

SORORITIES III

Alumnae Regulate Membership

(Ed. Note: This is the third in a series of four editorials discussing sorority-alumnae relations.

Alumnae have their greatest influence over sororities where it matters most—on membership.

National Panhellenic sets the patterns for rush quotas. Presumably one of the aims of Panhellenic is to equalize the different houses. For some years they attempted to do this by giving the smaller houses larger quotas, and the larger houses smaller quotas. Two years of this system on the Oregon campus failed to change the relative size of the sororities.

This year national Panhellenic inaugurated a new system of blanket "floors" and "ceilings." They sent Maxine Blake, delegate to National Panhellenic, to Eugene to help put the system into effect.

A floor of 17 for formal pledging and a ceiling of 48 was set. The system works only if all of the houses maintain the ceiling. At this writing 75 per cent of them are under. Some houses have only five or six pledges.

There is little chance that they will be able to fill their quota before the next formal rush periods.

Each pledge must have a minimum number of recommendations, usually three, from a sorority alumnae before she can pledge that house.

Many houses have "screening boards" of alumnae in Portland, who check on high school graduates before they come to Eugene. If the Portland board refuses to pass on a girl, she is not pledged.

It might be argued that girls who do not pass muster would not get enough recommendations for pledging anyway.

Nevertheless the Portland screening board system amounts in effect to rushing the girls before they enter the University and before the active members of the sorority have a chance to meet them. It discriminates against Portland girls.

Campus groups generally accept the verdict of the Portland boards.

Alumnae participation in the actual rushing program is more than nominal. They are on campus all during rush week. They help in the secretarial work of rushing, filling out bids, answering questions from rushees, and generally overseeing the program. On preference night they work with Mrs. Wickham and the sorority presidents, tallying preferences, making up pledge lists, and writing the invitations to join.

Although such contacts are illegal, one prominent alumna visited a girl in the dormitory on preference night, to try to persuade her to pledge the house the alum belonged to 30 years ago. She said she could "arrange things" as the rushee had already indicated preference for other houses.

To her credit, the rushee pledged the house of her own choice.

Mrs. Carl Koppe, president of City Panhellenic, and Mrs. Mary X. Plummer, former national president of Theta, denied that houses set up regional quotas, limits to the number of Portland women or out-of-state women that can be pledged.

It appears that informal quotas at least are in effect, for sorority members give them as reasons for dropping a girl during rush week.

The reason for these regional quotas? As Mrs. Koppe and Mrs. Plummer said, the houses plan their membership so as to build strong alumni chapters.—(H.J.)

Love At First Sight



"Daddy, this is Worthal—I believe he mentioned he's flunking one of your classes."

Theater Ticket Sales Open Today For 'Death of a Salesman' Drama

Ticket sales open today for "Death of a Salesman," University theater production. Tickets are available at the theater box office and reservations may be made by calling ext. 401.

The play, which starts Friday, Feb. 5, and runs Feb. 6, 7, 11, 12, 13 and 14, is the third production of the UT's '52-'53 season.

Prize-winning work "Death of a Salesman", the prize-winning work of Arthur Miller, is the story of a Brooklyn salesman who has lived on delusions of popularity and material success and is unable to face the facts of his actual failure as a businessman and father.

Starring in the lead role of Willy Loman will be Jim Blue, senior in liberal arts and student announcer at KORE. Jeanne Gottfredson, graduate in speech and costume mistress of UT, will play his wife, Linda, as her first role on this campus.

Sanders, Suitor Star Phil Sanders, senior in speech, and Clarence Suitor, junior in speech, will be featured as the Lo-

man brothers, "Hap and Biff." Sanders and Suitor were both seen in "The Happy Time."

Other members of the cast include: Charley, Jim Weaver, senior in political science; Bernard, George Johnston, first year law; Uncle Ben, John Bree, senior in speech; Miss Francis, Joice Balch, junior in liberal arts; Jenny, Sally Mollner, sophomore in liberal arts; Howard Wagner, Glen Yost, senior in speech; Stanley, Bill DeLand, junior in speech; Miss Forsythe, Diane David, sophomore in liberal arts; Letta, Carol David, freshman in liberal arts; and Sam, David Sherman, freshman in journalism.

Listening In ... On KWAX

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Campus Briefs

Ernest Kalbala, in charge of the African section of the United States department of Technical Assistance, will speak tonight at 8 p.m. at the Unitarian church, 11th and Ferry streets, under the sponsorship of the American Friends Service committee.

Petitions are still being called for the Women's Recreation association carnival to be held Feb. 27. Chairmanships still open are general chairmen, booths, tickets and decorations. Petitions can be turned in to Lois Strain at Rebel House or at the cage in Gerlinger.

Emerald staff pictures will be taken Tuesday afternoon. Both editorial and business staffers will have pictures taken. Oregon business and editorial pictures will be taken Thursday afternoon. Staff members of both publications will be contacted as to definite time for various shots.

Librarian Attending Chicago Meeting

Carl W. Hintz, University librarian, is attending the annual mid-winter conference of the American Library association which is being held in Chicago Sunday through Saturday.

Hintz as chairman of the planning committee of the Library Education division of ALA will present the committee's report at the conference. As a member of the committee, Hintz will also take part in sessions of the Association of College and Research Libraries committee on audio-visual aids.

Classifieds

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Dad's Hostess

(Continued from page one) with the other two finalists, will also be presented at the luncheon Saturday. Paul Paterson, governor of Oregon, will be the guest speaker.

Dads must be registered by Saturday at 5 p.m. to be counted in the competition for the largest percentage of dads for a campus living organization, Light said. Awards will be based on percentages, using a list compiled by the office of student affairs.

One Trophy Dads of non-freshman living in Greek letter organizations or affiliated with such an organization are the only ones that can be counted by fraternities and sororities. Carson Hall is to be counted as one living organization.

One trophy will be awarded for the freshman living organization with the largest percentage of dads, and first and second place trophies for the living organization in competition with the whole campus, Light explained.

Death Total

(Continued from page one) the height of the storm in South-end, a resort like New York's Coney Island, fire broke out in a gas plant. Firemen worked from boats. At Dartford, fire broke out in a firecracker plant. Just after firemen left the scene, a stock of magnesium blew up.

Our freshman year We had some fun We nearly spent All Daddy's mon. Dad's Day Feb. 6, 7, 8.

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