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Campus Headlines--Elsewhere

Integrity Scrolls at Texas; C Rations at Minnesota

By Rae Thomas

Although several hundred students at the University of Texas have signed "integrity scrolls" in compliance with their new honor code, the general opinion seems to be that the signing of scrolls is just about as pointless as signing loyalty oaths.

A new plan in accord with Stanford's honor code will go into effect immediately. The plan eliminates statement of illness

certificates and makes a student's word to his instructor acceptable for absence.

An F in a course and one quarter's suspension from Stanford was the penalty for cheating imposed upon a graduate student studying for a Ph.D. in mathematics, and who admitted cheating on an exam.

Army C Rations were spread on mashed potatoes and served as the main course at dinner for

dormitory residents at the University of Minnesota. Some said it was the best meal to come out of the kitchen in a long time.

A test for boredom in classrooms has been invented. A professor at Oklahoma university recently patented the "wiggle meter," which records how much fidgeting goes on during class.

Wires are strung along on the back of chairs, and every time a student yawns or wiggles, the impulse is recorded on a graph.

To IFC: A Compliment

We knew an old Chief Gunner in the Marine Corps who seldom had a kind word for anyone. But when the Gunner passed out a compliment it really meant something.

We know a chief resident counselor at the University of Oregon who has never been exactly loquacious in praising fraternities. Walt Freauff has often lowered the boom on an erring fraternity brother. Sometimes just for fun.

But there've been some changes made.

We've been under the impression for some time that Interfraternity Council has exhibited fine cooperation this year insofar as helping make the deferred living plan a success. They've played a role second only to the counselors. And, of course, the freshmen.

IFC has had problems to settle but it has taken care of them without any outside help. Some other organizations have talked about making student authority commensurate with responsibility but IFC has suited action to words, and done just that. It has been policing its own ranks.

As an old mossy-backed independent, we've learned that what meets the eye is not always the true state of affairs, so we asked Freauff, who seems independent and is undoubtedly mossy-backed (second only to John Leigh and Johnny Kahananui) what he thought about IFC's part in making the living-in program work.

Freauff's answer may be regarded as a break with the spirit of some of his past remarks.

"Each house president is to be congratulated on his efforts to make deferred living a worthwhile program," said Freauff, "not only for the freshmen and the University, but for the fraternal living organizations as well. IFC deserves thanks for an excellent spirit of cooperation. Dick McLaughlin's fine leadership, combined with his organization's attitude, has again made the IFC about the most respectable student organization on our campus."

We don't know what we could add to that. McLaughlin and his group have set a fine example for fraternity posterity, and have done much to further the good of the University.—B. C.

To Be or Not To Be

Few weeks back we wrote an edit beginning: "Let's abolish... student body officers."

Now it looks like someone took us seriously.

To be or not to be was the question at an ASUO cabinet meeting recently. Cabinet members—yours truly included—sat through a one and one-half hour Tuesday session at which the chief topic of discussion was whether or not the cabinet should exist.

ASUO prexy Bill Carey doesn't think so. He brought the matter up.

Some of the cabinet members agree.

We don't.

The students who drew up the ASUO constitution saw room for such a body. Section VI, Clause 2 says the cabinet "shall advise and assist the president of the ASUO in administering the affairs of the association." Clause 3 says it's the duty of the cabinet to "submit proposals to the senate designed to promote the objectives of this association."

We're not defending the cabinet's fall term record as indicative of the worth of the body. It didn't accomplish much. Members didn't attend meetings. Worthwhile discussion was lacking.

But this doesn't mean the cabinet members couldn't... and shouldn't... be justifying the existence of the body. There's plenty around here to do if responsible students want to make the effort.

Carey said he felt the cabinet was not necessary to the "proper functioning of student government." What is the "proper functioning?" Seems a cabinet—properly abiding by the constitution's definition of its duties—would be might valuable and essential.

If students want to have their great and glorious STUDENT GOVERNMENT, they've got to make some effort to govern. They don't accomplish this end by abolishing their governing agencies.

They Had to Study

Emerald Editor:

Of the eight students interviewed by the Emerald, four reported that they did not go to the Parliament of World Religions. They had to study.

How many students heard Dr. Northrop Monday night? Most of the 4,000 students seem to have had to study for midterms or to do something else.

Is that the reality of the American university—the university of a nation leading the whole world now and in the future?

