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Campus Headlines--Elsewhere

Alabama Faculty Man Resigns Due to Beer Interest

One of the faculty members at the University of Alabama resigned because his financial interest in a beer distributing firm made his presence on the faculty "detrimental to the University" in the eyes of the administration. Just putting theory into practice, we'd say.

And traffic problems are not exclusively ours. At Austin, Texas, a new traffic program opened. Most of the students and faculty members who live within walking distance are leaving their cars at home. "It's much easier for them," explained the campus cop, "it's too hard to get an authorized parking space."

UCLA shows a drop in registration figures nearly 1,000 below last fall's quota. They only have 12,850 this fall. Hardly enough to field a good football team.

The University of Maryland has suffered a staggering cut in their yearly Student Government budget. The Student Government will have to get along with only \$58,000. Last year they got \$67,000. Maybe they have bigger and better sports nights.

An obliging burglar broke into some fraternity houses at Syracuse University, New York, and lifted \$128. He overlooked \$2,000 which Interfraternity President Greg Ferrantino had

hidden in a closet. Probably a good friend.

University of North Carolina: James Walker, a Negro, returned a number of football tickets he had been issued in lieu of the regular athletic passbook. The tickets were marked "colored" and entitled him to a seat at the end of the stadium.

Chancellor House explained (that's the word used by the student newspaper, "The Daily Tar Heel") that "There is a distinction between educational services and social recognition. By law Negroes are entitled to dormitory rooms and a section has been reserved for them in Steele Dormitory. They can also use the university dining room."

A Light in Darkness

"Your newspaper lights the way of freedom."

That's the theme chosen for the 1951 observance of National Newspaper Week—this week. And it has a deeper meaning than ever in these days of ever-tightening controls, when the press is being successfully stifled in many parts of the world. Censorship is becoming more of a reality daily in Indo-China, Lebanon, Venezuela, Columbia, Mexico, and India, as well as in Argentina where the recent suppression of "La Prensa" stirred up an international furor.

And it can happen here. Recent indications, such as the proposed censorship of government agency news in regard to what is released to the public, reflect a disturbing trend in that direction. Perhaps what is needed is a new fighting spirit in the nation's press for the preservation of what we have come to take for granted as one of our inalienable rights.

The men who founded this nation considered the right to tell so important that they wrote it into the first amendment to our Federal Constitution: "Congress shall make no law... abridging freedom of speech and freedom of the press."

But the right to tell is more than a privilege, it is a duty.

The Oregon Daily Emerald purposes to stand in the ranks of the newspapers of integrity by informing its readers of all the news, "without fear or favor." For we firmly believe in the principle set forth by Christ that "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free."

"Your newspaper lights the way to freedom."

The vital truth of that message is the one thing National Newspaper Week has to sell.—G. G.

A Golden Opportunity for IFC

There's going to be a beach party this week-end for members of the Interfraternity Council.

Besides the usual equipment for such outings, IFC will be joined by Ray Hawk and Donald DuShane, who have something to do with the affairs of Oregon students, especially men, and most particularly, fraternity men.

This party is a wee bit more important than the ordinary marshmallow roast. Combining business with pleasure, the group will seek to reach a common understanding regarding freshman rushing procedure. (Which won't begin until winter term, incidentally.)

Of course, the understanding has already been reached as far as technicalities are concerned, but it is the hope of IFC president, Dick McLaughlin, that this blanket party will help motivate the fraternities to cooperate full-heartedly, not because they have to, but because they want to.

We go for that idea.

We believe the program now in effect at Oregon, called by various names, of which the Oregon Plan seems as good as any, is one which can benefit the student body as a whole.

For one thing, it puts college life in a better perspective. It helps new students realize that obtaining an education is the important issue—pledging a fraternity is of secondary importance.

Fraternities are benefited by being able to look over the best prospects (discounting yellow convertibles) and make the appropriate choice.

Freshmen are given a chance to study a number of fraternities without having to grab whatever comes first. They can make a thoughtful selection.

Independents who have no interest in such goings-on are allowed to live in peace.

We won't dwell on benefits to the administration but there are several obvious ones and we doubt if the financial revenue gained from dormitory bills is the most important one, even to the administration.

We like the idea of infusing IFC with that old college spirit. We hope they are as sincere as a group as their president is as an individual. The fraternities have a very important part in making the program work as it was intended. We might say they have a golden opportunity.

So do the freshmen.

