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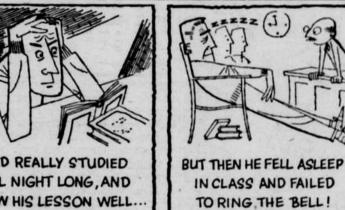
could exist on the Oregon cam- pus. These students staged a po- litical parade and rally mocking the TNE investigation. The rally developed into a near-riot which was broken up by Eugene city police and firemen. A few days later, the adminis- tration's investigation turned up the names of 25 men students white blouses and dark blue bla- zers. Blazers will be provided by the photographers. The following organizations are scheduled for this week Kappa; Wednesday, Kappa Al- pha Theta and Orides; Thursday Carson 4 and Pi Beta Phi; Fri- day, Carson 5.	 p, Women's houses will wear white blouses and dark blue bla- zers. Blazers will be provided by the photographers. ly The following organizations are scheduled for this week: 	Lost: In or near Gerlinger Hall, Oct. 5th, Green Parker 51 fountain pen Call ext 482
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COMBINED KKK, TAMMANY Tri Delts, DG Campus Politics Reach Lull Pix Planned **Following TNE Expulsion** Pictures of Delta Delta Delta and Delta Gamma are scheduled to be taken today for the Oregana. secret and illegal political group, Women's houses will wea

By Dorothy Iler Emerald Feature Editor

Student politics on the Oregon campus just aren't what they used to be. Political campaigns no longer result in exposes, charges, counter-charges and near-riots, as they have several times in past years. This calmness in the realm of student government at Oregon came just four years ago with the abolishment of a mysterious organization known as Theta Nu Epsilon-TNE.

TNE was a secret and illegal fraternity acting as a political pressure group on many cam-puses. According to a Time magazine article in May 28, 1945, on a TNE chapter at the University of Southern California, the group was "an outlaw inter-fraternity society whose members often work in secret to control student government, campus newspapers and fraternity membership in flagrant defiance of faculty edicts." The writer called TNE "an approximate equivalent of a combined Ku Klux Klan and Tammany hall."

Theta Nu Epsilon was organ-ized Dec. 5, 1870, as a legal fraternity, an organization of student leaders. Gradually, however, it became an undercover political group. When the na-tional TNE was reorganized as a legal group in 1925, the small secret political groups remained on many campuses.

Disbanded in 1936

TNE's presence on the Oregon campus was first recognized in 1936 when the illegal group was disbanded by the administration and its members placed on probation. In 1939, however, a TNE chapter was in operation again at Oregon.

The secret society's membership supposedly was composed of one or two members of each of the most powerful fraternities on campus. TNE held secret meetings in hotel rooms and operated with funds provided by interested alumni. Promising student leaders were approached as prospective members and, if interested in joining TNE, they underwent a training period of activity in campus politics before they were initiated.



Operated Until 1950 The group evidently operated could exist on the Oregon camin student government circles at pus. These students staged a po-Oregon from 1939 until it was abolished in 1950. An attack against TNE was made by student leaders in 1942 at an ASUO nominating assembly. However, the attack was ineffective and TNE continued to function here.

Meanwhile, many persons, both faculty and student leaders were seeking actual proof of TNE's existence on the Oregon campus. In November 1946, a blank TNE membership card was discovered and other bits of evidence led to the belief that TNE members and their activities might be exposed. However, the existence of a TNE chapter here couldn't be proved conclusively then, and student leaders had to continue seeking evidence until May 1950.

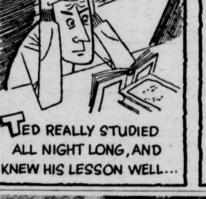
Charges against the outlawed secret society were made by student leaders during the ASUO election campaign that year and the University officially recognized the existence of the illegal group. The board of deans and office of student affairs began an investigation.

Students Mock Idea Many student, however,

mocked the idea that TNE, a







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