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Good Luck, Aggies

After our past heated little exchange over who has and who doesn't have sportsmanship and such like, we had planned to even up the editorial score after going up to Corvallis and observing the crowd. And yes, the Aggies do boo, yell at players and carry on much like any other basketball crowd.

We suspected as much.

We lost the game. Corn Valley has a Northern Division championship. And we just don't feel it's the time to quibble over "boos" from the two crowds.

We don't get irritated every time we go to Corvallis. We did win one game of the series and Saturday night Oregon gave the highly touted Beavers a good fight. Considering the manpower Oregon had on the bench, the game indicated some terrific stamina and a "great" basketball team. After all, to quote Bill Borchert, "Oregon doesn't have to win anything." But both teams played some of the best basketball we've seen and that's the important thing.

So all we'd like to say is: Aggies, you've got a good ball club. You've got the height, the shooting ability and the reserve manpower to go places. You could easily be great against USC. We hope you are. And good luck.

Why No Fuss?

There hasn't been any fuss raised over an editorial we printed on Feb. 8 concerning the lack of equality in the present intramural setup, and we feel there should be.

The situation seems to be so noticeably bad that none are willing to say otherwise, or even admit that we are right. This may be an indication that no one cares whether the intramural sports program lives or dies. If it is, that is all the more reason to do something to improve the program.

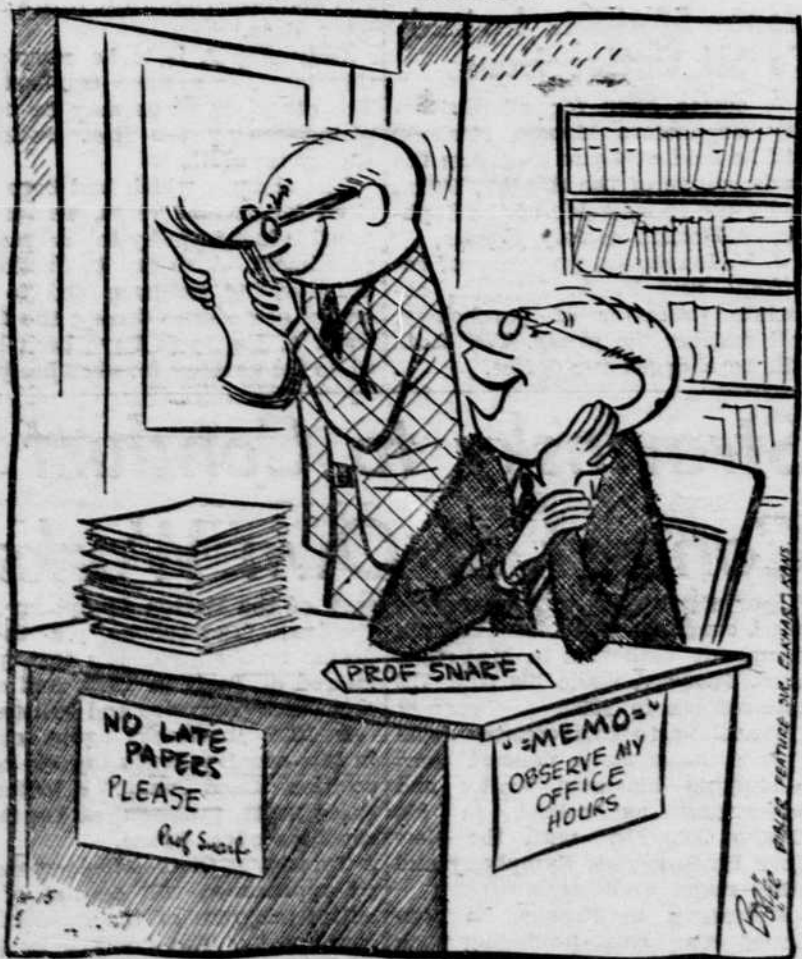
We are championing the small organizations, not because we feel the large organizations shouldn't win, but because the small groups should be given a chance to be better than last. The small teams will never get anywhere as long as they must contend with Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Beta Theta Pi, etc., etc.

This year and last are good examples of who wins and who does not. The Phi Deltas took top honors in basketball in both the "A" and "B" tournaments, playing against ATO in one and Hale Kane, consistent champ in most sports, in the other.

