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## The Daddy Racket of All the Little Rockets

NOT long ago the formulation of a social science honorary was announced. The statement of the purposes of the club and the selection of members occasioned some comment, some favorable, some not so.

Tucked away in the expression of aims and objectives of Sigma Omega Chi was the implication that its founder would like to see it a member of a national organization. The duly appointed members should, however, investigate very thoroughly before they vote to affiliate their society with a national group.

SOC's leaders might find, in investigating the affiliation of other campus societies with nationals, that the arrangement is usually a one-sided one—working mainly, in most cases, for the benefit of the national.

Many students—The Emerald, too, has been guilty—have criticized campus organizations for backing the many rackets and gyp sales which are carried on, on the campus. In many cases organizations have been forced to conduct such sales as to buy space in the Oregana or to send money to national organization—money extorted through the threat of revoking the local's national charter.

THE cause lies deeper, in such cases, than the officers and members of the campus group. True, buying a "spot" in the year-book involves the chapter's decision and probably justifies some of these annual drives in that the members get an observable return from nickels and dimes wheedled from fellow students. But in the case of those organizations struggling along in the uphill fight to hold a national charter, there is often little justification for the effort. The money goes to pay a "secretary" or traveling advisor who offers the group his or her valuable advice perhaps once every other year, or is diverted into a convention fund. At any rate, it goes off the campus and does not benefit any campus institution—such as the annual—or the society itself.

Every one of the methods of raising money quickly are, by the very basis on which the

organizations backing them must operate, get-rich-quick schemes. The profit must be tremendous, else it would not pay the group to operate them for a single day or evening.

One outstanding example was the recent book drawing of Theta Sigma Phi, women's journalism society. In addition to paying for the prize, cost of printing the tickets, etc., the organization cleared \$60. The prize was \$10 worth of books.

WHERE will Theta Sigma Phi's profits go? To make up, with another \$40, the biennial remuneration of the national. What a price to pay for that feeling of nation-wide sisterhood, for those three Greek words in the title, and for a delegate's prepaid attendance at a convention. The national also collects a \$15 per member initiation fee.

It should be said in fairness to Theta Sigma Phi that its members have little choice in the matter. Their voice in the formulation of the national budget and of the national assessment is small. Every chapter, regardless of size, pays the same amount and in return the expenses of a delegate to the annual convention are pro-rated. Next year the Oregon chapter is entitled to send a delegate to the convention with all expenses paid. But it had no choice in the matter of whether to send a delegate—the fee had to be paid, even if the representation could not be afforded or was not desired.

This is not an exceptional case. Even some living organizations are forced to pay a heavy monthly "head tax" to the national group for the privilege of being "Omega Zeta Iota of Blank Blank."

The organizations are really in a pitiable position. They can do nothing except scramble to meet the national's taxes by raising money in some manner. They do this to hold charters and maintain prestige of doubtful value. But the money is being sent off the campus. This should give the offices of the deans jurisdiction to restrain them in their folly.

to celebrate its sport victory. An informal radio dance will be held afterwards.

An all co-op house tea will be held Sunday in Gerlinger at 2:30.

### Houses Have Preference Feasts

Beta Theta Pi held a lower class preference dinner on Wednesday night. Chi Psi will hold an upper classmen's preference dinner on Saturday night. Alpha Gamma Delta will also hold a preference dinner on Saturday night.

Entertaining on Wednesday at exchange desserts was Gamma Phi Beta to Phi Delta Theta; Delta Tau Delta, Delta Gamma; Pi Kappa Alpha, Alpha Xi Delta; Phi Kappa Psi, Alpha Gamma Delta; and Alpha Chi Omega, Sigma Alpha Mu.

Tonight Kappa Sigma will play host to Alpha Phi; Pi Beta Phi, Sigma Nu; Theta Chi, Alpha Omicron Pi; Kappa Kappa Gamma, Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Tri Delta, Beta Theta Pi; Alpha Delta Pi, Phi Gamma Delta.

Friday night, Gamma Phi Beta will entertain Delta Upsilon.

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## Coed Writer Aims

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library sending us into a fit of acute self-consciousness as we cringe under the glares directed at us from all sides, and all the time we are afraid to end the tete-a-tete lest we offend our visitor.

women say to each other "What a charming dress you're wearing, my dear," when what they really mean is, "Has the woman no taste? I wouldn't be caught dead in that rag she's wearing."

men remark in one breath, "Thank goodness we aren't catty like the women are," and then in the next, "Boy, you wouldn't call him the athletic type. Bet he wears lace on his shorts." people say, "I read your story in this morning's EMERALD," and then proceed to tell us, paragraph by paragraph how lousy it was.

## Backseat Driver

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A host of grey-hatched gentlemen.

He was terribly upset. I could tell it by the way he clutched at the bit of paper in his hands and

# The BANDWAGON

By BILL CUMMINGS

Speaking almost as fast as one of the rapid-fire machine guns he described, W. H. Drane Lester poured reams and reams of information into the ears of an intent University audience yesterday, impressing everyone with the fact that he was one of the most interesting speakers of the year. Second to Head G-man J. Edgar Hoover himself, Lester was crammed full of first-hand information about America's great crime purge—and, blessed with a double-jointed tongue as well as a nimble mind, he is just the man to tell America about it.

