

# Congregational Pastor Gives Club to Petition Views on Marriage and Divorce

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"According to the latest statistics, three out of every five marriages today end in divorce," Rev. Wesley G. Nicholson, pastor of the Congregational church, stated Tuesday night in the fourth lecture of this term's Youth and Marriage series.

This trend is the result of the effects of the industrial revolution and the break up of the patriarchal system, Rev. W. G. Nicholson explained.

Speaking on "A Protestant View of Marriage," Rev. Nicholson declared that it does no good for a church to make pronouncements against, to chastise, or to refuse to recognize divorce.

### Family Rules States

Five rules were given by Rev. W. G. Nicholson as necessary if the family is to be stabilized:

1. "We must frankly dignify sex-life. We must admit that

sex-life has two functions, the procreation of children and complete happiness.

2. We must accept the necessity of divorce when the couple are not compatible. Under the present system one must lie about the other in order to have grounds for divorce.

3. We must make the home a democracy of both adults and children, based on the equality, independence, and worth of each member of the family.

4. We must dedicate family life to a community of interests, interests which all members of the family have in common.

5. We must preserve the family by dedicating our strength to the kingdom of God. The family must exist for something bigger than itself. The greater the emphasis on religion, the stronger the family ties," Rev. W. G. Nicholson stated.

### Female Equality a Must

Rev. Dr. Nicholson concluded by saying that there is a great place for women in society. Until women are recognized as equal with men, it will be difficult to keep the family stabilized.

The lecture was followed by a short period of questions and discussion.

# Club to Petition For Affiliation

The Oregon Teke club took its place among campus living organizations Tuesday, following approval of its petition for local fraternity status by the University of Oregon student affairs committee.

The club, organized in mid-February and now carrying 26 members, plans to petition Tau Kappa Epsilon, national social fraternity, for permission to establish a chapter at Oregon, according to Ed Georgeff, acting chairman of the group.

Word received from the national office of the fraternity indicates that the University of Oregon chapter may be affiliated before the end of spring term, Georgeff said.

### Dr. Wright Adviser

Dr. Gordon Wright, associate professor of history, has been designated by the national president of Tau Kappa Epsilon as faculty adviser for the group, and J. Hugh Stevens, senior in history, has been named adviser. Both men became Tekes while attending Whitman college in Walla Walla, Wash.

A Tau Kappa Epsilon field secretary, now in California, is scheduled to visit the Oregon campus

soon to inspect the group prior to its formal petitioning.

The national fraternity has 47 active undergraduate chapters, two colonies, and 17 graduate chapters throughout the United States. In the West, undergraduate chapters are located at the University of Washington, Washington State college, Whitman college, University of Idaho, and New Mexico State college. There are also six graduate chapters on the west coast: in Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle, Pullman, and Moscow.

Tau Kappa Epsilon was founded in 1899 at Illinois Wesleyan university.

France's losses in material destruction during World War II have been estimated at \$28,000,000,000.

# Campus Sororities Pledge Eight Girls

In the current sorority open rushing period, eight girls have been pledged.

They include: Joan Barnes, Donna Kletzing, and Mariel Means, Chi Omega; Janet Bradbury, Gamma Phi Beta; Patty Lou Elliott, Alpha Xi Delta; Carol and Mary Lou Handelin, Alpha Phi, and Marjorie Huston, Sigma Kappa.

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