

## 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."

We have always maintained that we could not stand women in mass. They seem so much smaller and pettier than men. But the conduct of our campus honoraries rather puts that little theory to shame. If Kwama, Phi Theta Upsilon and Mortar Board have failed to live up to their standards of service, leadership and scholarship on occasion, we have sometimes wondered if Skull and Dagger or Druids even bother to profess standards for selecting membership.

Skull and Dagger uses a mixed system of house quota and house loyalties to choose their members. It often appears to be an organization made up of two men from each of the largest and most active living organizations on campus. If that is to be the way members are to be chosen, we suggest each house elect its representatives and forego the artificial petition system for this select little social group.

Honoraries will probably always be in line for criticism from those on the outside. But when the members of these honoraries disregard the fundamental definition of the word, we wonder if they can even justify their existence.

Take for example, Skull and Dagger as a service honorary. Other than help with new student week activities—carrying suitcases for freshman women at Carson and Hendricks halls, which also provides opportunity to get the first look at the newest and prettiest additions to the campus—and cleaning up after the Junior weekend picnic, the group does very little.

"He hasn't done so much but he's a real smooth guy," is the recommendation which many members of these select groups receive. But they get the membership. For the fellow that is crazy enough to work his head off, get high grades and hold responsible offices on campus, it's the "cold shoulder" unless he's also a fraternity brother or typical Joe College type.

This by no means reflects on all present members of these two honoraries. But if a group disregards "honor" in their selection, than they as a group receive no honor from other campus groups.

About the only thing we can say for Druids as a group is that they don't wear sweaters. At least we don't have to constantly be reminded of the fictitious dogma that these are the "outstanding" junior men on this campus.

Druids often indulge in personalities in selecting membership. They receive membership only on the recommendation of present members, which leaves plenty of opportunity to promote "favored" candidates. We've heard about trading votes and refusing to accept a qualified candidate unless all the "sponsored" men have been voted in. And offhand, we could name three outstanding men on campus today who have never received a nod from Druids or Skull and Dagger for similar reasons.

Not only does Druids use the limiting method of membership for considering candidates, but their bright and shining halos seem to prevent them from doing anything once they become a member of the group.

True, Druids at least avoid the fiction of a service honorary. They make no claims to be an active organization. And surely there is truth in the philosophy that someone who is busy enough with activities and studies to deserve an honorary needn't be further burdened selling icky stickies or mums. But we question if Druids are any busier than other people that hold membership in campus honoraries.

Friars, like Mortar Board, has a much better record than either of the lower class honoraries. We could name several outstanding men who have gone through three years of college, ignored by Druids or Skull and Daggers, to be recognized in their senior year by Friars. Friars occasionally overlook a qualified member, but their "secret" method of selection leaves us little room for other than general criticism.

But because Friars have maintained themselves as an honorary, and usually make an effort to include the really top men on campus, the "honor" of the name Friars continues to mean something to those of us who are pretty disillusioned by the other two men's organizations.

An honorary is no place to indulge in personalities and catty remarks about candidates under consideration. Once it becomes such a place, it is no longer an honorary.

We think there is a place on campus for recognition of a job well done. We think that place could very well be the present system of campus honoraries. But, without honorable purposes, honorably carried out, these organizations can give honor to none. If you don't take your job seriously, no one else can.

Before you cast that opposing vote or that "aye" vote for Joe's candidate—Friars, Mortar Board, Druids, Skull and Dagger, Phi Theta, and Kwama—think!

Go over those standards, those high-minded ideals you profess. Take everything out in the light, recognize the fact that some of your members will be pushing their favorites, that some of your members will want to keep out people whom they don't like, that yours is the toughest job in the world if you want to do it right.

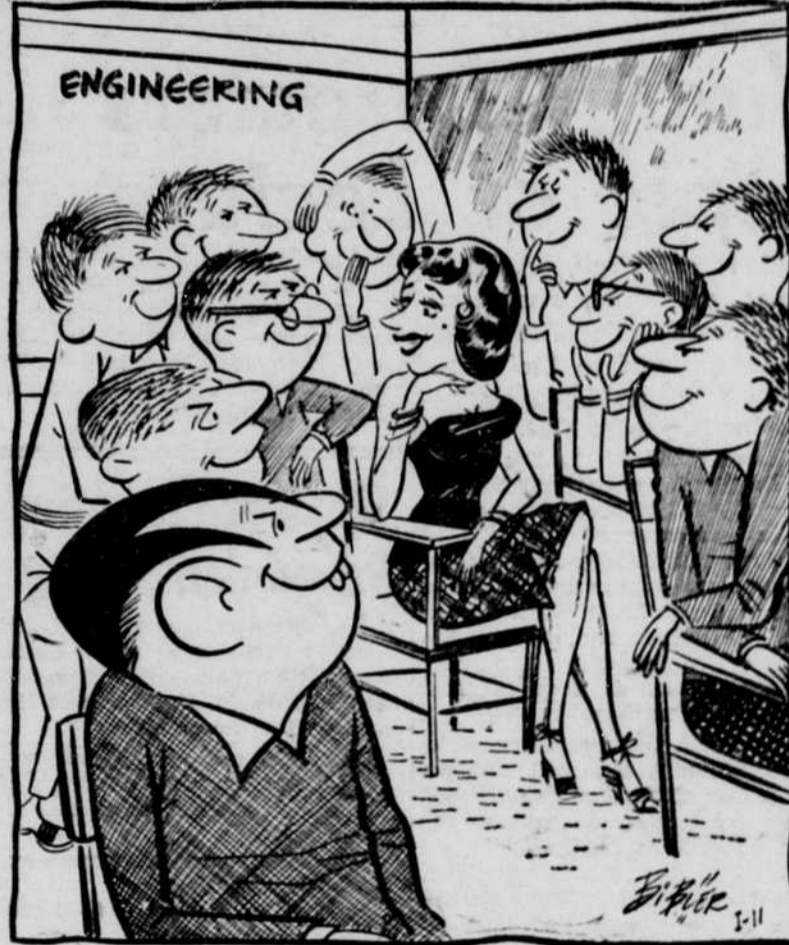
And think! and think! and think! It's your organization and you know what you want to give your members in the way of honor. But to us, the name alone doesn't mean a thing.

