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We Made It--and How!

Evidence that University of Oregon students are really behind the student union drive should be apparent after a glance at the figures from the campaign just completed on the campus. Quota was \$5000. This was exceeded when the drive netted \$11,234.62, or 225 percent of the quota.

That is good—especially when we consider that the great bulk of the student body was not even approached on the idea. The campaign centered around the organized living groups, which is where the money is. That is proper, if only one group is to be hit; but it is probable that even more support would have been obtained, had the committee attempted to nail every student. By "every student" we mean the great unwashed and unenchanted masses who live in no organized groups, who live home with the wife and kid, or who have a room in some nice old lady's boarding house.

It was no secret that the University had to respond, if the off-campus campaigns were to be successful.

Well, we responded. Our 225 per cent response should prove to any alumni or state group that the students up here are all hot for this student union building. As the drive winds up in Eugene, moves to the Portland area, and then into the nation-wide stage, the campaigners can have a good student response to use as an argument.

Perhaps it is too much to hope, but we would like to think that all quotas would be treated in the manner the campus goal was.

Is Someone Slipping?

Campus scuttlebutt has it that both Oregon State college political parties, the Free Staters and the Progressives, are controlled by Theta Nu Epsilon, nefarious secret fraternity. This may be just wishful thinking on the part of the local Greek political leaders who are spreading the rumor.

We have the word of Bob Knoll, crusading editor of the Oregon State Barometer, that the Free Staters, who won every major student position in the recent ASOSC elections, are anti-TNE. And SAE Bill Proppe, new ASOSC president and member of the Free Staters, has no sympathy for TNE methods or policies, either. Incidentally, we also learned from Knoll that Lou Beck, Progressive who ran against Proppe for student body president, is a member of Sigma Nu. His backers, not Beck himself, are suspected of TNE associations.

And this brings us right back to the situation at Oregon. Observers both on the Beaver campus and here are beginning to wonder whether the close parallel of the political affairs there and here is just an interesting coincidence. They are wondering whether it is just accident that both Beck and Stan Williamson are Sigma Nus—and whether there is any tie-up between OSC and UO Greek bosses. There may be some light on this question in the near future.

But questions like this—and the fact that Beck lost the election so conclusively—do not seem to worry the Greek leaders here. After all, they agree, campus politics are just a farce anyway—why be concerned about them? The only thing that matters is securing positions for Greeks, they say.

The record for the Independents for the past year should be worth consideration on this point. The ISA won the freshman election fall term; the Independents put an Independent on the Junior Weekend throne; the editor and business manager of the Oregon next year are Independents; the editor-elect of the Emerald, the most influential student position on the campus, is an Independent, likewise the business manager; the winners of the Koyl and Gerlinger cups, highest honor that can come to a junior, are both Independents.

The fact remains that the Greeks have the largest per capita number of really capable and active students in their houses,

as evidenced by the predominant number of Greeks in Friars, Mortar Board, Druids, Phi Theta Upsilon, and other honoraries based on service to the school, scholarship, and leadership. Why, then, do the Independents come to the top where the most crucial positions are concerned? Why, in both elective positions, like that of Junior Weekend queen, and in appointive positions, like the Emerald editor, do the Independents walk off with the prize catches? Could it be that finally this year, merit will out? Or could it be that the Independents are really much stronger than the ASA likes to believe. Could it be that someone is slipping?

To those Greeks who are so confident that they hold the coming ASUO election in the palm of their hands, these questions should provide some basis for uncertainty.

Telling the Editor

ABOUT VETERANS' SUBSISTENCE

(In answer to a previous letter on the subject of Veteran Subsistence Allowance).

How greedy are the veterans of World War II? Messrs. Bingham, Deardorff, and Hollis believe the veteran students "campaigning for a larger cut of the government's generosity" unappreciative and greedy; I disagree!

To present my view I find it necessary to postulate that it is completely impossible for a student veteran (living away from home) to exist on \$65 per month. I believe this statement to be a self-evident truth. At current living costs room and board require a minimum of \$50-\$55 per month, leaving the veteran the extravagance of about \$40 per day with which to care for the miscellaneous expenses of clothing maintenance, toiletries and a well balanced social life.

It can not be done. It is not done. A survey of a score of vets has not uncovered one living within an \$85 limit, and most were exceeding that figure considerably.

G. I. Bill

It is significant at this point to note that the original intention of the G.I. Bill was. In the text of Public Law 346—78th Congress, it states that the law was designed "To provide Federal government aid for the readjustment in civilian life of the returning World War veteran." And to accomplish this end, under Title II, appears a section on educational benefits (Part VIII) from which I extract the following:

A. (from par. 2) "Any . . . eligible person (veteran) shall be entitled to education. . . ."

B. (from par. 5) "The (Veteran's) Administrator shall pay to the educational institute for each person enrolled . . . (such) expenses, exclusive of . . . living expenses, as are generally required for the successful pursuit and completion of the course. . . ."

C. (from par. 6) "While enrolled in . . . a course . . . such person shall be paid a subsistence allowance . . ."

The whole letter and spirit of the document would call for education as the veteran's just due (A. above), with adequate funds for schooling itself (as asserted in B.) and for subsistence also (as provided in C.). In this way the government hoped to provide for the readjustment of many of its returning veterans.