One couldn't help wondering if famed Scotland Yard is really what it's cracked up to be, after listening to Lester's description of the accuracy, speed, and amazing ingenuity of the FBI. His description of the finger print technique of the bureau was especially interesting. Figures, facts, and cases poured out of the speaker's memory with a remarkable facility, making it necessary for his listeners to do their best to keep up with him.

Students who have convictions against war are being asked by the campus "strike" committee to walk out of their 11 o'clock classes next Wednesday morning to participate in the annual demonstration against war, which will be held on the terrace in the women's dormitory quadrangle. Official permission to have the demonstration was granted by the faculty assembly committee, although this year no classes will be excused. The strike will again be held on a nation-wide scale.

It would be a good idea, in view of the fact that cutting classes will not be sanctioned, to limit the meeting to conscientious objectors, instead of having another gala get-together just for the sake of rallying to the cause of something or other. Some students are thoroughly convinced in the value of the strike and should be allowed to express their feelings without the interference of those who are apt to attend such meetings purely through curiosity or with intentions of ridiculing the demonstrators.

## In the Mail

### RETRIBUTION FOR SOC

To the Editor:

Shame on R.R. for his "sourpuss" like attitude in attempting to deride the truly noble objectives of Sigma Omega Chi. 'Tis too bad R.R. has not developed a more scientific attitude in his social science philosophy, which should be becoming of one so far advanced in this field as R.R. seems to be.

I should think R.R. would really investigate the scholastic achievements of the individuals whom he so maliciously pictures as not being rated in even the upper-half of the

school's enrollment. This seems to be a very inclusive and "overall" statement which really takes in a lot of territory—and hence, which should be issued only after a careful investigation of the facts.

I happen to know many of the charter members personally and in my estimation most of them seem to have unquestionably excellent scholastic records. Why, R.R., do you not investigate their respective GPAs and then draw your conclusions?

John S. Mykut,  
Commerce Instructor,  
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## AWA Carnival to Be

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guests are Mrs. Frederick M. Hunter, Mrs. Alice Macduff, and Mrs. C. Valentine Boyer.

The visitors will attend the AWA carnival on Saturday evening.

### Dormitory Has Radio Dance

Susan Campbell will hold an informal radio dance at which the hall will be turned into a "wee bit of Loch Lomond." Scotch sketches and plaid drapes will be hung on the walls.

Mary Sackett is in charge of the dance assisted by Marjorie McCulloch.

Patrons and patronesses are Miss Hazel MacNair, Mrs. Alice Macduff, Mrs. Genevieve Turnipseed, Miss Lorraine Wood.

Pi Beta Phi will have a joint founders' day banquet with the Oregon State chapter at Corvallis, Sunday. The chapters alternate and next year's banquet will be held in Eugene.

Alpha Xi Delta held its founders' day banquet on Monday with the Eugene alumni as guests.

The University Co-op will hold a special dinner on Friday night

murmured over and over again, "Ye gods!"

And so to appease him I dashed off the following news dispatch in the manner of those who write in the manner of "Time."

Forgive it, please. It's all in fun.

"Brown-haired, sparse-bearded, dirty-corded Tri Mu's triple-threat vote-seeker, Joseph (Joe) Doakes, today announced his intention of becoming third successive term president of the anti-studying popular front group, the "Society for the Prevention of Book-Cracking During the Week and Especially on Saturdays and Sundays."

"When approached on the subject of his possible land-slide victory, sleepy-eyed, holey-socked, non-necktie-wearing "Joe" shook his too-long, uncombed, brown-haired head, cleared his over-developed, bull-necked throat and indistinctly muttered in his third-grade, incoherent English, "Gawsh! I dunno wot to say!"

May I repeat . . . Forgive me. It was all in fun.

Wandering past the chemistry shack this morning I happened to spy two very charming looking young ladies conversing earnestly a short distance ahead. "Ah," I thought with an under-

standing sigh, "They are talking of love, or spring, or romance. Not clothes," I thought. "Oh no, they couldn't be talking of anything so prosaic as clothes on such a mellow morn." I was feeling positively lyrical about it as I drew closer. And then their words seeped into my consciousness.

"But," one of them was insisting, "I don't see why I should use NH4OH when you can use NOH. After all the sodium salts are still soluble. You can't get away from that!"

How bitter . . . disillusionment!

If I could have what I want I'd have:

Marcia Steinhauser's eyes  
Lorraine Barker's legs  
Gayle Buchanan's friendly ways,  
Clare Igoe's cleverness  
Rosemary O'Donnell's "figger"  
Esther Horstkotte's clothes  
The Nasser twins' car  
Katy Taylor's disposition.

Then I'd have Blanche McLellan's hair and I'd go without a hat. I'd make one public appearance so the whole campus could see me, and then I'd park myself by the telephone and await developments.

(with apologies to YOU).

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