In volleyball, Hale Kane won over Phi Delta teams both years in the "A" tournament, and over the ATO's in 1952 and the Phi Deltas in 1953 in "B" playoffs. In football this year SAE managed to beat the Phi Deltas in the championship playoff. Last year it was Hale Kane over SAE. In softball last year Sigma Chi beat ATO.

We're not trying to dig any of these organizations, in fact, more power to them. We would, however, like to see a championship being decided between the Sammies and the Lambda Chis. (R.M.)

Self Defense



"I always write my term paper criticisms illegibly so th' student won't be able to take issue with what I say."

Letters to the Editor

(Ed. Note: We have no standing rule on length of Letters to the Editor. However, as a matter of courtesy, we ask that contributors recognize our space difficulty and keep their letters as brief and to-the-point as possible. We do not like to cut other people's opinions. This letter has been cut. To prevent putting us in the position of cutting for length, we make the standing request that contributions be limited to approximately 8 inches, which equals a page and a half of typewritten, double-spaced copy or 300 words.)

Education for Tolerance

It is very enlightening to find that discrimination really does exist on the Oregon campus. What an original conclusion! And I am happy to see that fraternity men are absolved of the necessity of doing anything about it, for "there is little that can be done immediately on the local level." This comes as an agreed conclusion of an NAACP sponsored panel!

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the panel discussion Tuesday. But if I had been there, nothing could have stopped me from exposing the hypocrisy of that glib phrase, education is the only way discrimination can be eliminated. Certainly education is the principal way of handling race prejudice. But the important question is, who's going to do the educating?

Education in social living does not take place in the classroom. Theorizing in somebody's social class seldom alters attitudes. Students' attitudes on the race question, as on other questions of manners and morals, are formed by the social group in which they live from day to day. The function of fraternities and sororities on a college campus is to form for the individual desirable habits in group life.

This is their place in the educational scheme — to help their members adjust to social living. And when the practices of the Greeks are such that they conduce to undesirable social attitudes — in this case to the idea that it is normal to exclude certain races from society — fraternities and sororities cease to perform their part in the educational plan.

For a fraternity man to speak of education as if it were someone else's job is to dodge the issue entirely. If the campus social groups don't do the educating, who is going to do it?

It is possible to sympathize with the view that fraternities and sororities should not go so far in their position on the race question as to cause a break with their national organizations. But national organizations are notably conservative; they are not primarily composed of campus people who see the need to change policy to meet changing conditions on the campuses. Each local chapter should go as far as it can, without precipitating a break with its national.

I know of one fraternity on this campus whose national has had no restrictive clause in its charter since 1947; yet the local chapter itself has a gentleman's agreement not to pledge non-Caucasians or non-Christians. Is this a situation where nothing can be done on the local level?

Even in the most conservative fraternities it is often possible to pledge an outstanding Jewish student. A Jewish student today, perhaps an Hawaiian - American next year, and eventually the chapter may be able to pledge a Negro. It is by a series of such steps, gradually taken in each local chapter, that discrimination in fraternities can finally be licked.

Forbes I. Hill

Illegal Discrimination

Emerald Editor:

I really have very little time for this sort of thing, but because the comments following my letter in the Emerald of Feb. 25 strongly imply that I was misconstruing the facts, I am compelled to answer. It is strange that the University of Washington was omitted from the list of schools that have taken action to abolish discriminatory clauses. Their policies could serve as a valuable guide for this institution. The following information was gained from the office of the dean of students at Washington.

Discriminatory clauses in institutions recognized by the University have been declared illegal. Periodical statements to that effect are issued to those organizations that still retain discriminatory clauses. A permanent committee has been formed that works with the problems and which has had considerable success, I am told. Organizations were not given a deadline, as I stated, but discriminatory clauses were declared illegal by the school, and constant work is being done to eliminate them.

Concerning the reference to Oregon State, I can speak with some experience as I was there when this issue arose. The controversy at the time raged around what was called the "Wick Amendment." Due to shrill opposition, it was passed in a watered-down form. However, future organizations were prevented from possessing racial

or religious clauses, and the amendment encouraged existing societies to rid themselves of them. The call to Corvallis was not long enough or such facts would have been learned.

What disturbed this writer at Tuesday night's meeting was the reluctance of some members to admit that there was a problem, instead of acknowledging there was one and discussing what to do about it. In closing, I cannot but point out the advantages of an editor in being able to present evidence that seemingly refutes statements made by a lowly letter writer. Perhaps the answer is to become a journalist.

Dick Korvola

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