

Expose TNE Members? Reporter Finds Various Student, Faculty Opinions

By MARJORY BUSH

From definitely yes to absolutely not, students and faculty members vary in their opinions about publishing names of the 25 admitted members of Theta Nu Epsilon, secret illegal society.

These 25 men have been placed on probation by the administration for the rest of their University careers. They will not be allowed to hold elective or appointive student offices.

The majority of those expressing their opinions about publishing the names were undecided and presented points both for and against naming the members.

Charles P. Schleicher, professor of political science, pointed out Tuesday that punishment for the sake of punishment alone is wrong.

"In considering this problem the needless hurting of these 25 men is involved, but also the harm caused to innocent students by suspicion cast on them."

Wally Martin, third-year Law School student, sees nothing inherently wrong with a group to plan policy. J. V. Berreman, professor of sociology, expressed this same opinion.

"As far as leaders planning campaigns, this follows the practice of all political parties," Berreman stated. "The question of right or wrong lies in methods used."

"For the immediate situation TNE has been abloshed," he said, "anything more would sound like vengeance."

Martin pointed out that the probation put on these TNE members shows that there is no great policy against the organization. He believes that if such a secret political group is wrong, the names should

be printed, thus bringing the situation into the open.

Leo Osborn, sophomore in Liberal Arts, maintained that the names should be published and the students expelled.

"The school has said it will expell TNE members, therefore, it should carry out its promises or such policy will become completely ineffective," Osborn asserted.

"I believe some students got into TNE without realizing what it was like, and shouldn't be publicly smeared," Gordon Wright, professor of history, stated in defense against printing the names.

"The point is to break up the organization and not punish the individuals," he added. He believes the organization would start up again in spite of any means taken against it, even to expulsion of the students.

"It is an allusion to suppose that in any society some people will not try to organize and run the show, often with an air of mystery," Wright concluded.

A number of student and faculty members stressed the danger of suspicion placed on a large number of innocent individuals and believe publishing of the names would be justified in this one aspect. Some simply asked "What good would it do to print the names?"

As Waldo Schumacher, professor of political science said, "It depends on the amount of pressure students put on suspected members."

"The students are more angry about TNE than the administration," Carlisle Moore, professor of English, stated when asked his opinion.

"It would serve the purpose better if the student body were told by the administration the objectives of TNE, the harm it has done, and present it in its true light so in the future students will be more inclined to avoid it."

World Peace Non-Political Pauling Says

"The peace movement should not be considered the left-wing movement, for if war comes, left and right-wingers will die together in the same atomic blast," Dr. Linus Pauling told a student and faculty audience Monday in the YMCA.

Dr. Pauling, head of the department of chemistry at California Institute of Technology and recipient of the Medal of Merit, highest civilian award, for work including medical research during the war, discussed the problems of atomic energy and world peace. The meeting was sponsored by the campus YM.

"World peace is non-political," the speaker asserted, urging that some method other than force be found for preserving peace. In this he disagreed with Dr. Harold Urey who feels that we must build the H bomb to control the world by force, he said.

Criticizing what he called the policy of anti-Russian propaganda in the United States, Dr. Pauling said that we must find a peaceful solution to the world problem through trade and cooperation with Russia and all other nations.

He urged increase in the effectiveness of the United Nations toward a world government with "powers limited to preservation of peace, the international control of atomic energy, disarmament agreements, and a world-wide program of human betterment designed to remove the causes of war."

Almost all scientists in the field believe that the hydrogen bomb, now in construction, can be made to work, the scientist said, commenting that "even aside from moral considerations, there is considerable doubt as to whether it is sensible to build the bomb, since we are far more vulnerable than Russia, which has only one or two cities large enough to justify the use of such a weapon."

Being locked out at night is a minor misfortune compared to the piano player who forgets his keys.

Dr. Chas. Malik Named as Speaker For Commencement Exercises

Dr. Charles Malik, Lebanon envoy to the United States and head of the Lebanon delegation to the United Nations, will be principal speaker for combined Baccalaureate-Commencement services June 11.

For the first time, these two services will be held together at 2 p.m. Sunday. This was done to encourage a greater attendance at Baccalaureate and to permit students, parents, and alumni to return home the same day as the service.

Dr. Malik, who is generally regarded as one of the most able men in the diplomatic corps in Washington, D.C., is an excellent speaker with a well-grounded education, University Director of Information Lyle M. Nelson, reported Tuesday.

Working in the U.N. since its organization, Dr. Malik was president of the Economic and Social Council in 1948, and has been active in UNESCO and in the Human Rights Commission.

Since 1945 he has been minister to the United States. Before this he was an instructor at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon. He was associate professor of philosophy and head of the department from 1943 to 1945.

Dr. Malik received his Ph.D. in philosophy from Harvard University in 1937. In 1934 he was granted his masters from Harvard after being graduated from the University of Beirut in 1927.

President Harry K. Newburn will confer over 1800 degrees at the joint commencement services. Deans of the respective schools will present candidates for degrees.

A. S. Grant of Baker will represent the State Board of Higher Education at Commencement.

The Rev. Wesley G. Nicholson of the Congregational Church in Eugene will give the invocation. Dr. Ross Griffith, president of Northwest Christian College will close the services with a benediction.

KOAC to Air Winning Poems

Winning poems in the annual Burgess competition will be read over the air from 4 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday on KOAC. The broadcast is sponsored by the Department of Speech and Drama.

Janet Hamren, junior in anthropology, will read two of her three first prize-winning poems. Nancy Ann Yates, freshman in liberal arts will read Don Hensley's second prize poem, "Thirty-Seven Lines." Hensley is a senior in English.

Arthur Baker, senior in philosophy, will read his poem "The Tyrant's Demise," which won third place in the contest.

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members went to their individual houses to attempt to persuade the house to go along with the plans of TNE.

The organization had "contacts" with some of the sororities—usually women who are able to persuade their houses to "go along with the boys."

Often the women were completely innocent but just good friends of TNE members.

If persuasion wouldn't work, then there may have been threats of reprisals—"your house won't get another political office for a long time," or "the girls in your house may find themselves wanting dates..."

Improper Actions

"Sometimes the organization did things which were on the edge of violence and which were improper in terms of political standards," the official declared.

In the exposure of TNE, the University spokesman said that some of the members were glad to be out of the organization. Others were indignant.

"My belief is that some of them were relieved to have it off their consciences," he said. "In general there was an indication of a willingness to help the University to prevent the reorganization of TNE."

No National Affiliation

Contrary to a general belief, the organization on the University campus was not affiliated with a national Theta Nu Epsilon, he commented.

Another similar, secret organization supposedly exists nationally—Eappa Beta Phi—primarily a drinking fraternity.



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