

# Conventions, Only \$500---Special Bargain Sale Now On

**From Where I SIT**  
By CLARE IGOE

We cherish a remark made by Anne Waha, Kappa's prize contribution to campus dating. It seems the sought-after and contest-conscious Miss Waha was in George Godfrey's office having her picture taken for the Snow White group, and ruminating over memories of her appearance as one of the 20 best dates of the campus, at the AWS carnival.

Wailed poor Miss Waha, "I felt just like a white slave up there on the block."

**I thing that I shall never see A periphery I'd rather see than be one, Though.**

Editor - elect Deutschmann, who is pacing back and forth in the office like a caged animal, has just discovered a word. The word is periphery. Deutschmann doesn't know what it means, but he likes it.

Why don't you write a poem using the word periphery, he asked. It has such a nice sound. I suppose you think I can't? I whipped back at him neatly. Hub, he grunted.

Don't be surprised, friends, if you woke today with the sound of loud throbbing in your ears. It's only the feminine hearts on the campus fluttering and beating. For guess who has come back!

Cosgrove LaBarre, none other. Lothario LaBarre has returned from Washington D.C., and is whipping through Eugene on his way to Portland.

Do not grieve though, gals, for he will be back for Junior weekend, that time of romance and spring. And LaBarre is a man who knows how to handle such a situation, it is told.

For some reason, a poetic mood is upon us. But we've already written one poem tonight, the magnitude, power and depth of feeling of which has entirely drained our creative capacities.

So instead of presenting an original selection, we will offer our favorite poem which, we think one of the finest examples of the poet's art in the history of literature:

**I met a man upon the stair,  
I looked again, he was not there,  
He was not there again to-day.  
My God! I wish he'd go away!**

## Duck Golfers

(Continued from page four)

Friday's results:

Oregon College of Puget Sound	
Near, 0	3, Stoeffle
Cline, 2 1/2	2, Stuen
Golden, 1	2, Johnson
Watson, 3	0, Fisher
Hughes, 3	0, Schwetz
Eldridge, 3	0, Ramsey
Doubles: Cline-Eldridge 3, Fisher-Ramsey 0; Golden-Hughes 3, Schwetz-Johnson 0; Near-Watson 2, Stoeffle-Stehn 1.	

Saturday's results:

Oregon	Washington
Near, 1	2, C. Jonson
Cline, 1	2, E. Jonson
Golden, 0	3, Bloch
Watson, 1 1/2	1 1/2, Haas
Hughes, 3	0, Bean
Eldridge, 0	3, Phillips
Doubles: Near-Watson 0, Jonson-Jonson 3; Hughes-Golden 2 1/2, Haas-Phillips 1 1/2; Cline-Eldridge 2 1/2, Bloch-Bean 1 1/2.	

## Easy Come, Easy Go

TWO years ago the University of Washington Daily, after making an extensive survey which must have taken months of patient effort, endeavored to present the facts about campus professional societies, honoraries, and service clubs. Some of the things the Daily's survey revealed were interesting indeed. The paper's technique of presentation was simple—each day for several weeks it ran information about societies, some with and some without national affiliation, in parallel columns.

The itemized cost of belonging to each organization was presented, along with the amount of payments, if any, to its national. The activities of the organization were listed.

In most cases both locals and nationally-affiliated bodies listed intangible events and services as the main justification for their existence. The social benefits were heavily stressed in nearly all cases.

LOCAL societies were offering as much or almost as much for the member's money as the corresponding chapter of a national; and, significantly, the locals demanded far less money for admission and dues in almost every instance.

Surprising as it may seem, the requirements for admittance to local honoraries were often higher than those for admittance to nationals in a similar field. Apparently a local organization not burdened with a national's taxes could be financed far more inexpensively at Washington two years ago than could a body with national affiliation—and without reducing the intrinsic value of the program. This is probably true here today, and if exclusiveness implies honor, the financially less-pressed local can better afford to pick its members.

The recent announcement of the formation of a new honorary, apparently an interesting but not very significant event in itself, and a more or less direct charge voiced in the "In the Mail" column of this paper against the caliber of its members have focused considerable attention on all societies.

INCLUDED in the following letter from Professor Leavitt O. Wright which explains the standards of some of the speech societies is a definition of the term "honorary" which is of interest in this connection. Many campus groups would automatically be excluded from this classification if this definition were applied, for its standard of admittance is rigorous.

Dr. Wright's letter reads:

To the Editor:

You may be interested in a statement concerning the Gamma chapter of the National Spanish honor society, Sigma Delta Pi, of which former I am faculty sponsor, while at the same time being national president of the latter.

We have subscribed heartily to the work of the National Committee on College societies (an agency of the Association of College Honor Societies, The National Association of Deans of Women and the National Association of Deans of Men), with headquarters at the Ohio State university, and under the chairmanship of Dean J. A. Park, which has been studying the whole question of honoraries, and now reports, under the head of "definitions":

**"An organization shall be deemed an 'honor' society only if it receives into membership, irrespective of membership in or affiliation with other organizations, those who attain its standards of high scholarship, professional merit, proficiency or distinction, upon approaching the completion of at least three years residence study in a college or university of recognized standing; such membership being conferred on no basis of selection other than character and eligibility upon scholastic or professional record, and being consummated without formal pledge or secret order training. In no case shall election include more**

than the upper 20 per cent of the class from which members are drawn."

