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Why Pick on Single Men?

During the past few days we've heard several complaints about the new draft law which President Truman signed Sept. 26.

Oddly enough, the complaints were all voiced by childless married men, who don't think the new law is fair. Fair or not, it makes them just as eligible to be drafted as a single man with no dependents.

We don't consider the new law unjust. This is not to say that we're very happy about a situation that demands military service from a large number of citizens whether they want to serve or not. But we're faced with such a situation and it will probably get worse instead of better. And we can't see why the single man should carry more than his share of the load.

We know of a wedding or two motivated primarily by an urge to stay out of uniform. This could be likened to jumping out of the frying pan into the fire, but it still passes the buck to somebody else.

Married men with children are still exempted. Unless war comes, it is probably simpler for all hands, including the armed services, to leave such men alone. We think drawing the line between married men and married men with children is reasonable in view of the present circumstances.

Now, of course, the next step for a childless married man is obvious. Only he'd better not wait until he receives his notice to report for induction. It doesn't count after that.—B. C.

Not Even A Contest

Sederstrom hall keeps the men's dormitory cup through 1951-52—and the frosh now living in the hall must be delighted at the intellectual superiority of their predecessors.

The Sederstrom men were in a class by themselves last year. Their all-grade point average was 3.017, way off in the clouds when compared with the all-school average of 2.598.

The question is: why wasn't Sederstrom kept in a class by itself? Undergraduate students in other dormitories should not have been compelled to compete scholastically with this graduate-dominated hall.

True, a grade average over three point is unusual for a living organization. But grades of this quality are to be expected from graduate students. Since a B is only an average grade for the graduate student, the Sederstrom students can take no particular pride in their achievement. Comparatively speaking, Gamma hall's average of 2.614 is the more impressive.

We'll hope that the next administration experiment with group living for graduate students is conducted in such a manner as to prevent the disruption of undergraduate scholastic competition.—D. D.

Simple Remedy Sometimes Best

How to organize the freshman class for participation in 1951 Homecoming events was a question recently put to the ASUO cabinet. (Regular freshman class officer elections come during winter term under the new constitution.)

Suggested to the cabinet was the election of a president pro tempore for the frosh. The plan was turned down immediately. Cabinet members reasoned that such a move would place the person elected right in line for the permanent class office.

Instead, one cabinet member came up with the idea of having the presidents of freshman living organizations meet together as a committee and elect a temporary chairman. This committee could take care of organization. No muss. No fuss. No special elections. The cabinet thought it was a good idea. So do we.

The real solution to freshman class organization during fall term seems to lie in moving frosh elections up a term. It's a bit late for action this year, but ASUO officials might tuck the thought away for further reference.

Anyway, we hope ASUO representatives can continue to handle minor problems such as this one without creating a lot of furor—which the slightest problem so often has caused in the past.

Seems to be a good sign.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Emerald Editor:

Once upon a time, there were two politicians, whom, for the sake of convenience we shall call Mr. L and Mr. C. They knew each other well and were impressed. They called each other "Friend" and gave to each other unstintingly of their wisdom and knowledge so that soon each knew as much as the other and their knowledge was the same. Then they were content for when Mr. L. grew tired of talking, which was seldom, he could listen to Mr. C. for the words were his and the ideas were his. When Mr. C. grew tired of talking he could listen to Mr. L. and the result was the same. Occasionally they both talked at the same time and it was a duet wonderful to hear.

They grew tired, however, of speaking and agreeing only with one another so one windy day they decided to run for high political office and thus share their accumulated knowledge. So Mr. L. went before the gathered throng and spoke long and knew whereof he spoke, and Mr. C. was impressed. Then Mr. C. spoke long and knew whereof he spoke, and Mr. L. was impressed. Then Mr. L. voted for Mr. C. and Mr. C. voted for Mr. L. and everybody else voted for somebody else. This was afterwards referred to as the "Age of Unappreciation. (Notably by Mr. L. and Mr. C.)

Months ensued and each day they reaffirmed and retested their beliefs and since each agreed, they knew that their ideas were good. Dissatisfied with anything less than their own perfect knowledge, they now jointly chide the Senate and ASUO government for its imperfections which are due solely to the absence of themselves from that body. They then partook of sour grapes and the juice therefrom and retired to their tents.

Student government can be a real and positive good to the University as a whole and to those actually participating. It seems to me, that this participation should be shared as widely as possible; an active part should be played by as many students as there are offices to be filled, if possible. If we agree that student government is good and has values that accrue to those participating, then we cannot deny that its total value is increased directly as the number of qualified students participating is increased.

Judged in this light, I think that the refusal to allow one man to serve simultaneously in the senate and on the cabinet was a good decision, regardless of the attitude of would-be parliamentarians. This was, I feel, the reason for the "precedent" set on Thursday last. At least, this was the reason I voted for the "precedent."

This is not to deny the value of criticism by each and every member of the student body for mistakes will certainly be made; it is rather to suggest that investigation so that one knows whereof he speaks, would make criticism more valuable and remove some doubt as to the sincerity of purpose behind it.

Arlo W. Giles
 ASUO Senator

We Want Writers

The Oregon Daily Emerald editorial staff is looking for two student writers—one to do book reviews and the other to write a radio column. Interested students are asked to see Editor Lorna Larson in the Emerald Shack or call her at Ext. 217.

So THIS Is Oregon Social Rules Not Too Bad But Still Not Best in the West

By Jim Haycox

See the back page of the Emerald Monday morning? On one side was the regulations of the Student Affairs committee; on the other a house ad reading "Your newspaper lights the way of Freedom—Foremost guardian of all your liberties."

