

Honor—How Much?

"High minded character or principles; fine sense of one's obligations; credit or reputation for behavior that is becoming or worthy; high public esteem."

That is the definition Webster's dictionary gives for the word "honor." And any honorary must derive its principles from those basic roots of the word.

Our campus honoraries, Mortar Board, Friars, Phi Theta Upsilon, Druids, Kwama, and Skull and Dagger, are now sifting through the names of activity people on campus. And we'd like to remind those groups of their responsibility as they consider those names for "tapping."

Will the members you select really reflect those qualities of high esteem and worthiness you wish to see in your organization? Does that house brother or sister really have the qualifications which your organization uses as a basis to select membership?

We can see a lot of reasons why your selections might not earn honor for your organizations. We've watched your operations in the past and we know that sometimes petty dislikes and house loyalties are the criteria used rather than service, leadership and scholarship.

It's hard to be objective about personalities. But every member of an honorary has committed himself to that obligation by his membership. An organization can only be as worthy as its membership.

Kwamas probably have the roughest time selecting members. They have over 100 names to consider in selecting 30 members. And the girls they are considering have had only a year to prove themselves worthy of honor. There's lots of room for "the flash in the pan" activity girl.

Kwama, we think your quota system is a big mistake. Limiting Kwama membership to three girls from one house has meant that some outstanding fourth girl gets the cold shoulder because she is that fourth girl. Yes, we've heard the argument: you're an honorable group but will the next group of Kwamas refrain from padding the "honor roll" with house favorites?

You can only be as big and worthy as you think you are. And if you're selecting that type of person for membership next year, then you're making a lot worse mistake in judgment than even we thought you could. Junk that quota system and let the individual be the one that counts.

By the time a girl is nearing completion of two years of college, it's much easier to tell if she really possesses the qualities our campus should want to honor. And that's where Phi Theta comes in.

You have a chance to see if the women you are considering are really developing interests and rounding out their own fields by the services they perform. Activities for the sake of activities or to get into an honorary can become an awful grind. The underlying purposes of these activities is to develop the individual and if this purpose is neglected they become meaningless.

There is always the debate about the woman who has a narrow field of activities versus the one that spreads herself over a whole field of interests. But measure up these services against your yardstick of service and leadership and the difficulty becomes less.

We also think Kwama and Phi Theta might raise the quality of their membership by taking steps to eliminate membership by petitions. It somehow goes against the grain with us to think of someone asking for an honor. There's a different principle involved here than in petitioning for a job you're willing to do. And we know of girls who have gone through their college career without benefit of Kwama or Phi Theta as a matter of principle. But they're Mortar Boards in their senior year.

We'd suggest a system of recommendation, including contacting department heads, house presidents, housemothers, and people holding responsible positions on campus. A lot of sifting could be done before the groups ever met, giving them more time to weigh and evaluate the women they do consider.

We think Mortar Board has probably done the best job of choosing new members each spring. And that's logical. They are seniors leaving school. They are expected to be more adult. They have to keep in mind their national affiliation. And the candidates they are considering have had three years in which to develop.

And that's why it disgraces Mortar Board so much when they do make a mistake. Perhaps it is an honest mistake, although we've known at least one case when it was personal dislike that kept a girl out of Mortar Board. We expect higher things of you.

So, look at that activity list again and re-read those recommendations. Is there reason to suspect house affiliation or that a department is pushing a mediocre person to gain a little glory? And use that old rule of thumb: it's quality, not quantity that counts.

Attitudes count too, and we're talking to all three groups now. Is that girl that "has really worked" been doing so because she is a responsible and dependable person or because she'd like to wear your particular skirt and sweater outfit?

