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## TNE at OSC --and Here

Since last fall when the Emerald published the statement that Theta Nu Epsilon, nefarious underground political pressure group, existed on the University of Oregon campus, Editor Bob Knoll of the Oregon State Barometer has been working closely with OSC President Strand to uncover evidence of TNE at Oregon State. Knoll and his associates, members of Sigma Phi Epsilon and Sigma Kappa at OSC, have fought TNE all year on the grounds that it is "the greatest peril to the fraternity system itself, on which TNE feeds like a vampire, and is an equal peril to democracy in student affairs at OSC."

We quote from the Barometer's Tuesday editorial:

Since 1890 Theta Nu Epsilon has betrayed the fraternity system of America. Initiating men from respected social fraternities, it has demanded their allegiance to a corrupt, vicious, outlawed fraternity. It has bled the finest social fraternities of countless men who otherwise might have contributed to the general welfare of all decent fraternities and to America. This contribution they could not make as members of the most degraded student organization ever conceived.

TNE came to Oregon State in 1916. That a chapter existed here in 1923 is substantiated in Theta Nu Epsilon records. That individual members from time to time have been exposed is an acknowledged fact. There is no reason to believe that it ever left Oregon State or that it is not carrying on its activities at the present time.

It is significant that the national fraternities have fought TNE bitterly since its very conception. Leading the fight nationally for many years was Thomas Clarke, ATO, for a long time dean of men at Illinois.

This year The Barometer (and the Emerald) has made the fight against TNE one of the main elements in its policy. The Barometer (and the Emerald) deplored the long-standing social and political division between affiliated and non-affiliated students. It fought this split because the continuation of such a division was advantageous to TNE and TNE alone.

Within fraternity circles TNE stands to gain most from a blind, complacent, self-satisfied fraternity-sorority bloc. To deliberately misguide and misform this group could best serve TNE's purposes. A regimented Greek bloc is TNE's best insurance policy.

Because of its firm stand this year The Barometer (and the Emerald) has been labeled as "anti-Greek". To be anti-TNE, however, is not to be "anti-Greek". To fight that organization which can bring complete ruin and degradation to the fraternity system is not to be pro-Independent.

To the true and respected fraternity world TNE is like a social disease. It cannot be cured by ignorance. It cannot be eliminated by furtive concealment on the part of respectable fraternity men and women. Nor can these men and women be loyal to their respective houses and still protect individuals they know to be in TNE. The two stand for two different ways of life. Their ideals are completely incompatible. That house in which both try to live, cannot long stand.

It is our belief (and the Emerald's) that TNE is here—now. It can be eliminated only by honest fraternity men. Open minded, fully informed fraternities and sororities can put their own houses in order. Without TNE they can be the greatest single source of good on any American campus.

Without mincing words the Barometer editorial has stated the same ideas the Emerald has been putting forth all year. Now, in view of the present political situation on this campus, we believe that there is a greater possibility than ever before that the thoughtful Greeks will reject TNE control and assert their independence as individuals. We know that a few of the more far-sighted Greek leaders are now convinced that they and their party have lost much respect through their association with TNE, and the campus must look to them for new and independent democratic leadership.

We believe that TNE cannot be purged merely by dismissing from school a few proven members. That was done on this campus about ten years ago, and TNE is still in operation. Only a conscious resistance to TNE control by informed Greeks can eventually and completely cure the disease and save the fraternity system.

## Telling the Editor

### ABOUT EMERALDS FOR MOM

Due to the unethical editorial referring to all Moms as "cigarette smokers and cocktail drinkers," the Mothers' Day committee yesterday discontinued mailing the Emeralds home to the Moms.

A special edition of the Emerald for all Oregon Mothers was the committee's idea of extending a cordial, a hospitable, and a courteous invitation of every University of Oregon Mother. A thousand extra Emeralds were printed, a place was provided in the Co-op for free mailing service, and a great deal of organization was exerted to make the Emerald full and complete with information to encourage all Mothers to attend Junior Weekend. But the editorial staff had another idea.

We realize the type of editorial printed yesterday can only be tolerated. No one can dictate to the editor the policy that she must follow. No one would care to abolish the freedom of the press. But every profession has its ethics, and we feel the editor has fallen below the ordinary bit of courtesy that any person feels in wanting to put his best foot forward. The paper was a preview of what Mothers could expect on Mother's Weekend. Are they to be flattered by what has been written about them?

It is untimely for the editor to allow such an editorial in the very edition that was to be sent home to all the Mothers. The editor far outstepped her bounds in aiming to represent the feelings of the whole campus by printing such an article. We didn't believe the article was typical of our Mothers. We don't believe it is the type of literature she would care to read. We think she would most probably get more thought stimulation from some "slick women's magazines" than anything yesterday's editorial had to present.

The Committee of Mothers' Day Weekend (Editor's note: The editorial did not refer to ALL mothers in those uncomplimentary terms. The editorial said, in effect, that while mothers are being honored and showered with tributes by their husbands, sons, and daughters all over the nation and on this campus, it would be well for the mothers to look to their laurels and consider seriously whether they are all worthy of idolization. Certainly we recognize the existence of many wise and courageous mothers whose integrity cannot be questioned, as we stated in the editorial. But, if anyone doubts the existence of the irresponsible and worthless mothers we also described, let him check the statistics on juvenile delinquency or probe the personalities of the thousands of maladjusted youngsters, examples of which are found on every campus. There is really no good reason why yesterday's Emeralds could not have been sent to our mothers; if the shoe fits, let it; if the accusations do not apply, let those who are without fault pat themselves on the back.)

