

On the Air To Be or Not To Be: Station KDUK

by Marty Weitzner



Within a short time, students will be asked to voluntarily sign over their breakage fees to campus radio station KDUK. If the response is good, it will utter its first "quack" sometime next fall.

Probably the best argument that sincere opponents of the plan will raise, is the fact that the students are being asked to do something that the state and the administration ought to handle. KDUK is a physical structure of the University, so is the science building. Why don't they ask for funds to help build the science building?

Oregon should have had a campus station years ago. Any school that offers a professional program ought to give its people a chance to practice their craft. They give the art school people practical experience, and journalism majors are supposed to be working on the Emerald. Radio and speech majors have had virtually nothing. The administration and the state board should have helped them long ago, but find us a progressive state board and we will reward you with the answers to the next six weeks of "Stop the Music" and the "Mystery Voice." They might have gotten around to it in a little while, say four or five years from now.

Assuming that we get the station, we can foresee a lot of fun and practical use that can be gained from it. Local stations handle our varsity sports, but how about intramural finals and track meets. A favorite feature of last year's KDUK attempt was a program of study music. If you are still waiting for one of the local disc jockeys to play that request you sent in three months ago, KDUK will be able to help you out.

Going off the deep end, we can see an even greater use for the station. By a rotating method, all professors who have 8, 9, 10, and 11 o'clock classes could take turns broadcasting their lectures. It would help prove or destroy the currently popular theory that we learn and retain more when we sleep.

During the next few weeks you will be subjected to a good deal of propaganda. Like certain organizations who spearheaded the millrace drive last year, the people interested in KDUK have their own private axes to grind. Nevertheless they and you will be providing the University with a necessary service. We didn't figure the number of times we would take advantage of the millrace when we all went down and kicked in our fins.

Raising Kane

The Hottest Potato in Oregon

by Henry Kane

The hottest potato in Oregon today is Portland's anti-discrimination ordinance which, if present trends continue, the voters are likely to discard at the general election.

Almost every editorial writer in Oregon prefers to discuss the "safe" national political situation rather than the underground feeling against enforcing equal rights for minority groups in Portland.

The pro-civil rights faction thought they had won the battle. The City Council had unanimously passed an ordinance levying a maximum fine of \$500 and six months imprisonment on any person whose business catered to the public and who refused to serve a member of a minority group.

Then a small group of hotel and tavern owners, without benefit of prominent names or publicity, obtained more than 33,000 signatures to stay enforcement of the ordinance until voted upon by the people.

Efforts have been made to minimize the significance of those 33,000 signatures. "People will sign anything, they were all Third Ave. drunks," etc. But compare the short time in which these signatures were obtained with the substantially longer time, the greater effort, and the united newspaper campaign needed to obtain signatures to recall former Sheriff Mike Elliot.

What is the significance of this reaction against civil rights for minority

groups? Does it mean that a substantial portion of the electorate approve of civil rights in the abstract, but not when the principle is applied to a specific time and place?

One indication of the true situation may be gathered from the virulent hatred many Portlanders bear for Henry J. Kaiser because he brought Negroes to Portland to work in the wartime shipyards.

A second factor consists of the thousands of transplanted Southerners who have settled in Portland since 1940. Some hope has been placed in the fact that there are slightly more registered Democrats than registered Republicans in Portland, but a substantial segment of the majority party are these newly arrived Southern Democrats, not Truman Democrats.

The third factor consists of the native Portlander's resentment of the influx of Negroes which has disturbed the pre-war status quo. The reader can estimate this feeling by noting the opposition in Eugene to permitting Negroes to live anywhere but in the now demolished Ferry street settlement.

Comparatively few persons have or are going to stand up and say they are against civil rights, in principle, because of the fear of censure. Nevertheless, the fact remains that whether or not Portland will enforce civil rights for minorities will be decided in the privacy of the voting booth.

Past, Present, and Future

Concerning deferred rushing:

It is with this thought in mind that Greeks and independents we explore the possibilities of "what might be," and generally do a brief sizeup of this muchly booted-about matter.

What was: A compromise between the dormitories and the Interfraternity Council providing for rushing during winter term.

What is: IFC has tabled a motion requesting the fall term rushing privileges as presently enjoyed by the sororities, who recently made this arrangement in a conference with the girls' dormitories.

What might be: IFC could pass the above motion asking for a reevaluation of the rushing question.

All of which bring a number of issues to the surface. Consider:

1) Do fraternities deserve the same rushing privileges as the sororities?

a) Director of Student Affairs Donald DuShane says no because there are differences in the problems confronting men and women, such as activities. His contention is, also, that the Panhellenic "has never missed an opportunity to state that its membership would cooperate completely" and "... give the plan a good chance for success." He adds that "these factors, at least, were not present between the fraternity and dormitory men."

b) On the other hand, if the sororities have fall rushing, isn't it only a matter of equality that the fraternities should have similar rights? And are the reasons cited above concrete enough to warrant the distinction as now exists?

2) What is the proper alternative, if one is made: Should fraternities receive fall rushing privileges, or should the Panhellenic-Women's Dorms pact be terminated, resulting in winter term rushing for all Greek organizations?

On the whole, nonetheless, the matter refers back to the basic question of how rushing should be carried out if it is to do the most good for the University.

It is with this thought in mind that Greeks and independents alike must continue to approach the problem.—T.K.

The Dormitory Report

Hall Organization: Tightness, Interest

(This is the fourth article concerning the report made by the ASUO Committee on Dormitories. Today's article deals with the section on hall organization.)

Main objective of the report is tighter hall organization with the elimination of student apathy and inertia which make necessary the enforcement of many rules and regulations that students otherwise might comply with on their own accord.

At the present, priority in dormitory assignments is given old students. In order to better the development of the individual's total personality, the committee recommends that the University reserve its right to assign accommodations and determine who may continue to live in dormitories.

Hall loyalty and social cohesions are cited as foundations for effective dormitory life. This includes getting off to a good start, encouragement of interdormitory competition, assignment of freshmen to room with upper

classmen when possible, and widespread participation by all in hall activities. It is further suggested that dining halls in each of the dorms be altered if necessary so that an organization might eat together once a week and hold exchange dinners.

Hall administration would be exercised through the hall or floor president and an executive council. They would formulate a budget and handle discipline cases whenever feasible. In order to increase interest and responsibility, provision would be made for two elections a year; also training sessions for hall leaders and posting of all hall activities.

A broader social program calling for more functions between Greeks and independents, exchange of ideas and adequate fall social activities for dorms would be effected through an all-campus social chairmen organization. Stress is laid on the service that might be

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In the Bog

Women Have Sports (and Conflicts) Too

A Letter

Dear Editor:

Just to set the campus right—women do have the problem of intramural activities as far as fall term rushing goes.

Donald M. DuShane was quoted in Tuesday's Emerald as saying that they don't.

Tournaments in volleyball, badminton, and bowling will start the second week in fall.

We of the Women's Athletic Association are already having conflicts. On whose team will the pledge play? The dorm? The sorority?

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President of the WAA