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## Nickel Hop and Politics...

THE Emerald has been asked why it did not attack the Independents for political maneuvers which brought Hilyard house first place in the Nickel Hop. These Greek critics question the fairness of Independent men who danced the evening at Hilyard to guarantee its title as "most popular woman's house." These Greek critics point also to the open Emerald stand against Greek "political bosses" who opposed a preferential ballot.

The fact that Nickel Hop drifted from its real purpose is a situation which requires remedy. The Hop was set up to decide by individual choice the most popular woman's house on the campus. It should not develop into a Greek vs. Independent bloc choice.

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THE political effect, however, should not obscure certain causes: First, the political "deal" was not an ISA move. It was the creation of several Independent organizations. Second, the move was a spontaneous outcome of Thursday night elections—elections which discarded the preferential ballot.

The preferential ballot had been placed in the proposed freshman constitution by a joint Greek-Independent committee. Independents hoped that even as a minority they could elect one or two class officers. A solid Greek majority refused this right to representation. The Nickel Hop "deal" was an outgrowth of political defeat of the preferential system. Such a trend in campus politics must be curbed.

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HAD the solid Greek majority allowed one or two Independent class officers, had the Independents received a just minority representation, the chances of a Nickel Hop "scandal" would have been very, very remote. The fact that there was such a "scandal" is even more reason why the executive council when it meets today must consider the political consequences of approving the straight vote for future class elections. Council members, elected by the same preferential ballot proposed for class elections, have found none of the dog-eat-dog Greek vs. Independent fights in their business sessions. There is no reason to prophesy a directly opposite situation in similar class organization.

Council vote today can extend the ASUO preference system to future class elections. The Council can also curb future spite deals and more Nickel Hop "scandals".

## ODA for All? . . .

SUGAR rationing, tire rationing, gas rationing, and now what seems to some the ultimate, date rationing.

Originated in a bull session at the Sig Ep house as a means of enforcing study rules, the idea of an "Office of Date Administration" has grown with unbelievable rapidity. Requests for pictures, stories, and particulars have come from United Press, International News Service, and Newsweek magazine.

The ODA is admittedly a satire on the nation's OPA, but too it is doing a great deal of good.

Through it men are limited in their dating activities by their class standing and their grade point. The former group of "untouchables," or upper classmen, find themselves ensnared in its clutches as well as the errant freshman who falls below the prescribed grade level.

Contrary to the fate of most "stunts," date rationing has worked. Sig Ep house leaders are well satisfied with the results obtained thus far.

With conscientious supervision it is quite possible that it could be adapted to campus-wide use. With the general decline in grades, and with the imminent threat of induction into the armed forces when the grades fall below the level prescribed for reservists, it might be wise to give it a try. It worked one place, why not in all?

—T. J. B.

# WHAT PRICE GPA?

Forty-five University students have been removed from reserves for low scholastic standing and are eligible for immediate active duty. This action was taken by the University under no direct compulsion from the armed forces. It signifies two things:

One, that the University intends to keep faith with armed forces by keeping in school only those students who prove scholastically that they should remain here in war time.

Two, that repeated fall term warnings that students will be removed if they do not study are being fully executed.

Removal of the 45 may be only the beginning—if borderline students do not take the warning. University officials are leaving the decision to the students

themselves. If they do study, they will remain in school until their particular reserve is called out, they have that much greater chance for returning to some university for further technical training.

Dr. Carl Kossack, campus representative for the armed forces, has talked to each of the 45 students removed from reserves, and to each borderline student, personally. At midterm, grades for each student on the borderline will be checked. If these grades have not improved, the student will automatically become eligible for immediate active duty.

Grade requirements to remain in a reserve are not excessive. Each student can make his own choice. Either low grades go up, or the student goes out. If a student goes out, he loses in the

two ways: He loses University technical training for war plus University general training for a diploma. He also loses the chance, once he is in service, to return for more technical training. Dr. Kossack declared Tuesday, "Every officer I have talked to, either in army or navy, emphasized the importance of this term's grades in deciding whether or not the student is worthy of this further instruction."

A few hours put to study are small sacrifice compared to a few hours of active combat. Our greatest worries at home are cutting bread straight which no longer comes sliced, and keeping our grades above the scholastic minimum. If students do not make their grades now, they lose the only possible war-time excuse for remaining in school.

## Ad Lib

By JOHN J. MATHEWS

Whether it's Gene Tunney on the evils of nicotine or OSC on the un-patriotism of the Country Club, somebody in the public eye feels, every so often, the urge to pop off raucously and unguardedly—and is usually suicidally careless about what he says.

