

# PNCC Resolutions Defined

Several students have requested a brief explanation of the resolutions on the United Nations ballot sponsored by the Pacific Northwest College Congress which University students are now considering for ratification. The following item-by-item explanation comes from the Oregon State Barometer.

1. Procedural matters are those dealing with routine matters that come before the UN Security Council; as the word implies—procedure. Substantive matters are those dealing with the important, the vital matters. The purpose of this resolution is to definitely establish which questions are substantive and which are procedural in order to determine when the veto power may or may not be used. According to the UN Charter, the veto power is applicable only in substantive matters (See next question.)

2. In effect this resolution would disallow the use of the veto power by any of the Big Five nations (U.S., U.S.S.R., Great Britain, France, China) when they are a party to a dispute brought before the Security Council. As it now stands any one of the Big Five may invoke the veto and thus prevent any action being taken against themselves when they are adjudged the aggressor in a dispute.

The Charter provides that the Security Council shall consist of eleven members—5 permanent (the Big Five) and 6 non-permanent members elected by the General Assembly for two-year terms. In voting on procedural matters a vote of 7 of the 11 members is necessary, but on voting upon substantive matters a vote of 7 including all of the permanent members is required for passage—if one of the Big Five nations votes against any substantive measure the veto has been invoked.

3. Self-explanatory—the term "Franco Spain" was omitted for the reason that another Spanish Government might take its place which is still not acceptable to the UN.

4. Now an accomplished fact.

5. At the present time International Law is merely custom, treaty, and national court decisions. Definite codification as nations have is desired.

6. Jurisdiction in cases is now optional with members of the UN.

7-9. Self-explanatory.

10. The Baruch Plan is advocated by the United States State Department and representative to the Security Council and provides for international supervision and inspection of atomic energy production and research. You will notice that the resolution is definitely contingent upon the prior approval of the Baruch plan.

11. International Trade Organization — To promote and facilitate trade and its freer flow among the nations of the world.

UNESCO—United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization—to promote research and cooperation in these fields among the member nations.

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development—Lends or guarantees loans to nations for reconstruction and development.

International Monetary Fund—to stabilize currencies throughout the world in an attempt to avert depressions and inflation.

12. Reciprocal trade agreements are agreements between nations to facilitate trade between themselves.

13-20. Self-explanatory.

21. Trusteeship Council—the body which handles the disposition of dependent peoples, former League Mandates which are turned over to them by the mandatory powers, etc.

22-24. Self-explanatory.

25. Article 6 of these agreements provides for civilian control of education and for the advancement of the people in the four fields mentioned.

26. Self-explanatory.

# Graduate Transcripts

(The Weekly Column by Graduate Students)

Coupled with the evident shortage of 500 courses is another chief gripe of graduate students—the requirement of 10 per cent extra work for participation in 400 courses.

Granting that drawing an A or B toward master's credit should entail more work than is required of undergraduate students in the same course, the present set-up seems ridiculous. It will remain forever a puzzle just what benefit is derived by either the graduate or professor from an extra paper of undergraduate calibre.

What is the utility of a poorly constructed, hastily written paper of the freshman comp type to either the student or the professor requiring it?

Since the University seems unable to meet the major demand for more numerous graduate classes, surely it can require papers demonstrating graduate scholarship and ability in original research. These papers could and would be a basis of training for the final thesis.

Just what can be done to improve the graduate research training is a problem for individual departments. As the 10 per cent extra work is handled now, it is a waste of time as far as basic training is concerned. A new research program, would raise the general standard of completed theses considerably.

A general study of master's theses in the library makes quite evident the need for improvement along these lines. Both the student and the University would benefit from the encouragement of graduates to complete works of higher standard.

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## Operators Crimp BTO's

Does the management and union involved in the telephone dispute realize the exasperating, lasting effect which the strike is having on spring blooded young Americans. Obviously the answer is no, or they would immediately find basis for settling their differences.

The throttling effect the curtailment of telephone use is having on the regular morale functions of the younger generation and especially on Joe College and Betty Coed should be made clear.

Set the Scene: The phone closet in any one of the University's living organizations. It is Friday; the house dance is Saturday night and six pledges and five students have a rented tux, cash, and credit at the florists, but no date. That is the dilemma. The obvious solution is a little time in this same phone closet. But under the circumstances one might as well spend his time in the broom closet, and is more apt to find a date there left over from last term's barn dance. The useless phone adds horns to the dilemma. Tongues are tied, and the only recourse is the unsatisfactory note system or personal calls.

Under the ordinary circumstances, which includes use of the phone as taught to all pledges, the law of supply and demand can be readily obeyed with a little juggling, ringing, and pleading. But the regular system is frustrated by the operator's "we are accepting only emergency calls." Well, it may be an emergency by Saturday noon when four or five of the "have nots" still have not.

Mental health is dependent on a lot of little things called morale.

These are the facts, this is the case—the morale of Oregon's student population is balanced on a telephone wire. Their well-being is in the hands of conciliators—"a ringing" challenge is on the "hook."



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## Ex Libris . . .

A sure sign of spring is the annual Library day contest, wherein students enter their personal libraries for cash prizes. Aim of the contest, sponsored by the Patrons and Friends of the University library, is to develop interest and enthusiasm for books.

This annual event is in a noble tradition—a tradition that may be dying out these days, what with the cheap, paper-bound reprint of yesterday's best seller, or with the huge book club business that sends millions of books into American homes each year. Fortunately the contest judges do not make their awards to the largest library, nor to the most expensive. Rather they seek to find the "best," the library that best shows cultural balance and interest.

Addition this year of a new "special interest" category will give the specialist an opportunity to show the tools of his trade, too. Maybe a student has a good enough library, but is weak on philosophy or Nineteenth century poets. This is his chance to exhibit his collection of books on the theory of the real variable and maybe to win a prize.

Most of us can remember the days before the cheap reprint of the good book. That was the day when a book meant more than it does now. By their money value books of those days were more treasured. But the greatly expanded book business of our time has not cheapened the content of books, it has only made them more easy to obtain. Their newer, more attractive prices should make it all the more possible for the average student to acquire a worthwhile library.

Projects of this type should go a long way toward stimulating interest in books, toward keeping alive the flame of learning that has too often burned too low.

After the word had circulated about the Notre Dame campus that two baseball players had signed for over \$75,000 each, when the first baseball practice was called the coach found himself surrounded with 323 pitchers and 175 left-fielders.

The height of conceit is the person who works crossword puzzles with a fountain pen.

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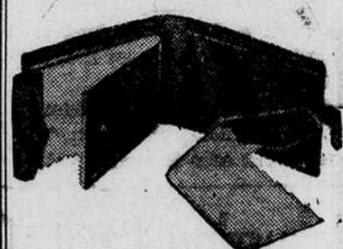
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