forced" the kindly Nipponese to send over 300,000 men.

The Chinese tell another interesting story. The kidnapped naval officer (so they say) was AWOL, because his officers suspected that he frequented houses of ill fame too often.

So the charges are hurled

Arrest Caused By Charge of Rifling Corpse

LOS ANGELES (Jan. 19)—Formerly an embalmer in the coroner's office, Edgar S. Bullington, 49, was arrested today on a charge of stealing gold from the mouth of a corpse. He has denied guilt.

Bullington's resignation was announced yesterday. He had been employed by the county for 11 years.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Value of senate oratory reached a low level when Senator Ellender continued his five-day attack on the anti-lynching bill as a part of the South's filibuster.

One lone senator, Davis, republican, Pennsylvania, was at his desk at the time.

Negotiations Begin To End Shut-Down

PORTLAND, Jan. 19.—For the first time since members of the typographical union walked out last Saturday, negotiations to end Portland's newspaper shutdown will be resumed tomorrow.

It is understood that publishers will submit the same proposition that was presented before the strike was called, namely, that all differences be settled by arbitration. Union representatives did not disclose what the union would have to offer.

Union spokesmen were meanwhile preparing to carry the issue to the public by presenting speakers at various meetings.

Death Toll Mounts After Quebec Fire

ST. HYACINTHE, Que., Jan. 19.—Death's toll from fire that trapped students and teachers in the College of the Sacred Heart reached an official count of 47 by tonight. The list may be swelled to greater proportions as five of the injured are so near death that the last rites of the Roman Catholic church have been administered.

The "Brown Jug" tells a sorry tale about poor old Hiram. He went up to New York to make his fortune pulling some skin games on innocent strangers. However, the first fellow he tried to sell the Brooklyn Bridge to turned out to be the owner of the darned thing, and if Hiram hadn't paid ten dollars to keep quiet, the man would have had him arrested.

Spencer's Butte Needs Students' Assistance

They're going to strip her. Facing the loss of its primeval forest covering the problem of saving Spencer Butte, University's pigger's paradise long regarded as one of the school's outstanding landmarks, was thrust into the hands of the students and faculty members of the University yesterday.

A campaign in collaboration with the Eugene Register-Guard to raise through students and townspeople, \$1100 for a temporary option on the property was announced by Dean Wayne L. Morse, of the law school.

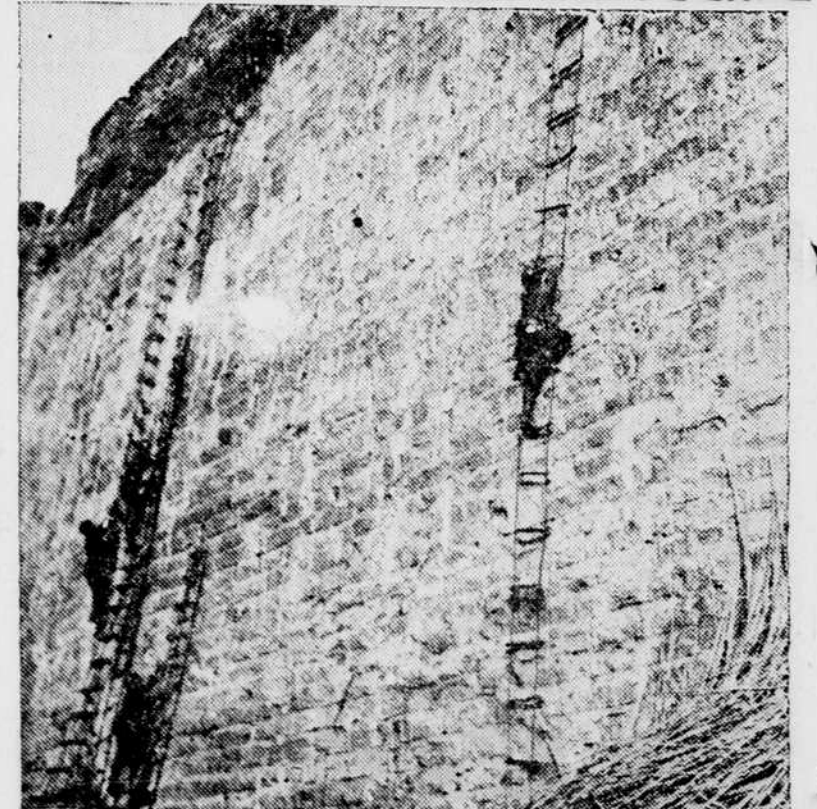
The money, if raised before February 1, will hold the property until the May primary elections when a proposed half mill sales tax bill will be put to the people. It is hoped the tax will provide sufficient funds within six months to make up the remaining \$6100 necessary to complete the purchase of the tract.

Private owners of the butte have held the land for years in anticipation of its purchase as a proposed city park but accumulating taxes

have forced the marketing of the timber, "Dean Morse explained.

He stressed the urgency of raising the money before February 1, and preventing the butte from becoming a barren eye-sore to the University site. The dean asks that every student and faculty member make some contribution leaving it either at his office in Oregon hall or Business Manager J. O. Lindstrom's office second floor, Johnson hall. Contributions have already been received from several faculty members.

Nanking Takes the Count...



Nanking's ancient walls yield... to Japanese rope ladders.