Our sister honor society, Pi Delta Phi, for students of French, subscribes to the same standards and requirements.

It happens that this year there are no students not already members who meet our requirements, and we shall therefore initiate no University of Oregon members this academic year.

Leavitt O. Wright,  
Professor of Romance Languages.

IT was not the intention of The Emerald to make any such complete and valuable exposure of this situation as the Washington Daily's when it recently took occasion to comment on one instance of a group, not an honorary, struggling to gather funds to meet what seems a tremendous biennial obligation to a national. The editorial staff was not so naive as to believe that this was the worst or only example of desperately-collected funds leaving the campus for a doubtful return. It was selected merely as a timely example—and one of several with which almost everyone is familiar.

The task of tracing down the expenditures of all campus groups would be too exhausting, too delicate—and, it must be admitted—too fruitless. The intended dispensation of funds of another recent all-campus affair is worth noting, however, since it illustrates so well a point made in the original discussion of nationally-affiliated societies and the financial duress they are willing to undergo to maintain the good will of their national (or for some such intangible return.)

SATURDAY one of the biggest crowds of the year thronged the Igloo for what is annually a high-light campus event. Although some people protested against the throwing of rings at ducks as slightly inhumane, everyone enjoyed the AWS carnival and parted willingly with several nickels.

The devices for obtaining those nickels were numerous and ingenious. A merry-go-round, imported from Salem, whirled merrily in the street in front of the court; the 20 best dates—it used to be 10—were auctioned off.

The goal of the AWS was a profit of \$300—a sum which with an additional \$200 will guarantee the holding of the sectional Associated Women's convention here in two years.

Although the AWS is a large and financially sound institution, the expenditure of \$500 to bring a convention here seems excessive. That money—if it was cleared on the carnival—might be used to promote a local program of great value; in all probability, of greater value to the organization and the campus alike than the staging of a brief and expensive convention with women, women—strange women—everywhere.

THERE may, indeed, be sound reasons why a convention on the campus is worth \$500 to the AWS. In a matter of such importance, careful Dean Hazel P. Schwering must have weighed the situation long before even permitting the AWS to bid for the convention.

And the money belongs to the AWS—although that body presented another means of all-campus extortion to get at least a goodly portion of it, a typical example of the "little for something" occasions which make college life so expensive.

The cupidity of the campus is amazing. The sum of money obtained each year by the combined means of socially-sanctioned "robbery" must be tremendous.

The sad part of this "taxation" is that so much of the dough collected buys so little. Maybe it's a case of easy come, easy go.

## President Erb Will Address Convention

SALEM, Oregon—The League of Oregon Cities will hold its annual convention at The Dalles May 2

and 3, it was announced here by V. E. Kuhn, mayor of Salem and president of the organization.

Details of the program, which will include nationally known experts as well as a large number of Oregon officials, were received by Mayor Kuhn from Herman Kehrl,

executive assistant of the league and director of the bureau of municipal research at the University of Oregon. Dr. Donald M. Erb, president of the University of Oregon, will be one of the convention's principal speakers, it was announced.

## The Band Wagon

By BILL CUMMINGS  
Nominations for ASUO offices will be made next Thursday at an 11 o'clock assembly in Gerlinger, at which time the long-awaited break in campus politics will probably come. So far, not even a stir has been made in either of the political camps, so campaigns, if any, will be short and sweet this year.

In fact, there is a possibility that elections—which are scheduled in two weeks—will be held without any of the pre-election rumpus which turned the campus topsy-turvy last year. So far, so good, but the chances are pretty slim that elections will be held in a quiet, sane way. The usual ballyhoo will probably break loose any day now and spoil everything.

For the second time in the history of the University, the preferential balloting system will be used, having been inaugurated amidst a great deal of misunderstanding last spring. Most of the voters still don't understand it, and unless something is done, we're liable to wake up after election day with a potential secretary (some shorthand-taking typist, probably a coed) for a student body president. But the system is not so complicated as it might be.

Four offices are to be filled in the ASUO elections: president, first vice-president, second vice-president, and secretary-treasurer. As many nominations for these positions may be made as the students wish to make, but only four will go into office. Instead of marking the usual "X" on the ballot, each voter will put down figures (1, 2, 3, and 4) in the order of his preference for the four positions, placing figure 1 in front of the person he wants for student body president, figure 2 for first vice-president, etc.

The system has various advantages, one of them being that representatives of both political blocs gets positions, instead of just the representatives of the winning faction. The losing candidate for president is not left out in the cold. Another advantage is that preferential balloting tends to do away with tickets, which should be eliminated from all campus elections. Without tickets, it would be impossible for weak candidates, or political stooges, to ride into office on the strength of a supporting lineup.

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