Means of Support

But it has already been stated that \$65 per month is not an adequate means of support. Since a subsistence allowance is by definition a means of support, I believe it certainly expedient at this time for the Congress to follow the spirit of the law by increasing to subsistence level the allowance provided.

Messrs. Bingham, Deardorff, and Hollis argue that the veteran should not tie his colors "to the bandwagon of the spiralling cost of living." I wonder how 2 million student vets can be asked to favor such a course of action, when it is obvious that they can not maintain themselves at the existing level once their supplementary savings have been depleted. They have not been the independent variable (their pay having remained fixed throughout)

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ABOUT INTOLERANCE

For nearly a year I have been reading the Emerald and noting with interest and amusement the various editorials, letters, and comments written by aspiring journalists, disgruntled students, and "holier than thou" hypocrites on the undying subject of race prejudice.

I was born in the South, and lived there until a year ago. I was reared by parents who were prejudiced, in a town that was prejudiced. I was taught in school by teachers who were prejudiced, and I had friends who were prejudiced, and I shall probably pass my prejudices on to my children.

I firmly believe that I am just as entitled to toleration as anyone else. But when the reformers preach toleration they fail to mention that in the removal of prejudices they mean to deny some people the privilege of keeping those prejudices.

Neither here nor in the South do I try to force my prejudices on those around me. I do not advocate the abuse, intimidation, lynching, or degrading of any person or any race, color, or creed—but still I'm prejudiced as H—; and as long as I mind my own business, interfere in no way with the liberties of others, and do not physically abuse persons of a minority race I feel that it is my inalienable right to cultivate my prejudices as I see fit!

Don't the people who are trying to reform the world realize that by condemning prejudice they are only entrenching it deeper into those who are prejudiced. The Emerald would contribute much more toward this noble end if it would devote the space given to these reformers to the publication of data on "how to beat the races" or to a survey on "the average age of prostitutes in Siberia"!

Why is it that down in Austin at Texas University (in the middle of the "ignorant, nasty, bigoted" South—where everyone says "nigger") the school paper seldom, if ever, has to go to bat to protect the rights of some poor abused student; while here in the liberal, open-minded northwest you can't pick up a paper without reading about someone being mistreated?

The Emerald in its policy of harping on race prejudice is just like the little boy with a big sore—if he would leave it alone it would eventually get well, but instead he regularly scrapes the scab off just to see it bleed!

WHAT THIS SCHOOL REALLY NEEDS IS A CAMPAIGN TO ELIMINATE THE PREJUDICE AGAINST "PEOPLE WHO ARE PREJUDICED"! Amen.

—James D. White

First color picture ever used in an Oregonian appeared in 1938.

Browsing

with LARRY LAU

Pinnings and de-pinnings by the dozens over the big Weekend. A lot of steady couples aren't that way any more, and a lot of people that didn't know each other last week are in each others arms now; jolly old spring term! The very charming Marilyn "Andy" Anderson showed up at the Prom with an all-ruby Phi Psi sweetheart pin. A beaming, delighted Don Stewart identified himself as the donor. Wally Johnson, after winning the battle for the SU, lost one with Jill Archer and was handed back his Theta Chi pin, (some say there lurks a darkhorse in the background). Wally Hunter, same house, is doing nothing but well with Chi O's bubbly Kay Schneider. There's still all kinds of time for picnics, and o' course you gotta' have a portable. Well . . . Endieott's Radio Service has a batch of smooth new ones in for only \$41; extra batteries \$3 per. Sigma Kappa's coltish Pat Thompson is having a wee bit of trouble with her dates. Last Sunday Marv Butterfield had the afternoon date and Bob Miller took the swing shift. Lindy Shuterlee was just a little confused when her man Cas Cross returned suddenly to find her with a Prom date. The SAM's terrific house dance, scheduled for Sat eve, will feature tapping of three new members of the Casanudicknus local. Only men with long service records and well-rounded personalities will be considered. By way of cleaning things up, especially after this past weekend, let you gentle people not forget the location of The Best Cleaners. After handling the rush last week with professional deftness, they're a cinch for this one.

Quickie Dept.: Meredith Sterns picked up Art Wahlers Phi Sig pin over the weekend. . . Hear Jack Donald is bringing Reid Grasley's old flame, Shirley Crump down from Portland for the annual Bandle's party. . . Right on schedule came the pinning of Mary Jo Extra by SAE's Don Edwards. . . Rich Hopper and Sue McAdams, going strong after nearly three terms (well?) . . . Helen Gatewood took Bill Seal's D Upin. . . Theta's very pretty Dian Krieske accepting the attentions of Sigma Chi's debonair Lynn Hamilton. . . Hen Hall's real cute Betty Burkett (who gets 3.8's by the way) took Shelton Session's Fiji pin. . . Helen Arneson and Jim Dyer secreting. . . Kappa's Cecilia Sensor announced her engagement to Mike Reed. . . Cal Smith doubting his chances for Mortar Board. . . Webfoots getting their shoes fixed at the Campus Shoe Shop of course. A fast job at the lowest price, what more do you want?

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