Latest recruit (or volunteer) to the ranks of the we-go-off-half-cocked club is band leader Phil Spitalny. Or else he doesn't know what his publicity agent is writing about him. Phil, or his bull boy, is now quoted as saying that the fairer sex are naturally superior musicians, that they read easier, memorize faster, are more loyal, and interpret with greater feeling than men. That last jewel is the one that gags me.

Ever since the advent of jazz and the popularization of the ad lib, there has been a reckless murder of the term "expression." Too many have assumed that there is no difference between conveying a mood or idea and expressing the way you feel when you have it. For this reason, if you want to get scientific, Spitalny's notion that women, simply because they are emotionally more unstable, are more passionate jazzists is so much baloney.

For example, when a baby cries, it is expressing itself, but he won't jerk half as many tears as Edna Ferber in two syllable words on a printed page.

The idea I'm trying to get across is that the re-creation of one's feelings in another is not so much a matter of how strong those feelings are, but, more, how able is his technique in presenting them. If you don't agree, next time you check a frowzy curl crying in her lager at the corner pub, just try to visualize her cutting the Hawk or Wilson or Benny.

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Tuesday at noon Mutual called on Bud Freeman for ten minutes of ride-out from the Windy City. It seems that Brother Bud is now with the armed forces and the Tuesday air shot was his farewell to one of the most famous tenor saxes in the kingdom of swing.

A lot of people don't know that it was Freeman who first conceived the sax as a potentially powerful jazz instrument. Up to his time it had been chiefly limited to work of torchy or dreamy nature, and was becoming

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## I Cover the Campus

By FRED BECKWITH

. . . Well, well. I was wondering how long it could last. My favorite informant, Quisling by name, yesterday relayed the news that two unknown fraternity men have been plotting a dire fate for yours truly. If the assumption is correct, your innocent reporter is in for an experience somewhat similar to the one enjoyed by the columnist who previously knocked out

this stuff . . . That's life . . . C'mon, you two, we know who you are. It's the truth that hurts! . . . Ouch! . . . To start the scandal ball rolling, John Bergman has been escorting a bevy of beautiful Tri-Delts out, one at a time, of course . . . Seems he's throwing out the same line, too. . . . What's the mystery surrounding Lt. George Archibald Kengsberry and Tri-Delt Betty Childs? . . . Sigma Nu Bud Watson gave his pin to Gamma Phi pledge Peggy Kernell. . . .

Patty Van H. of the Fee gang hits the news jackpot for the second straight day—this time she was drawing the attraction of on-lookers in front of the library where she was trying to teach a little boy how to roller skate! . . . Gamma Phi Sally Spiess wishes her profs would call her "Mrs." instead of "Miss" . . . Incidentally, two of our three selections for the top three houses at Nickel Hop were correct: Pi Phi and Alpha Phi . . . Fiji Francis Thorne is making a big bid for lovely KKG Ellie Jacobs' affections . . . Lotsa luck, Mr. T. . . .

Cute Emmy Lou Fargo has an infected foot this week. Looks like smilin' Frank Sardam will have to sit the dances out. What a horrible fate! . . .

Good to see Bud Cote around again after a long siege in the hospital following his operation.

AOPi Kay Lloyd, that cute freshman, has been going around rather regularly with a Theta Chi whose name is Vince Cardinale. . . . Allison Aya of the same house has also been palsy-walsy with Sig Ep Newell Comish . . . A red-headed activity man has asked us to predict a silver thaw for Friday . . . Pat Perry is very happy cuz her Phi Psi is back on campus . . . Dee-Gee Cec Noren is one of the cutest freshmen on campus . . . and there's more than one lad who shares this opinion . . .

Tonight the Hendricks hall girls who are going steady, are having their boy friends over to dinner in a special celebration . . . Ginney Lees, whose heart still belongs to Babb trophy winner Bill Carney, demanded a sailor-suit picture of that young gentleman who is taking anautical

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SPIKE JONES

## SCENE AT RANDOM

Problem Solved

Allan Bush, superintendent of grounds on the University of Hawaii campus, refuses to let unsightly bomb shelters detract from the beauty of the campus. He has solved the problem by planting morning glory vines on the shelters. Good camouflage too.

—Ka Leo O Hawaii

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Goal—1,000

Oregon State coeds that are doing Red Cross work are trying to reach their quota of 1,000 bandages a day. Approximately 80 girls are turning out 800 surgical dressings a day at the present time.

Last Laugh

One University of Southern California freshman thought a tragedy had befallen him when his fraternity brothers decided to give him a G-I haircut. However, this turned into big dividends and almost a movie contract when the student received a movie call to be a marine private in a Paramount picture. The director wanted someone with a short haircut for a closeup, the lucky freshman was the only one that qualified.

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