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Let The People Know The Facts

Junior Interfraternity Council members heard a suggestion Tuesday night that they conduct some kind of "study" of dormitory conditions from the freshman angle.

The suggestion came from Bill Harber, who is president of Interfraternity Council and a member of the University's committee on deferred living—but he represented neither at the JIFC meeting.

The JIFC members discussed his suggestion, and out of the session came a tentative plan to circulate petitions on the living-in plan among freshmen.

More important than this—out of the meeting came the idea that this move by JIFC should be kept secret. It was suggested that it would be better if the source of such a move remained unknown.

The question of deferred living—good or bad—is not important here.

Nor is the question of the need for polling freshman opinion of major import in this case.

But the need is for all of us to recognize the importance of acting in the open—forgetting the hush-hush planning, the closed meeting.

If petitions about deferred living are circulated in the dormitories, every signer should know the source of that petition. And if the methods and purpose of the petition are honest, knowledge of the source will aid, not injure the cause.

Abuse of Abilities

It would seem that an honorary composed of 10 top juniors, selected on the basis of qualities of character, scholarship, participation in student activities, leadership, and service could find a use for its talents other than wrapping crepe paper around goal posts and waiting table.

It might use some of its abilities of leadership in revitalizing the organization, and leading the way for setting, and meeting, high standards of membership.—D.S.

As the Sting Subsides . . .

Thoughtful Americans are in quite a different mood today than they were last December when the Chinese "volunteer" hordes drove United Nations troops away from the Manchurian border and back into the all too familiar setting of south-east Korea.

The change in mood can be materially attributed to the recent levelling off of action in the Korean theater, as well as to reports that French forces in Indo-China were reformed into a more effective unit.

When the free world chimed in to help the United States formally brand the Chinese Communists aggressors, the ideological icing was added to the sweet cake.

But Americans are not through with their worrying; they have been provided with a breather that serves to ease the maddening tension brought about by military reversal.

Further, it appears that the wave of isolationist-like feeling, ably captured by Herbert Hoover, is subsiding. It is much like a man reaching out, receiving a sharp slap across the hand, and then withdrawing it. (The sting of the communist slap has subsided.)

Internally, however, news items such as that concerning the railway snarl have a nauseous effect. Thoughtful Americans felt uneasy as they read the glaring headlines that told of a special interest group paralyzing an entire great nation. The readers could almost sense the Kremlin hierarchy laughing boisterously as it learned of the paralysis, and too, Americans might sense the probable disillusionment of their allies.—S.F.

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to the Oregon basketball team, and to the campus character who said, when asked his opinion of the proposed activity point system, "the only points I'm against are those stacked up by the WSC team."

Letters

The Campus Answers

Snowbelle Steps Down

Emerald Editor:

First thing, I would like to express my thanks to Kenny Metzler and the Emerald for suggesting that I enter Oregon's Snow Queen candidate race. I drool when I think of you wonderful people who slave late into the night to give all of us students the latest news.

However, I must decline from entering my name, or having anyone else enter me. There are several reasons and I do want all of you to know about them so you will not think that I am letting you down.

Right now I am just snowed under with class work. I was placed on a pegged grade last term, and am now having to lead practically a dog's life in order to stay in school. Then, there are several commitments which I have already made posing for postcards and certain publications.

My main reason for declining is one I hate to discuss, but I feel I should get it out in the open.

You people here in Eugene understand about me and the boys who live in the same house I do. But what about others who are not familiar with the situation? Can't you just see the scandal when others learn that the University of Oregon's co-ed candidate lives with 40 men? I can't subject my reputation, nor the University's, nor the Phi Psis', to such a scandal. Just think of the publicity!

There is also a move on campus now to spread out activities. I feel that such activities as being Snow Queen candidate should be spread out—another reason why I must decline.

Thanks to everyone. May the best girls win the Oregon contest and then go on to be Snow Queen.

Man's (and Woman's) best friend,
Snowbelle

No Willie Gleek

Emerald Editor:

The Senior Ball this year will not be formal, as in the past. This fact seems to disturb some of the studentry, which in turn disturbs those working on the dance. This in the nature of an explanation.

The dance will be "costume" only in the sense that it will be very informal—exact dress will be announced soon. No one will have to go to any more trouble than merely wearing clothes they are almost sure to already have.

It will not be a formal dance because of the type of orchestra which has been signed—an orchestra that is both the best that could be obtained for this particular date and one that should make for a lot of fun all around, but not a formal. It's as simple as that.

The ork isn't Willie Gleek and his Five Zithers, or Joe Schmoefrom-Portland; but because it isn't a top-name band the prices will be down a lot. This shouldn't cause objection.

As for the tradition of a senior formal, a tradition seems to be a thing you follow when you can. Last year they couldn't because of the very bad weather. This year it just wouldn't be appropriate.

The committee sincerely believes that everyone can have a heckuva lot of fun at very little expense—if they will just go along with the spirit of the thing. The veil of "secrecy" will be dropped just as soon as plans are concrete.

Stan Turnbull,

Expression of Gratitude

Emerald Editor:

The AWS cabinet and committee members would like to thank all those living organizations who contributed boxes for the Christmas Charity Party. We thank you and the families themselves send grateful thanks. Looking back on the event, now, any work seems almost like nothing when we read letters from the families such as:

"You made my daughter have a wonderful Christmas after all. She is three years old so really enjoyed her Christmas which she wouldn't of had if it hadn't of been for your kindness—we hope that someday we can do something for you."