### ABOUT MOMISM

In re: The Bible, the Flag, and Mom, you have touched only the surface situation of Momism. True, today's mothers are pampered with luxuries, with time, and sometimes "keep pap-fed sons adoring herself." But this edit only glosses over the condition. The editorial provides no reasons, answers no questions of why Moms act as they do.

Lundberg and Farnham in their book (a notable new study for the social scientists), "Modern Woman, the Lost Sex," try to answer the question—why? Here's their thesis (in modified and skeletal form).

They say the trouble started with the discovery that the earth was no longer the center of the universe. Men begin to realize they were very small, insignificant specks on a small, insignificant cinder in the firmament. Man, with the props knocked properly out from under him, by this discovery of his true inconsequential place in the scheme of things, jumped on the jet-propelled plane of accomplishment to palliate his shaken ego. He did this to prove to himself, his neighbors, and his women-folk that there was still some worth left in the old boy yet.

Accomplishment and ambition took many forms: scholastic, commercial, industrial, and scientific. Men made bigger and better scientific discoveries, sold more and more, and better and longer-lasting fountain pens.

Women were left holding the bag; were considered useless by those men out for "progress." If the ladies had babies, they were a drag on the family income and a consequent drag on men as "accomplishers." Stress was put upon keeping up with the Joneses and the Joneses didn't have kids to send to college. They could buy a yacht or invest in American Tel. and Tel.

Women rebelled; tried to rival their men. Their place as mothers had been discredited with a consequent loss to their own sense of worth. They joined the professions—often beating man at his own

game—but their hearts were not in it. Those who stayed in the home and did have children felt the loss of "caste," anyway. Technological development had made the home a shell, also of little consequence. Women tried to gain emotional security by becoming "Women of Fashion," by browbeating their husbands, or through emotional attachment to their progeny. Woman was suffering from a loss of the sense of having a worthwhile place in society.

That's the story; son, as Farnham and Lundberg tell it.  
Flora L. Furrow.

### ABOUT MOM

If the Emerald is trying to stimulate adverse reaction to its publication, there is not better way than its editorial, "The Bible, the Flag, and Mom." Do you really expect anyone to send that paper home to the family, the people to whom most college students are indebted for all their happiness?

Our great college free press can carry things too far when they start hitting below the belt. Was the editorial necessary to promote some personal satisfaction? Was it necessary at all?

As one who likes and respects my family, I think the Emerald has used poor judgment, more so than usual, in its topic. Budding journalists are supposed to be endowed with a certain sense of intelligence which in this case seems to be lacking.

Whoever I am offending by my opinion, just take into consideration that you, the writer, have transgressed the ethics of journalism by unnecessarily offending your readers. Use your heads before you completely degrade what has, in the past, been considered a good campus newspaper.  
Sallie Timmens

### OPEN LETTER TO HOWARD ZIMMERMAN

Your letter in the Emerald in reply to one of my own was extremely illuminating. I was surprised,



### Side Patter

By BOB WHITELY

Got a welcome letter from my mom today . . . also a little of that scarce folding stuff that goes a short way. She wuz out playing poker with the girls, hit a full house on the last card and sand-bagged the devil out of them. She's been coming down here for 17 years all told and one of the annual events of Junior Weekend that isn't on the schedule is the "Old Girls" Poker club which meets late Saturday night in one of the hotels. She plays bridge with old maids, poker with younger girls, and softball with the neighborhood alley-cats. The Junior Weekend committee blew three gaskets after reading Wednesday's edit . . . and Dick William probably lost few pounds inadvertently. Rumor is flying around the campus that "Old Puttynose" Doc Hayes is "Anyface". With all the rules laid down by the Junior Weekend committee on traditions, you'll almost be afraid to eat. Well, the good old TNE raises it's ugly head again in print. That old wind is huffing and puffing again. The good old J. W. committee sighed a breath of relief at seeing Beverly Carroll pictured sending Tuesday's Emerald home . . . she looked so happy too. All the air of frivolity about the campus today is a direct cause of our national bird. The Eagle Screamed . . . and everyone has money. You'll see a beautiful picture of winsome "Queen Crazylegs" the first in tomorrow's Emerald. The publicity shy "Senator" Carmicheal had to be lured to Fenton's steps with a brace of Van Bibber cigars. Today's cartoon of Chesterfields goes to Maryanne Thielan . . . of the Hendricks hall Thielans. Her date file is as full as a recipe box. Chi Oh's Dodo Mised and Gammafi Liz Gilmore can pick up their smokes at the Side with the compliments of Kit Wilhelm and Bob Chapman . . . and of course the people who make 'em. The Alpha Chi's Helen Nelson announced her intent to wed in a most unusual manner. Warren (Green Pastures) Dobbyn who plays Gabriel, gave her the horn and she blew it to summon the sisters from the sacks. The price of coffee and cakes in that house must be tremendous this term. . . they're all getting married. The law school wants to thank brother Boroby and the wonder fisherman John Schaefer for their cooperation in obtaining necessary refreshments for their law school weekend. From all the dope, the Co-op Capers is going to be a good deal. Well . . . as I go out into the breeze to ask some freshman "which way does the wind blow" . . . we'll pull the plug on the donut machine for today. . . Take mother down for a . . . you know what at the Side . . . but only give her TWO!

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however to note that you felt the purpose of my writing you was nothing other than an attempt to malign you and to cast reflections upon your fitness for responsible citizenship. As I remarked in the letter to which you so ably replied, I had hoped you understood the attitude under which I had written.  
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