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Last Word on TNE-Maybe

The page one story and the letters to the editor published today will be the Emerald's last word on Theta Nu Epsilon for the time being. Frankly, right now we are stymied. Without appropriate search warrants and the other paraphernalia of the law the Emerald cannot produce the names of suspected members on the campus. Neither can the University administration, whose attitude toward the Emerald's investigation has been as gratifying as most student reaction, DO anything to break TNE.

Further action is now in the hands of the students themselves.

The Emerald has done all in its power to investigate the clandestine activities of this subversive organization. We have written letters to many alumni and interviewed many students and faculty members. We have presented the facts as we found them. If further information is found, we will give that to the students, too.

Editorially the Emerald has been vigorous in its condemnation of the undemocratic principles which motivate individuals to associate themselves with any group like TNE. We shall continue to fight against those same principles wherever they appear, whether it is among Greeks, Independents, or the faculty. Fascism is a decay of political ethics from which no one is immune, and the vigilance against it must be maintained by the people of this nation on any campus, in any community.

The University administration's attitude toward TNE has been made quite clear: clandestine organizations are definitely not sanctioned on the campus. A public statement to this effect from Dr. Newburn and Dean Earl may be forthcoming but both men have informed the Emerald that "definite action" would be taken to oust TNE members when such membership could be proved legally.

Dr. Newburn's attitude toward campus politics is that they serve to train students for effective citizenship in their civic life, and that democracy, though an ideal, must be upheld as a goal to achieve and a way of life to practice.

Now, the question comes: has the Emerald's investigation of TNE served any useful purpose?

The answer: The Emerald's poll of student opinion published Wednesday indicates without a doubt that students are very interested in the status and existence of TNE. The investigation has led to much talk and considerable thought about TNE. Undoubtedly the men on this campus who have been or are members of the notorious group will decide to lay low for a time. Although, unfortunately, no amount of editorializing can change their ideas or ethics, it must have made them realize that many students will form opinions concerning their activities.

The Emerald believes that if Oregon students, Greeks and Independents alike, will decide for themselves the significance of any organization like TNE and resolve that they will resist further political coercion and undemocratic handling of their student government, the Emerald is fulfilling its mission to serve the University.

God enters by a private door into every individual.—Emerson.

For parlor use, the vague generality is a lifesaver.—George Ade.

Telling the Editor...

About TNE, Washing Machines, AVC, Tex, Various and Sundry

In all my years here at the University of Oregon I have noticed the constant tension, friction and bickering between the Greeks and the Independents. It has built up to a feeling of almost hatred, as though we were two countries fighting over a political question, instead of students in an American university. In my opinion a great deal of this is due to too many behind the scenes factions, too many smoke-filled secret meeting rooms, which are held by fascist minded organizations like TNE. If such a fascist organization like TNE does exist, then it is up to us, the students of the University of Oregon to band together and wrest the power from this outlaw fraternity for more democratic ideals and the common good of the University. Vote in your next

election as you see fit and not as you are told. Be an Oregon student but above all be American.

Bud Salinardo.

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There have been claims and counter-claims as to the validity of the Emerald's expose of the Greek TNE society. It has existed in the past on this campus and if given half a chance it will rear its vile head again.

Such a society should not be allowed to exist on any university campus. If part of University of Oregon's duty is to train students to be good citizens of a democracy we can have no part of any organization remotely resembling the TNE.

The Greek organizations have made no attempt to divorce them-

selves from this pressure group in the past and the letter Marilyn Sage wrote to the Emerald editor last week was certainly no more than a waste of paper. Miss Sage's letter shouldn't fool even the most naive freshman.

Let us not fool ourselves: TNE does exist; TNE is as un-American as the Nazi party or K u Klux Klan; TNE makes it more imperative than ever that the Greek organizations make a self-analysis of themselves if they are not to make their supposed ideals sound more like a farce than ever.

Dale Harlan

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... For the first time in many years the Emerald has become important enough to make enemies, and the rank and file of Oregon students who don't make a noise on the campus, but who still hold mature opinions, are proud of it.

TNE is more dangerous to the Greek cause than to the Independent cause. Students will hesitate to associate themselves with an organization that refuses to purge the forces of clandestine coercion from their midst.

Independent

Editor's note: The Emerald appreciates these letters and the others along this line from students who thus indicate their interest in the welfare of this University. If the only result of the Emerald's investigation of TNE has been to stimulate student thought on campus political action, then the Emerald feels that the result is gratifying.