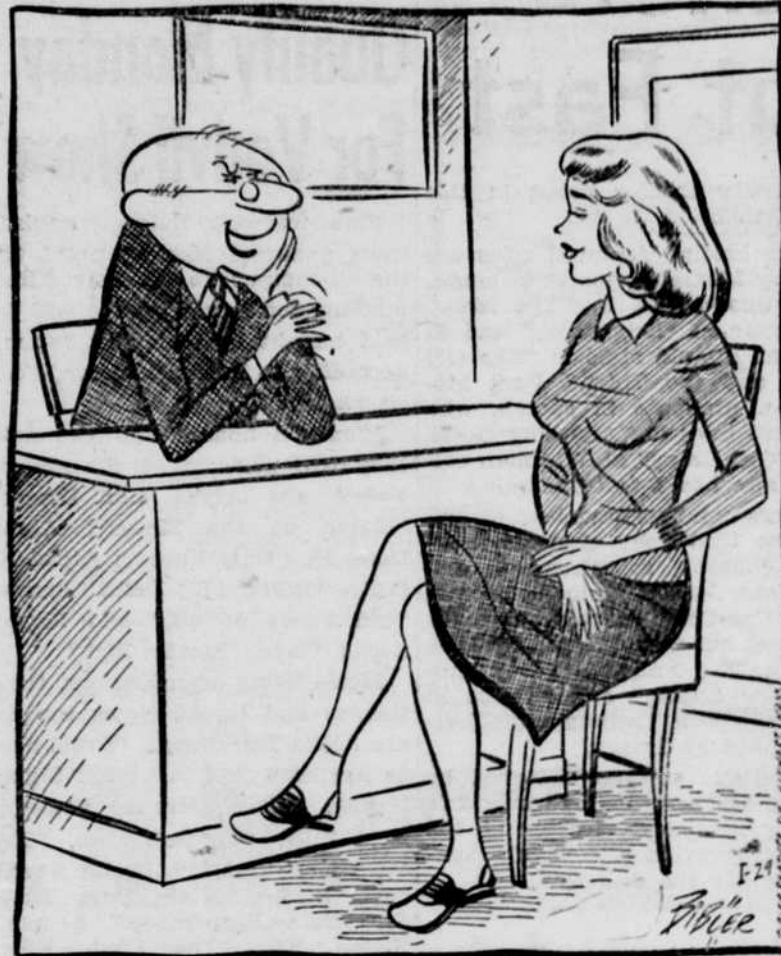
So remember—Mortar Board, Phi Theta, and Kwama—if you want your organizations to have the respect and admiration of this campus, it's entirely up to you. An honorary can only extend that amount of "honor" which they have earned.

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Most of us do. And an excellent way to get rid of that spare dime and do a little to promote this world peace is available on campus now.

The World University Service fund drive opened on campus Monday. Money collected in the drive goes to help university students abroad. It helps buy books and clothing—it provides dormitories and student health centers.

Why do we mention peace? We think that one of the main hopes for peace in this sadly torn-up world of ours is an understanding among peoples. Sure, it sounds trite and terribly idealistic. But we think it has a practical aspect. We think our system of government is best. And we think an educated world will agree with us. The best way to fight Communism is through education.

Besides that, we like the ways WUS has thought of to raise money. You're given an original way to get rid of your money. You can vote for your favorite Ugly Man, or have your car washed or buy some useless or useful item or person at the auction, or see the all-campus Vodvil. Somehow that seems to make it a little more fun to give.

We get as tired as anyone else of the endless number of fund drives. But we think this one is special. It's for fellow university students around the world.—(J.W.)

NAACP Gathering To Hear Speaker

Bill Berry, executive secretary of the Urban League of Portland, will speak to the campus chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union.

Berry's topic will be "Minstrel Shows—Innocent Fun or Social Shame?" A discussion period will follow the talk, according to Robert Holloway, president of the campus chapter of NAACP.

Berry is a member of the faculty of Portland State college, and has been active in matters of inter-racial relations in Oregon, Holloway said.

All interested students are invited to attend the meeting.

Inter-Varsity Meet To Hear Speaker

Fred A. Beard, sales manager of Koke-Chapman Printing Co., Eugene, will speak on "Believing in Vain" during the regular meeting of Inter-Varsity Christian fellowship tonight at 7 p.m. in the Student Union.

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SU Art Gallery Shows Sculpture

Sculptures, paintings, and drawings by Thomas Hardy, an Oregon graduate and one of America's leading sculptors, will be exhibited in the Student Union Art gallery on the second floor until May 15.

Hardy makes figures of animals with a blowtorch by cutting through sheets of iron and rusting them with heat. He uses the medium for naturalistic forms, abstracted forms and forms of high emotional impact.

His works have been exhibited in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Portland Art museum, Seattle Art museum, San Francisco Museum of Art, Robert M. Kasper gallery of San Francisco, Kraushaar galleries of New York City and in museums in Denver, Philadelphia, Syracuse, and Wichita.

Hardy received his bachelor of science degree in general art from the University of Oregon in 1942 and the degree of master of fine arts in sculpture and lithography in 1952.

Hardy served as a first lieutenant in the Army air force from 1942 to 1945.

He served as a graduate assistant in the painting department of the school of architecture and allied arts in 1951-52. He was also an instructor of painting, ceramics and sculpture for the general extension division.

Among Hardy's works in collections are works at the Portland Art museum, University of Oregon, Seattle Art museum, and Springfield, Missouri, art museum.

His works have also been exhibited in numerous college campuses.

Mother's Weekend Chairmen Revealed

Committee chairmen for Mothers weekend were announced Monday by Donna Lory, general chairman.

Chairmen and the committees follow: Barbara Kamm, tickets; Sam Vahey and Shirley Johnson, promotion; Sally Jo Greig and Gloria Stok, publicity; Karen Kraft and Mary Sweeney, tea; Ann Erickson and Ruth Hoppe, hospitality; Carol Huggins, awards; Agnes Thompson and Joanne Burns, breakfast, and Jack Socolofsky and Nan Hagedorn, housing.

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