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Let's Forget It

Early this week there was a petition circulating among athletes calling for the recall of Dean Orlando John Hollis as University representative to the Pacific Coast conference. To compare this petition to the proverbial lead balloon is to understate the case.

As near as the Emerald can learn, very few athletes signed it. The athletic department was opposed to it from the first. Several house presidents and student leaders who saw copies of the petition confiscated them and consigned them to pockets, fireplaces, or wastebaskets.

The petition appears to have been the work of a very few, who used one man with guts to their advantage. Al Pietschmann took the rap, and bore the brunt of the publicity. Critics will have to commend Pietschmann on his guts, no matter how much they criticize his judgment.

And the judgment of the group that started this petition is open to serious question. The idea of linking "inefficiency" and "Orlando John Hollis" is ridiculous. There is, we opine, no more efficient man in these parts than the dean of the University of Oregon law school.

He has a reputation for being fair, sometimes extremely rough, coldly objective, and highly efficient. He is known as a man who has devoted his life to doing the thing that the law called for. As one observer said yesterday:

"Orlando John Hollis can look back to the time he was six months old, and can justify everything he ever did. He can find a law to cover it. In fact he probably found the law before he did it."

Perhaps that statement is a little extreme, but it illustrates a point that the backers of the petition should have kept in mind. It would have been simple wisdom to look into the character and reputation of the man they were out to "get

Dean Fogdall Revises 24 Rules **MERALD** For Presidents of Fraternities

Virgil Fogdall, assistant dean of men, has volunteered some interpretation on the 25 rules for house-presidents. The rules, as they appeared in yesterday's Emerald, seem to call for some of this interpretation.

Explaining that "almost every one of these rules is in an I.F.C. regulation," Dean Fogdall explained this list as a "crystalization in one place" of the rules.

He said he had changed his mind on Rule No. 9, which as it appeared in the Thursday Emerald prohibited high school students and others from staying in the houses overnight, unless approved by the University. He said he had changed his mind on this rule because of the public relations program of the University.

Rule No. 12 prohibited "women" from being in the house except during listed functions (with chaperons), and persons making official announcements, unless the fraternity has a house-mother on duty at the time. The dean said this should be changed to read "unmarried women." Thus a student could invite his mother to dinner. The law still bars the ancient and honorable custom of inviting girls to Sunday dinner, save when there is a chaperon or housemother there. The dean pointed with approval to the example of Sigma Phi Epsilon, which house already has a house-mother, to Delta Tau Delta, which has a house-mother on week-

ends, and to Phi Gamma Delta, which is making arrangements of that sort.

Rule No. 18, which said that each fraternity must have a faculty adviser and an alumni adviser, has been changed to read "ought to have." Dean Fogdall said many of the houses were moving in that direction, and that "that is the direction in which they should move."

"Fraternity functions" as mentioned in Rule 13, which prohibits liquor at fraternity functions, should be understood to mean official meetings of the group which have been scheduled by the house social chairman, the dean explained. He pointed out that this regulation was backed up by the disciplinary code of the University discipline committee. If three or four couples get together downtown, he said, "they are on their own," so long as they stay within the student disciplinary code. Dean Fogdall said he was "willing to be reasonable," recognizing that "many veterans returned from the war with standards of personal conduct" that differ from the standards of the "normal" college generation. He did point out, however, that the national interfraternity council at it's meeting in New York last fall went on record with a "stiff resolution" about liquor.

Rule No. 3, which requires a fraternity to report a student moving into or out of a house, is merely a "mechanical" change, the dean explained, since the dean's office has kept such records for many years."

Who's Paying the Rent Anyhow

Every spring along with cherry blossoms and grass-stained cords, we have generously handed down to us a new set of rules by which to govern our conduct. Sometimes we wonder if certain people aren't confusing the University with the Eugene Day Nursery?

