

SORORITIES IV

Alum Influence Hinders Progress

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

In November, 1952, George Stadleman of The Dalles asked that further study be made of the present system of sorority rushing.

Stadleman, outlining his reasons for asking the alumnae association for a review and re-evaluation of sorority rushing, said:

"I believe it is a matter for the administration and not a matter for someone on the outside. I do believe that the system at present is not any better than the system at Oregon 25 years ago."

Sorority alumnae are united in opposing delayed rushing and deferred living although the former is the logical solution to the latter. Dormitory counselors voted unanimously last spring for delayed rushing.

Mrs. Carl Koppe, president of City Panhellenic, felt that delayed rushing would divert students to other schools, especially Oregon State college. She is opposed to deferred living because it doesn't give the sorority enough control over social habits, grades, and study hours.

Rushing during the over-crowded registration week was a concession to the demands of sorority alumnae, who wanted rush week to precede registration.

Sororities are most often criticized on grounds of racial and religious discrimination.

Mrs. Koppe declared that neither Panhellenic nor any individual had written rules barring Negroes and Orientals. Mrs. Mary X. Plummer, former national president of Theta, said there was no quota on Catholics, and that it was "not unusual" to pledge a Jewish woman.

One of the main points in Mrs. Glenn Frank's (widow of a University of Wisconsin president) controversial article on sororities was the quota on Catholics. She declared in a national magazine, that it was not proportional to the number of Catholic women enrolled at Wisconsin, or on any other campus of which she knew.

Mrs. Koppe said that Jewish girls could always pledge their own sororities, such as the chapters at the University of Washington. Few campuses have such groups, and the Jewish sororities have only recently been recognized by National Panhellenic, despite repeated appeals.

Mrs. Plummer said she felt the solution to the racial problem could best be solved by parallel development—that is colored girls, too, could form their own sororities. It is doubtful that such groups would be admitted to National Panhellenic.

Recently a few college fraternities have pledged colored students on threat of losing their charters. An editorial writer for the Christian Century praised the fraternities for their broadmindedness and courage, and hoped for a new era, but remarked:

"Most of the agitation for lowering of racial bars has come from student members of fraternities, changes brought about in a face of determined opposition from older alumnae."

We are not suggesting that all alumnae are enemies of progress, but that the more liberal are outnumbered. This is indicated by the predominance of older alumnae in alumnae charters, sometimes to the extent of forcing the younger alums to form their own organization.

Sorority members themselves are not united in seeking change. Many consider such reforms as racial and religious equality so utopian as to be beyond consideration.

Many faculty members and administrators who are in a position to make some changes are alumnae themselves, or take the realistic view that tradition is extremely difficult to uproot.

Yet it seems as if the contiging dominance of alumnae in sorority affairs, and especially in the policy-making decisions of the organizations, can only impede progress.—(H.J.)

HKN, GOVERNOR TO SPEAK

Lunch Tickets Selling at SU

Tickets for the Dad's day luncheon must be purchased this week at the main desk of the Student Union, according to Norma Hultgren and Joan Cartozian, co-chairmen of the luncheon committee. Tickets will not be available Saturday.

Paul Patterson, governor of Oregon, will speak at the luncheon on the topic, "The State." Harry K. Newburn, University president, will address the group on "The University."

Fathers arriving by bus or train Friday evening and Saturday morning will be met at the respective depots and brought to the campus by the members of Skull and Dagger, sophomore men's service honorary.

Members of Kwama, sophomore women's service honorary, will register the fathers from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday in the Eugene hotel lobby, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the second floor of the SU. Results of the registration will determine the awarding of the trophies, which will be awarded at the basketball game Saturday night.

Reserved seat tickets at \$1.80 are on sale at McArthur court for the Saturday basketball game. General admission tickets can be

picked up by the fathers when they register Saturday.

The general admission tickets plus registration tags will allow the dads to see the game downstairs with their sons or daughters, in the special section in the

balcony, or in any general admission seat.

Saturday morning hostesses will be on duty in the SU to guide tours through the building and to furnish information about it.

'Y' Fun Fest Scheduled Saturday

The evening program for the mixer of the International Fun Fest, to be held Saturday at Gerlinger hall, has been announced by Ted Goh, general chairman. The mixer is slated after the basketball game with Idaho.

Numbers on the program include Alan Robinson from England in a piano number accompanying Diana Starr, freshman in music,

singing; Maria Beringuel from the Philippines doing a Philippine dance; Basdeo Maharajah from Trinidad doing a calypso dance with Adriana Jaunlins, Latvia; Mineko Imai from Japan dancing a Japanese folk dance; and John Scow performing Austrian and Italian and Mexican folk dances. Achim Jurchen, special student in journalism from Germany, will be master of ceremonies.

WIFE'S HEARING POSTPONED

The preliminary hearing on a check charge which faces the wife of an Oregon faculty member has been postponed in San Diego.

Mrs. Donald W. Allton, wife of D. W. Allton, assistant professor of music, is suspected by San Diego police of cashing \$800 worth of bad checks in the San Diego

area. A warrant was issued for her in December.

Mr. and Mrs. Allton have previously denied the charge, stating that professional forgers were to blame.

According to the Associated Press, the hearing has been postponed in the Superior Court of San Diego until Mar. 9.

Suggestion.....

FOR DAD'S DAY HOSTESS

"A date with dad"



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