They can take advantage of the counselling program which has been set up for them. Some of them may not need any help. Others may remain in college by virtue of such help.

But no one will benefit unless everyone plays fair. It's up to the freshmen as well as the fraternities. And we might add, the resident assistants and sponsors have a very important role. It's not just the fraternities who can disrupt the program. They're just the most obvious, that's all.—B. C.

From the Morgue

20 YEARS AGO

Oct. 3, 1931—Dean Wayne Morse announces a 35 per cent increase in enrollment at the law school. The increase is due to the law school's outstanding reputation, according to Morse.

10 YEARS AGO

Oct. 3, 1941—Orides President Corinne Wignes and 1940-41 Emerald Editor Lyle Nelson are married in a ceremony at Gerlinger hall.

5 YEARS AGO

Oct. 3, 1946—University officials meet with municipal officials to consider plans for alleviation of congested traffic on 13th street.

A Day at the Zoo The Story of a House Meeting, Or--Is Pie Throwing Moral?

By Bob Funk

It was Monday night in the dim-lit heart of the Fraternity With A Soul, Gnu Pu. The assorted brethren sat solemnly about the living room, some chewing on the rug, some pulling chairs out from the already seated, one pushing another into the fireplace, the fire at that time being rather in need of fuel. Ten persons were simultaneously attempting to sit on a davenport.

The light of fellowship shone in all their eyes. This was particularly impressive considering that most of the junior class had two heads.

"The question is," observed the Grand Keeper of Morals, who was balancing himself on his big toe in a corner, "whether it is really MORAL to throw pies at the house president." "It is something" (at this he wept impressively) "which we as loving brothers cannot dismiss lightly."

"Nay, never," chorused the 10 men on the davenport, all of whom were on the Grand Keeper's coffee list.

"But the rushees will EXPECT us to throw pies," complained the Grand Deluder of Young Freshmen. "All the other frat clubs throw pies."

An anonymous person from the fringe of the rug asked if it were necessary to be like all the other frat clubs. It turned out that he was only the house president, and his comment was declared out of order.

"As any REAL member knows, it is often necessary to sacrifice one's own desires to desires of the—up—multitude." All eyes turned to the speaker, who was the Grand Real Member of the fraternity. "No REAL member would mind." Several persons blanched guiltily. The Grand Keeper of Morals glared significantly at the davenport crowd, all of whom prepared to give a negative vote.

At this point three persons swept dramatically from the room and ran sobbing upstairs. They were later heard chuckling at their clever method of escape.

"Question!" shouted the Grand Keeper.

"I second!" shouted a rug-chewer.

"Pass!" shouted the Grand Deluder.

"Double!" chorused the davenport.

At this point it is necessary to explain that none of these persons knew anything about either bridge or Robert's Rules of Order, and that no motions were ever really voted on anyway, but always referred to some officer, who promptly forgot about it.

The meeting broke up with a stirring shouting of the Official Song, which was "Neat Are We." There was sporadic fighting after this, and other good cheer.

If you don't understand this column you must have skipped house meeting.

Aside from the News

NSA Doesn't Represent Voice Of Students Columnist Believes

By Bill Frye

If 5 per cent of the nearly 4,500 students now enrolled in the University have ever heard of an organization calling itself the United States National Students association, that will be surprise No. 1. If 5 per cent of this small number understand the principles and aims of said organization, that will be surprise No. 2.

Going on the assumption that this is not my day for surprises, we'll take a brief look-see into an issue on which not too much is certain. This much is known, however:

NSA has a membership of 305 schools, 83 per cent of which are small in size and not comparable to state universities. Since 1949, 47 schools have withdrawn, among them University of Washington, Stanford and Ohio State.

NSA places much emphasis on solving national and international problems. It presents itself as the voice of the students in world affairs.

Financially, NSA is a very weak organization. Its balance sheet for 1950 showed a deficit of \$10,867.87.

The annual costs to the ASUO would include a minimum of \$100 for membership fees, plus \$10 to register each delegate at the yearly congress.

This much appears obvious: Such representation as NSA offers could not be considered the voice of the students since most of the large schools are not members.

The costs to the ASUO would not warrant joining such an organization. We already have adequate representation in the Pacific Student Presidents association and the Oregon Federation of Collegiate Leaders.

Couldn't we find a better white elephant someplace?

One for IFC?



"And as a member of our club, you'll enjoy our friendly rivalry with the frat next door."