

## A Rose is a Rose is a Rose

# Those Experiences Outside The Classroom

Third Column by Mortar Board

(This is the third in a series of articles discussing campus controversial topics written by Mortar Board, senior women's honorary. We would appreciate suggestions by students as to further topics which we can investigate and present in this weekly column.)

Betty Coed came to the Mortar Board Smarty Party Tuesday night—Betty like the other guests, listened attentively to Mrs. Golda Wickham's advice to not limit herself to studies alone, but to give service to others too.

Ambition in her eyes, she spoke to a Mortar Board sitting near and asked the senior how she too could get into activities.

The answer was the usual one to volunteer, petition, don't be discouraged, come on out, keep trying.

But, to Betty, and to all other students, Mortar Board has more to say. Choose your activities wisely!

Choose, yes, but not too many at a time. From a well chosen activity every student can enlarge her friendships, become an integral part of the campus, and broaden and enrich her whole campus experience.

"The most meaningful experiences of a student's life are usually outside of a classroom," said Professor R. D. Langston of the School of Education.

On this campus Mortar Board feels that too few students have the opportunities to develop their potential leadership qualities. In an effort to open up opportunities and have more students taking a part in the various activities in departmental, service, house, and honorary. Mortar Board, both nationally and locally, is in favor of a 'point system.' A 'point system' would apportion a certain number of points to every campus activity (relative to its importance) and limit a coed to a certain amount of points

The newly organized Associated each year.

Women Students Activity Council, composed of the activity chairman of all women's living organizations, has compiled such a system which is undergoing revision now. Beginning this year too, is the practice of having no house president take an office in any major campus group, or duplicating officers within major campus groups.

We suggest to living organizations that in selecting their officers they don't overlook girls who haven't had a chance to prove their capabilities; and further suggest that living organizations not "push" certain members, but encourage all to enter into some phase of campus activities. We also recommend campus chairmen try to pass around responsibilities and not always rely on the old "stand-bys."

The drawback to the point system is that in some cases girls will have to choose between house and campus

activities or between several campus groups. It is regrettable that this division should take place, for a bit of both seems more broadening to any student than a concentration in either.

A definite advantage to the point system is that students shouldering fewer activities would perform those few better, with more interest, and no possibility of overloading. Many a Mortar Board has longed for a more relaxed senior year with time for casual fun which some responsibilities partially deny. We realize that the point system will not be a perfect answer to this problem but we feel that it is the best one in sight.

To you, Betty, and to your classmates, Mortar Board says, "choose a few activities wisely, portion out your time for studies, but remember to enjoy every day of your college career."

—Member of Mortar Board

## Crotchety Old Vet---

# Worried About Weather, AGS, Larry Lau, and Beaver Wright

by Steve Loy

Can't help worrying a little about my kid brother up in the hills. He is going to EOCE and living in the same kind of building we are. And it's been 25 below. Ask anyone who has been there if LaGrande isn't the windiest town West of Chicago.

Surprising that some loyal AGSer hasn't written a blistering letter to the editor about the unethical move of putting a polling place in the Vet's Dorm. It certainly is going to be convenient for the disinterested to vote this year. Might be the occasion for another issue of the up and coming

Pioneer. Ha!

A Greek friend, (I have three)



wanted to know if I would be so kind as to inquire into the situation where-

in Campbell Club may not be affected by the DuShane plan. Since they pledge, initiate, and rush in a manner quite similar to the Greek letter houses it might be a good question to ask. The above brings to my mind the furor, the late and sometimes great Larry Lau created when he wrote of the Campbell clubbers initiations and pins as an attempt to be "Just like the big boys." That incident and Beaver Wright's two "foo poos" on Momism and the TNE expose were the funniest I can remember in my career at U. O.

Do you know which cigarette is

selling the best today? It seems the lowly Camel family finally caught Lucky Strike in 1948. Is it true that they are the only brand with a picture of the factory on the pack?

I have never heard anyone do a good job of describing a cartoon but with your kind indulgence I will now be funny. The scene; the guy has a badge on his overalls, it says, "sanitary inspector." In his hand is the "stomper", he is standing in the "John" (I hate that word) and he is about to pull the chain as he says, "Goodbye dear, I'm going to work now." Yak.

## Offhand Observations

# Have You Settled Your Affairs Yet?

by Bill Rogers

It's amazing the way people have taken President Truman's decision to build hydrogen bombs in stride. It's ironic—and depressing—to think that the freeing of a battleship from a mudbank made bigger news to people Wednesday than did the bomb announcement.

About five and a half years ago, when the first bomb was dropped on Japan, people had a truer perspective in its horror. What has brought about a change in that perspective is hard to say. It may be that their memories have dimmed a little, or it may be they have reached a stage of disillusionment where it no longer matters to them; an attitude of "why should I worry about it? What could I do about it if I did?"

The worst of it is they're probably right. What could they do about it? It just seems odd that such a momentous decision as manufacturing something with the killing power of the

"H" bomb could be met with such indifference. There seems to be little discussion or concern about it among



the people here at the University, yet they could be the very ones most affected by it in the end.

One Congressman has tried to turn

Truman's announcement into a hopeful note. He says it may be the key to world peace. It's a nice statement until its implication is examined. What the Congressman means is that Russia may be coerced into closer cooperation. It'll be great, won't it, a peace based on threat? If it comes about, it will last for another three or four years, until Russia gets a hydrogen bomb of its own. What happens then is anybody's guess.

Mankind has undergone a peculiar sort of a development. The person who said "We have learned to control nature before we have learned to control ourselves" hit the nail squarely upon the head. It's a tragedy that natural science has so far outstripped the social sciences. It's true that we would still be riding in a horse and buggy, suffering from the lack of vitamins, and reading by lamplight.

But more important, it might have saved a lot of people from being blasted into particles considerably smaller than a smithereen. When knowledge of the atom came, we might have been ready for it.

There is already more than a slight bit of war hysteria. Concurrently with the announcement of the hydrogen bomb plans there was an announcement that new atomic defense measures were being put into immediate effect. Science, supposedly the most moral branch of knowledge, has put a new weight on the nervous systems of people and also a new weight upon their pocketbooks, which is probably considered as being of more consequence by most of us.

There is one thing that is certain: The atom is here to stay. If we don't learn to live with it we're going to die with it.