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The Run-Around

Early in June customers of the University Co-op (the students' own store) will receive a rebate on their year's purchases. The rebate will amount to 30 per cent of the value of the cash register receipts they turned in early this week. This rebate, six times as large as most Co-op rebates, was voted by the Co-op board, over the strenuous objections of the faculty members of the board, and over the especially furious protests of M. F. McLain, Co-op manager, who sits in on board meetings but has no vote.

The faculty members and McLain argued that the whole thing was "poor business policy," although most of them said they would have been willing to go to 10 per cent. McLain later told the Emerald he would "grudgingly" have gone to 15 per cent.

Throughout the Emerald has supported the student members of the Co-op board on their stand, inasmuch as it appears on the face of it that the store can stand to kick back the 30 per cent and still make a healthy piece of change for "surplus," and "reserve."

The Co-op, if it is to be a Co-op at all, should end the year with no profit at all, and with just enough surplus and reserve to tide it over a rough spot the next year. Prices certainly aren't any lower there than they are downtown, and a cash rebate at the end of the year is the only way the students can really profit by the existence of the store at all.

But it is possible to abuse the privileges offered by the Co-op system.

Between the time the 30 per cent rebate was announced, and the time the Co-op receipts were handed in, there was a heavy buying spree by penny wise individuals who saw the chance to get a carton of weeds for \$1.05 instead of the \$1.50 usually paid for them, or the chance to get a \$1 book for 70 cents.

The buying spree could not be called a "run," Co-op employees admitted, and Manager McLain, himself, wouldn't even comment to Emerald reporters. But the potentialities of the situation are apparent.

Suppose some citizen with a lot of money to invest on a quick deal had gone into the store last week and bought up a large block of merchandise. He could have disposed of it at a healthy profit, inasmuch as there is not a 30 per cent mark-up on most items. The Co-op would have been left holding the bag, obliged to pay rebates on all these purchases.

In the future it might be wise for the Co-op board to withhold publication of the rebate figure until after the receipts are in. This would prevent any "run" on the store, inasmuch as the chances of a rebate of only 5 per cent would be too great to risk.

The rebate system is sound, the current figure appears reasonable, but it would be the better part of wisdom to plug the holes in the system before financial disaster responds to the invitation.

Telling the Editor...

Interfraternity Council Warns Greeks to Get Out of Politics

Please permit us to present the following items for the consideration of University of Oregon students:

(1)—The official purpose of Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, Kappa Sigma, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Gamma Phi Beta, Chi Omega and many other college fraternities and sororities, as stated in their constitutions, is briefly, "the social literary and cultural development" of their members. Nowhere that this committee can find, is there any mention of political control of campus activities as their purpose.

(2)—So far this year, a canvass by the Pan-Hellenic conference discloses that in 19 American colleges and universities there is a well defined movement to abolish fraternities because of "Unamerican activities" defined principally as "the attempt to control student offices, athletics, publications and honors."

(3)—On the Pacific coast, State Senator Jack Tenney will introduce at the next session of the California State legislature, a measure to extend the ban on fraternities and sororities to ALL state educational institutions on substantially the same grounds. Already sororities at Stanford are out, and those who know Dr. Tresside and the Stanford trustees declared that fraternities will go soon. A similar movement has gained much headway at U.S.C. Reports from Seattle indicate that Washington politicians believe a similar measure would be very popular.

There is much more. But anyone who believes in the fraternity system can hardly escape the conclusion that unless fraternities return to their old ideals and let campus politics alone they will shortly be eliminated from the American scene.

Anyone interested may secure more detailed recommendations from the Pan Hellenic Conference Committee, University Club, Chicago 12, Illinois.

West Coast Inter-Fraternity Council
 614 So. Hope St., Los Angeles 14, Cal.

By A. L. Anderson, Secy.

ABOUT CHESS

I'd just like to get in a few calm words about Wednesday's story regarding Arthur Dake, international chess master.

It was stated that on his trip to Russia last fall Dake "was one of three Americans to win a game and was the only U. S. player to win all of his games." Dake was a member of a ten-man U. S. team sent to Moscow. He played only two games, both of which were drawn.

The Emerald said further, "He holds the further distinction of being the only living man to ever defeat Alexander Alekhine . . ." In tournament play Dake beat Alekhine one game (I believe in 1932). Mr. Dake says he was the first American to do so. But it was not the first time anyone had beaten Alekhine—just the first time an American had done so. (And not the last time an American did so. And some of the few who did, besides Mr. Dake, are still alive.)

Hugh Noland

Editor's note: The source of the Emerald's story on Dake was the president of the chess club.

Browsing

with LARRY LAU

Many are still wrinkling their eyebrows over the charge made by Dale Harlan at the ISA nominating convention. Harlan said he'd been taken for a ride by Hal Brevig and Howard Lemons (several weeks) before the meeting and was told to stop making such a big fuss or he wouldn't get anything (meaning a place on the ticket), which he didn't. Lemons sez the whole thing ain't so, and Harlan admits he can't prove his allegations.

Big Russ Rohwer went the way of all spring term single males and planted a Phi Psi sweetheart on one of the DG's very nicest, Mary Lou Miller . . . Another new shop has hit the campus. The S & W Stitch Shop, at 1217 Alder, opened up Tuesday. Alterations and repair work on all types of men's and women's clothing. What a boon this'll be to the guys and gals who find these little repairs not so simple now that Mom isn't around. . .

Register-Guard sports-ed Dick strite published a report in his column recently saying that the University's Athletic Dept. was liable to be fined \$1000 by the PCC because Jim Aiken had been soliciting football players around Salinas, Calif. Oregon's Anse Cornell sez there's nothing to it . . . One Theta's best, Gloria Grenfell, recently announced her engagement to the Sig Ep's Johnny Mathews (the gals say the rock looks like the Koh-i-noor diamond!) . . . The Phi's polly Jo-Ann Sappenfield made a similar announcement recently. The guy is Ralph Johnson, and SAE from Nebraska . . . Speaking to the men who like better clothes, the University Sports Shop carries a veddy ultra ultra line of smooth creations from jerkwater towns like Noo Yawk, Myami and Hollywood; does your heart good just to look. . .

Heard a story the other day to the effect that "the boys" had to work long and hard to persuade Stan ("Salmon") Williamson to run for the ASUO presidency. Salmon has earned the respect and admiration of everyone who's seen him play ball; we don't wonder that he was hesitant about risking that reputation . . . Hear also that Howard Lemons is plenty burned over the Exec's Council's ruling that

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