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With all due respect to the editor's reluctance to make the Emerald a publicity sheet for a well-known veterans' organization, it seems to me that credit should be given where credit is due!

The Tuesday Emerald carried a story about obtaining new washing machines for the Agate and Columbia street housing projects, but no mention was made of WHO obtained the machines. It was through the personal effort of the American Veterans Committee's executive council, working with the Lane county chapter of the American Red Cross that the machines were secured. AVC members also did the necessary carpenter work to install the machines and compiled a schedule allocating specific hours for each family to wash.

A "washing-persecuted" family, Bill, Dorothy, and Mary Ellen Rooper.

Editor's note: Apologies to the AVC for the omission; credit certainly is due them for their efforts on behalf of the veterans' families.

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In today's Emerald, I noticed a fill-in stating that the oldest building on the campus is Villard hall. In all former catalog issues of the University of Oregon, one of the first facts mentioned about the campus is that the oldest building is Deady hall. I think if you read the history of the organization of the University of Oregon, you will find that Deady was completed in 1876 and that Villard, the second building was built in 1885.

I, as well as the other men of Villard, would like to know which is incorrect—the catalog or the Emerald.

Kenneth R. McKenzie

Editor's note: Oops! Emerald error. Sorry.

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Congratulations on the refreshingly satirical "Nyah, Nyah and Nyah" in last Wednesday's Emerald. It should go a long way toward clearing the air of some of

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A Toast!

This year's Pigger's Guide is fine! The entire studentbody owes a vote of thanks to Editor Olga Yevtich and her capable staff for the best student directory we have seen in many a year.

Like so many other of the most necessary equipment we have for making everyday living more pleasant and efficient, the handy little Pigger's Guide is taken for granted. Oregon editors are listed with the BMOC's and their books are haloed with All-American certificates, but after the reader has looked through the annual once or twice it is put away with the family album and old dance programs. Emerald editors are regarded as Nuisance No. 1 on the campus, receive considerable pro and con publicity, and their newspapers go the way of all yesterday's sheets.

Piggers' Guide editors do a whale of a job, list their names in small type on the bottom of page three, and go unnoticed on the campus. Their product, however, the indispensable directory, is used day after day throughout the year until its corners are tattered and its margins patterned with scribbled doodlings.

The Guide shows the kind of careful planning for convenience that its usefulness and popularity deserve.

Not only does this year's Guide contain the usual story on traditions, the Oregon songs, the lists of organizations, and the faculty directory. This booklet has a list of phone numbers you need to know—that should save the University switchboard operators many annoying calls. Then there is a space for your personal list of important numbers. This means Joe College no longer has to decorate the walls of his house phone booth with the names and numbers of his favorite femmes. Now we're saving paint jobs, yet.

Oh, there are lots of nice things to say about Olga's Guide. Let's just say "Here's to Olga!"

RIGHT of center

By O. Larson

A new word has popped up in the vocabulary of the Henry Wallace liberals. It is "progressive." It replaces the cloudy overworked word "liberal" which was once a perfectly respectable classification but has since fallen into ill repute. After PAC propagandists, The Nation, The New Republic, New York's PM, New Masses and all the other representatives of the leftish fringe have squeezed the last drop of dignity out of the word "progressive" as they have "liberal," will the English language be able to offer any identity at all to the handfull of folks who are actually not masquerading when they call themselves liberal or progressive? We refer to the real grass-root progressives now in danger of being lumped together with the three-dollar bills of the Russia-can-do-no-wrong school of thought. Believe it or not, there are a few genuine progressives left. And most Americans will continue to know them as such, and to be proud of the mas such, in spite of the fact that their good name is about

to suffer from some questionable associations.

LaFollette

When we think of the word "progressive," we are reminded instantly of the dynamic cooperative movement between agriculture and labor which began in Wisconsin several years ago and spread throughout the mid-west in a fashion that was as American as ice cold pop at a ball game. Or we recall a great Senator like Bob LaFollette working on a congressional reorganization bill at the expense of his personal political interests. Or we reflect over the progress made by an outstanding labor leader, Walter Reuther, in making both his union and the nation at large, price conscious.

It is unreasonable to construct a relation between this wholesome American radicalism and the new star-gazing liberalism, which preaches a philosophy of big government at home and world government abroad. What the modern liberal seems to want is more gov-

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