No. 1 says that no student shall pledge except through the office of the Dean of Men. Does this mean that future rush parties must be held in his office? And is there room? The \$15 fine, we take it, is cover charge.

No. 3 says that if a student moves in or out, the dean is to be immediately notified.

We gather that the various houses are supposed to have a fleet-footed youngster poised

chicken gumbo and broccoli? The food isn't that bad!

No 13 says intoxicating liquor must not be served at a fraternity function. We absolutely agree; if people can't serve themselves, they should drink punch!

No. 14 says that room decorations may be collegiate, but not indecent. Just where the line is between things collegiate and things indecent isn't mentioned. Some maintain that allowing the indecent, but prohibiting the collegiate would be safer. Pictures of Jane Russel's two pretty blue eyes will have to be replaced by wall paper stamped with the 23rd Psalm. How jolly! Who's paying the rent around here!

No. 15 says to protect your house against robbery, but if one does occur, to notify the dean of men immediately. Failure to do so will result in fines up to \$10. Nothing like being robbed of \$10 and then paying a \$10 fine for not telling the dean about it.



It is no secret that Dean Hollis has been every inch the man of law in his position as University representative to the coast conference. It is no secret that he has been just as firm with the University as he might have been with a school hundreds of miles away. That is his way of doing things, and the University should count itself fortunate that he does operate in this manner. He has probably saved the University a lot of money in fines, and will doubtless continue to do so, so long as the administration has the good sense to keep him in the job.

It is a rare case of eligibility that has to be "interpreted." There are rules and there are conditions. Any man with the ability to read could see many cases of ineligibility. The fact is not that Dean Hollis "declares" a player ineligible, so much as it is that the man "is ineligible."

When the athletic department works with players with pegged grades, with border-line cases, with players who are not "college material" it is natural that a lot of ineligibility rulings will follow. Such rulings certainly cannot be laid at the feet of the man with the rule book.

The man with the rule book (Dean Hollis in this case) has an unbeatable argument. At the time Dick Wilkins was declared ineligible last fall, he told the Emerald that his instructions were to see that Oregon was "an honorable member of the conference." You can't beat that.

Everybody will be better off now, if this whole business is forgotten, if the parties shake hands and forget it. The University will suffer if animosities are carried forward.

and ready to dash to Emerald hall with this breath-taking news at the first sign of a suitcase.

No. 9 says that only pledges and members may live in the house, and that all guests must be approved by the dean of men. Perhaps the IFC could reciprocate by asking the dean to consult them before inviting guests into his home. The rule states further that high school students are not considered suitable guests. Wait'll the kids hear about this discrimination. Fall term enrollment won't be a problem to anyone.

No. 9 goes on to say that "if in doubt, call this office." We wonder if a miniature Ellis island is to be set up. A place where prospective guests will be frisked, grilled as to their loyalty, given decile tests, and vaccinations? Seig Heil!

No. 12 says women are not permitted in a fraternity at any time; then goes on to list three exceptions. We wonder if this will stop us from inviting the little woman over for Sunday dinner, and if there have really been so very many coeds leaving school for "appendicitus" as the result of a tete-a-tete over

No. 16 says to conduct fire drills regularly. out of their respective organizations in their Can't you just see men and women pouring scanties in a midnight fire drill. Could develop into an early morning street dance. We're all for it.

No. 21 hints darkly of the injuries that may come from waterbagging, and says that it is not an "approved" form of recreation. Can't kid us. Mr. Fogdall read about the time Dean Earl was water-bagged and is just looking to protect his new spring outfit.

No. 22 says to keep your house well balanced, and then goes on to tell the house what kind of men to pledge; "outstanding students" (never go out), "some talented musicians" (keep you awake all night practicing), "some individuals astute in campus politics" (TNE, dean?). The rule ends with the solemn admonition, "your house is in a rut when it becomes typed."

No. 24 speaks of the excesses of the fraternity system. Perhaps, but although they've operated successfully for over 100 years, they've seldom been accused of not minding their own business.