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## We Wonder



"I don't know why I take this class with ALL boys—I just don't know the first thing about trains."

## Letters to the Editor

### Poor Showing?

Emerald Editor:

This letter is directed to Bob Robinson, who is supposedly the Emerald sports editor. The subject is the article printed about Ted Anderson being a flop so far this track season, which was printed in the Tuesday, April 20, Emerald.

You ask, what has happened to Ted Anderson? Well, let me tell you the reason for his poor showing last Saturday. For over two weeks, Ted has had a bad fever and muscle aches, then two days before the Washington meet he came down with a very sore throat and temperature of 102. Instead of complaining about it he went out Saturday afternoon and did the best he could for the condition he was in. He now has a very serious throat infection and will be lucky if he can run next Saturday.

I now ask you, Robinson, is this reason enough for a poor showing or not? How about in the future finding out the story behind the story rather than slurring an athlete's name in print.

I think you owe Ted Anderson a column of apology in the next edition of the Emerald.

I myself do not know who you are, Bob Robinson, but if I were Ted Anderson, I sure would find out fast enough.

Tom Elliott  
Tom Swalm

### Get the Facts

Emerald Editor:

This is in reference to your (Bob Robinson, sports editor) "What's Happened to Anderson" which appeared in the Tuesday, April 20th, edition of the Emerald. I have just read your column and from what you said I can clearly see that you did not bother to get the facts of the case.

I will admit that maybe Ted was not ready for the Portland meet, but as far as the Washington meet I have yet to see

a man, whoever he may be, go out and run the 440 which is one of the toughest races in track, with a cold so bad that he can barely breathe and expect to win.

He should be praised for even running, instead of ridiculed as you just did. I was in the training room when Ted came in. He was in such a condition that he could barely breathe, he was gasping for breath. This from the effects of a very severe cold.

In the future may I remind you that it is the job of a reporter to get the facts of the case before reporting something that may be entirely out of line.

Don Hedgepeth

Foreign students interested in selling or exhibiting items at the World University Service carnival should leave these articles at the YMCA office, Student 319, or with Ingrid Meijling at Delta Zeta by Thursday, Miss Meijling said.

## Winners Get Vodvil Tickets

Free tickets to the Vodvil show will be given for correct answers to quiz questions on the World University Service program over KWAX tonight.

The radio show, from 8:15 to 8:30 p.m., will feature several sets of clues on various foreign countries. The first person to call KWAX and correctly identify any of the countries will receive two tickets to the WUS sponsored Vodvil.

The 15-minute quiz program will be piped into the Student fish-bowl, according to Pete Plumridge, WUS radio promotion chairman.

Records of European and Oriental music will also be played during the program. Ted Goh, WUS general chairman, will be interviewed by Plumridge about the work of WUS in other countries.

## CAMPUS BRIEFS

Deadline for items for this column is at 4 p.m. the day prior to publication.

The Duck Preview housing committee will meet Thursday at 4 p.m. in the Student Union, according to Nan Hagedorn, committee member.

Recent pledges during spring term open rush include Carolyn Lemley, Alpha Omicron Pi; Claudelle Ellis, Joan McKenzie, and Pat Smith, Delta Delta Delta; and Laura Harper, Sigma Kappa.

Junior Weekend float chairmen will meet at 3 p.m. today in SU 313, according to Mary Wilson and Ann Hopkins, co-chairmen.

Sub-chairmen of the Junior Weekend luncheon committee will meet at 4 p.m. today in the Student Union, according to Corky Horton and Marcia Hodgson, co-chairmen.

Duck Preview program committee chairmen will meet at 2 p.m. today in the Student Union.

The Hawaiian club will meet today at 8 p.m. in the Student Union, according to President Lorna Mrakawa.

WRA intramural swimming matches scheduled for today and next Wednesday have been cancelled, according to Olivia Tharaldson.

Druids, junior men's honorary, will meet at 6:30 p.m. today in the Oregon office.

The Order of the "O" will meet at Sigma Nu at noon today, according to President Doug Clement. Plans for initiation will be discussed.

The Red Cross Board will meet at 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Union, according to Mary Wilson, president.

The YWCA cabinet will meet today at noon in Gerlinger hall, according to Sally Stadleman, publicity chairman.

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