Couldn't they spend just a couple of hours a day for those lectures and discussions instead of studying textbooks?

I hear that about five per cent of high school graduates go to colleges and universities every year in this country. College students, therefore, are, or rather must be, intellectual leaders of the future U.S.

If things go as they now are, we cannot hope for much from the college education. As Dr. Means questioned and Dr. North-

From the Shelf...

A Woman's View on Korean War

By Jo Anne Hewitt

WAR IN KOREA by Marguerite Higgins. Doubleday. \$3.

The front lines of Korea are not the places where one would expect to find an attractive young American woman. But Marguerite Higgins, war correspondent for the New York Herald Tribune, was there the day American troops first entered this so-called holding action against Soviet aggression. Despite repeated attempts by top-ranking military officials and by her own news offices in New York to send her back to the safety of a Tokyo desk, she managed to remain at the front for the first six months of the war.

"War in Korea" deals with this period, describing the people involved from the top generals down to the not so well known boys in the foxholes. It is not a lovely story, for it is told realistically. She saw death and suffering, and perhaps because she was a woman, the horror of battle stood out even more vividly.

Miss Higgins was determined to tell of the bitter struggle American troops faced in the early days when they were both inadequately armed and trained. It was the price this country had to pay for unpreparedness.

There is a quality expressed in the book that is strongly reminiscent of Ernie Pyle. Like him, she finds strength in the ability of the American soldier to laugh even in the face of suffering. One North Korean prisoner summed up the Oriental opinion of Americans in the statement: "Your countrymen will be defeated by a longing for a hot shower." Miss Higgins attempts to prove he greatly underestimated the American fighting man.

The human side of the Korean war is vividly portrayed in the words of the book, but it is the photographs of Carl Mydans and others which tell the story better than even a writer as skillful as Miss Higgins possibly can.

There is one of a Korean orphan about four years old who shows in his downcast face the loneliness and desolation his people have suffered. There are

others of Korean refugees fleeing from their homes in the fore of advancing troops, as well as many of wounded and exhausted soldiers.

Truly the author was fully aware of the terrible sum we are paying in this effort to stop Communist advancement. Yet she defends the action of the United Nations. The free world cannot afford to give up the manpower and raw materials of the Asian mainland. It is essential that the United States aid free countries to help themselves. We need as many people as possible on our side.

Reciprocity a Must

Emerald Editor:

Last week we had the great fortune of witnessing the realization of a cherished dream. At least it started out as a dream but the ending was clouded with religious jargon and just plain old fashioned ignorance. We refer here to the Parliament of World Religions held recently at the University of Oregon, which, after Bishop Gerald Kennedy's address, might appropriately be expressed, "The Proselytizing of the non-Christian" whom the Bishop referred to as "a pagan."

Now, it is not our intent as members of our respective faiths to question the sincerity of Bishop Kennedy or his American birthright of Freedom of Speech,

but what made us regurgitate last Thursday evening was the Bishop's admission of his ignorance of Far Eastern society and then proving of this ignorance by inferring that the pagan Asiatics can be saved "only" by Christianity. But the Bishop was not only satisfied with thrusting Christianity upon the peoples of Asia, but insinuated that the economic and political problems of these peoples could also be solved by the acceptance of the Trinity, and the resurrection and deification of Jesus Christ.

But if this were not enough, Bishop Kennedy refuted the ideas of some of our greatest scholars on the Far East by advocating the transplanting of western democracy in toto upon a culture which not only has lasted a few thousand more years than western civilization, but has made inestimable contributions to our world society.

The sad fact is (and this has been corroborated by students representing Asiatic countries on this campus) that Bishop Kennedy's aggressiveness will be considered by the peoples of Asia as consanguineous to previous western imperialistic designs.

If we are to seek a genuine understanding of our fellow human beings regardless of race or religion, it will depend to a large measure on our part as Americans by extending our "cooperation" on a reciprocal basis.

We in the United States should learn to respect the right of the individual to his own theology and not allow theological differences to prevent us from working together for the welfare of the community, our nation, our world and humanity. This cooperation on a common ethical and spiritual values, while differences in theology are cherished, can not but seem worthy in the mind of God.

Sherman F. Kennedy, Methodist
Thomas P. Walsh, Catholic
Morris G. Sahr, Jew

Joys of Off-campus Living



"I thought I told you boys no 'pin-ups' on th' walls."