And from another letter, "I wish you could have been here and seen my little girls, Mary and Margaret, when they opened your box for them. It was really a blessing to us all and thank God for people with thoughts of giving and love at such a time to those less fortunate."

AWS Cabinet

No. 2 from Druids

Emerald Editor:

It is comparatively easy for an Emerald editorial writer to sit back and howl about something which has little basis in fact. We will attempt to stick by the facts and nothing else.

In choosing our members, something other than a house brother in last year's group as a prerequisite for membership is considered. Druids are chosen on the basis of qualities of character, scholarship, participation in student activities, leadership and service. Our group will consider these qualities above all other factors.

However, as long as there are fraternity men in honoraries there will always be a certain amount of desire among them to have their place taken by a brother. It is a fact that we recognize and one that we will attempt to limit in every way possible.

Also, we wish to make the fact clear that five of our ten mem-

bers were chosen completely without the benefit of a fraternity brother.

We are also aware of the fact that it was the intention of our founders that Druids aid in the orientation and welcoming of freshmen students. However, as time passed it became apparent that this task would be much more ably implemented by younger members in the sophomore honoraries. We have neither the time nor sufficient members for the job.

Our charter states that we stand ready to aid in any worthy cause proposed by or for the ASUO.

We have helped decorate goalposts, we have served at the Homecoming banquet, we are at present helping to finance the Snow Queen expenses and aiding in other tasks connected with the contest, and most important we are at present working on plans to finance a Junior Class Scholarship.

We are always ready to welcome any criticism or suggestion that may benefit our honorary and the University, but we request that it be constructive and objective.

The Members of Druids

'Rattle in our Hands'

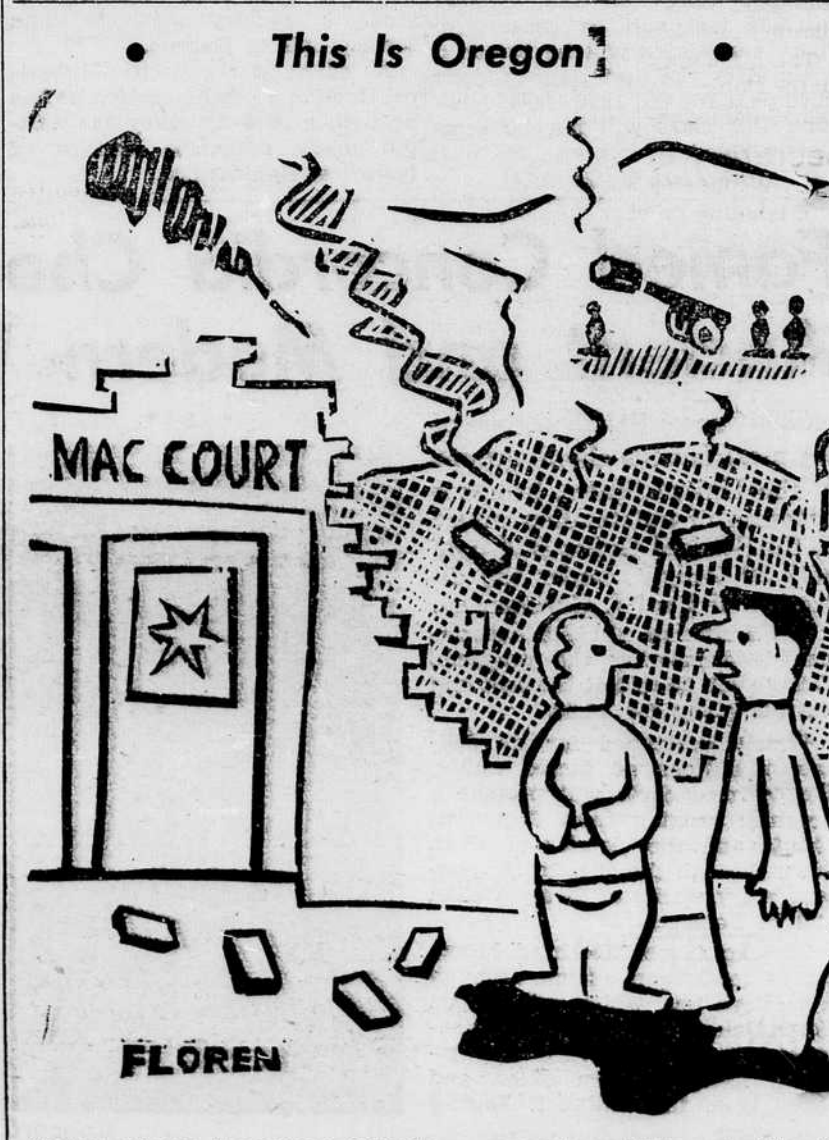
Emerald Editor:

Senior Ball and picnic, Junior Week-end, Sophomore Whiskerino, and then there are the freshmen with their, uh well, their registration and classes.

But remember you alums and Most Highly Respected Upperclassmen, the Class of '54 tried to break into the sphere of class activities . . . We frosh proposed, planned and petitioned towards a novelty show, because we were concerned about our status in campus activities and our lack of funds that would cancel any future activities.

The reward we got for our concern was not a novelty show. Instead the student affairs committee put a rattle in our eager little hands. But can honest concern and enthusiasm be squelched? You bet not!

Marge Elliott



"If you ask me, the advanced RO boys are getting a little out of line."