Rules, we must have. Those listed weren't, for the most part, too bad. Some, however, are still Utopian.

"Houses must be well lighted for dances, and porch lights must be left on all evening." A rule for the convenience of the milkman.

"Social events of schools, departments, or allied fraternities and honoraries... must be held in a University-controlled building." Don't worry, we'll get Carson hall paid for yet.

"Women are not allowed above the first floor of men's houses and men are not allowed above the first floor of women's houses." Have you seen our basement party room, dear?

"Organized serenades... must terminate within one hour after normal closing hours." There will be a \$2 fine for members not attending tonight's disorganized serenade.

"All dances sponsored by living organizations in the Eugene area must be held in the organizations' living quarters or in a university-controlled building." Gamma hall of Northwestern Christian college cordially invites you to attend...

"Any organization may be required to submit a statement of its aims and functions." Proof that the administration is out to abolish the fraternity system.

"House guests and alumni visitors are required to obey all university regulations including closing hours." Sorry Dad, you'll just have to get mother back to the hotel by 1.

Now that we know what were doing, the senate can start knitting afgans for the boys in Korea.

Unholy slaughter at Corvallis Saturday sounds like Taylor was pouring it on a bit, Dave Mann, a first string back, was in an awful lot of the game. By contrast, Casanova experimented with freshmen and 3rd and 4th stringers in the fourth canto and threw away chances for a couple more markers.

Arizona, as someone remarked after the game, need not be

ashamed of the score against coast league competition. Utah, on the other hand, probably feels like Oregon did in 1941 after a brief but bloody encounter with the Texas Longhorns... score was 70-7. Hope OSC gets some of the same just to know what it tastes like.

From The Shelf

"A diplomatic and naval history" is how Earl S. Pomeroy, professor of history, recently described his newly published book, "Pacific Outpost—American Strategy in Guam and Micronesia."

Printed by Stanford University Press, the book is now on the market at \$5. It traces the history of Guam and Micronesia from the turn of the century, when their position in United States defense policy first excited debate. "Micronesia" refers to the Marianas, Caroline and Marshall Islands.

A chance teaching position in the U. S. Navy during the war stimulated Pomeroy to write on American diplomatic policy, rather than his native historical field. He was assigned to instruct a class on the subject and was so aroused by his students' numerous questions that he started a book. That was in 1944.

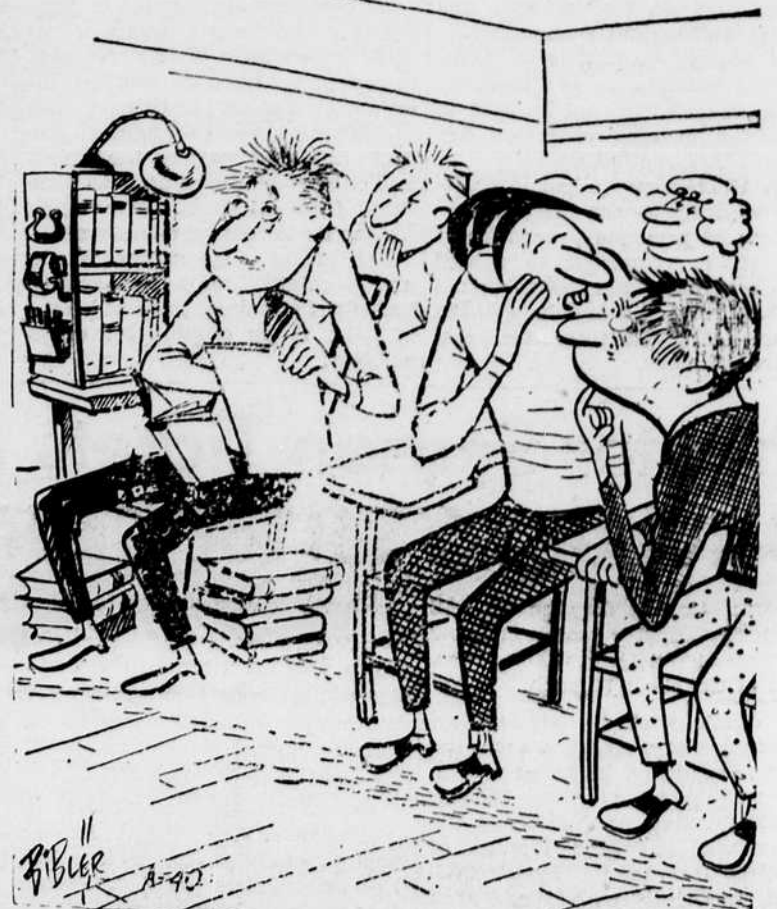
Last summer, following six years of research and writing—"off and on", said Mr. Pomeroy, his resultant work was packed off to the publishing firm. In an interview he described the state department, the navy department and the University of Oregon library annex as all being "helpful" toward the book's completion.

Mr. Pomeroy is thoroughly convinced of the indispensable potential exerted by Guam and Micronesia in United States defense; his book tells why. He states in its foreword:

"This book... comes out of an active interest in the origins of the current situation of the U. S. and a conviction that historians should take the risks involved in exploring the parts of the past that seem to bear most closely on present issues."

Pomeroy is not new to the reading public: he has written magazine articles and another book, "Western Territories and the United States," published in 1947.

Man From Sederstrom



"Must be a graduate student—I think they have to maintain a "B" average."