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Well, Maybe . . .

An important phase of the plans for the establishment of a Greek Week on the University of Oregon campus was deleted, apparently by accident or oversight, from the initial report of the Inter-Fraternity council's Greek Week committee.

The point may appear minor to some, but to us it is quite significant—for the point is future plans of the campus Greeks for observation.

The Emerald has on several occasions urged a more serious approach to Greek Week than the approach outlined in the committee report. That report completely ignored the more serious side of fraternity living; it completely ignored the service function which fraternities can, and in some cases do perform.

As a result of joint sessions with Panhellenic, IFC is revising the report. We hope the plans for the future will be included, for in those plans lies a meaningful Greek Week.

Pete Williams, IFC president, has pointed out since the release of the report that this first Greek Week is being planned merely to show campus Greeks that it can be done and to stimulate interest. Plans for serious study and service to the University and community will come in the future.

Viewed in this light, a Greek Week at the University could be a desirable thing. It could serve to strengthen the Greek system, and thus indirectly be of aid to the entire student body.

It would do much to dispel the unfavorable impression of fraternities and sororities held by many non-college persons. (Notable examples of which are noxious movies like "Take Care of My Little Girl" several years ago.)

We'll withhold judgment until the first Greek Week has been staged and the committee's report turned in, complete with recommendations for the future. As two or three days of social revelry we're opposed to the idea, not only for silliness per se, but also for the off-campus ramifications.

As a constructive evaluation of the role of fraternities and sororities in contemporary college life, and as evidence that there is more than a social side to Greek life, we welcome a Greek Week.

We'll wait and see.

Student Manifesto

The pre-final lament, "too many things to do and not enough time to do them in," becomes popular at Oregon as we enter this gloomy period when things that have been put off all term can be put off no longer.

Every term we yak and moan about our troubles, but nobody does anything except give us that old line that we should have

kept up. Here at last is a simple, sensible scheme to ease the stress and strain. We merely throw out our old style 24-hour days in favor of a more practical 28-hour day.

Think of it! Four extra hours a day to all the things you don't have time to do. Why, you could goof off for the whole regular 24-hour day and still have four hours left to hit the books. Or you could lead a serious, studious, academic life for the regular 24 hours and then raise whoopee for the last four hours. The potential combinations of play and work, work and play, play and play are infinite.

Of course, the hours would only be 50 minutes long, but with a little thought, you will agree that—if anything—this is for the best. Less time to wait for people who are an hour late, etc.

But the best thing is the classes—which would then be only 40 minutes long. Some will argue that this is still too long, but all must admit it's an improvement. Who has had a class that would not have been better if chopped by 10 minutes? Ah, 28-hours days, a veritable golden age.

Some of you astute mathematicians have by now undoubtedly figured out that with 28 hours at 50 minutes per, there would still be 40 minutes left over each day. Exactly! herein lies the real beauty of the plan.

How many of you get up in the morning beat — utterly, absolutely, and entirely beat? You suffer from that general college malady—not enough sleep. Wouldn't you with just a few minutes of extra sleep each morning be singing instead of growling, smiling instead of scowling, a good guy instead of an irritable rat?

The 28-hour day plan would devote this extra 40 minutes solely to sleeping in. Think of the utter ecstasy of hearing the alarm go off knowing you have 40 minutes of sack time remaining. Who knows, this may be the answer to world peace as well as campus harmony. Molotov might be an entirely different guy with 40 minutes of extra sleep under his belt each day.

Students of the campus unite! Throw down your watches. You have nothing to lose but the bags under your eyes.—(D.L.)

Footnotes

We can hardly agree with the selection of one of the Emerald co-sports editors for the worst officiating performance during the past basketball season. We think a majority of the students would select Lightner for consistency.

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We saw our first "umbrella hat" the other day. At least one inmate of Carson had the nerve to wear it, but we're glad that the monstrosities apparently are not an accepted campus fashion.

College Capers . . .

From Coast to Coast

By Elliot Carlson
Emerald Columnist

WANT TO join the hordes of persons getting rich digging up gold and uranium? The University of Washington is now offering a course in prospecting, with particular attention being paid to the mining (and finding) of uranium and gold. The course was started several years ago in the public interest to stimulate an interest in prospecting.

LOUISIANA STATE University scientists are prepared to offer positive proof that sweet potatoes and yams are not the same. This startling result of years of research has recently been made public by LSU scientists.

The have concluded that the mixup in names probably occurred when people of African origin went to the West Indies, where they became familiar with the yam—and after sampling it said "yam, yam," meaning, we're told, "very good."

ANOTHER UNIQUE course offered by the University of Washington, according to the Washington Daily, is a fisheries course which uses Puget Sound as its lab.

Students take to boats to seek out the spawning grounds of the commercially valuable English sole. For this they get credits. Progressive education.

The DAILY TEXAN reports that University of Texas students aren't happy about the plan of University officials to raise tuition from \$25 to \$50. Just goes to show that there are some things that even tidelands oil can't pay for.

UCLA AND STANFORD now have rugby teams, both of which are undefeated (the story didn't say whether or not the teams had played any games yet). The game, similar in many ways to soccer, is a major sport in many European and Middle Eastern countries.

AN UNHAPPY pigeon has been named an honorary airplane by ROTC students at San Jose State, according to the Spartan Daily. The unhappy bird wandered into an AFROTC class and was promptly seized, painted, stamped with proper insignia, and released.

There are more details, but they begin to sound as if the perpetrators of the deed were snowing the poor reporter.

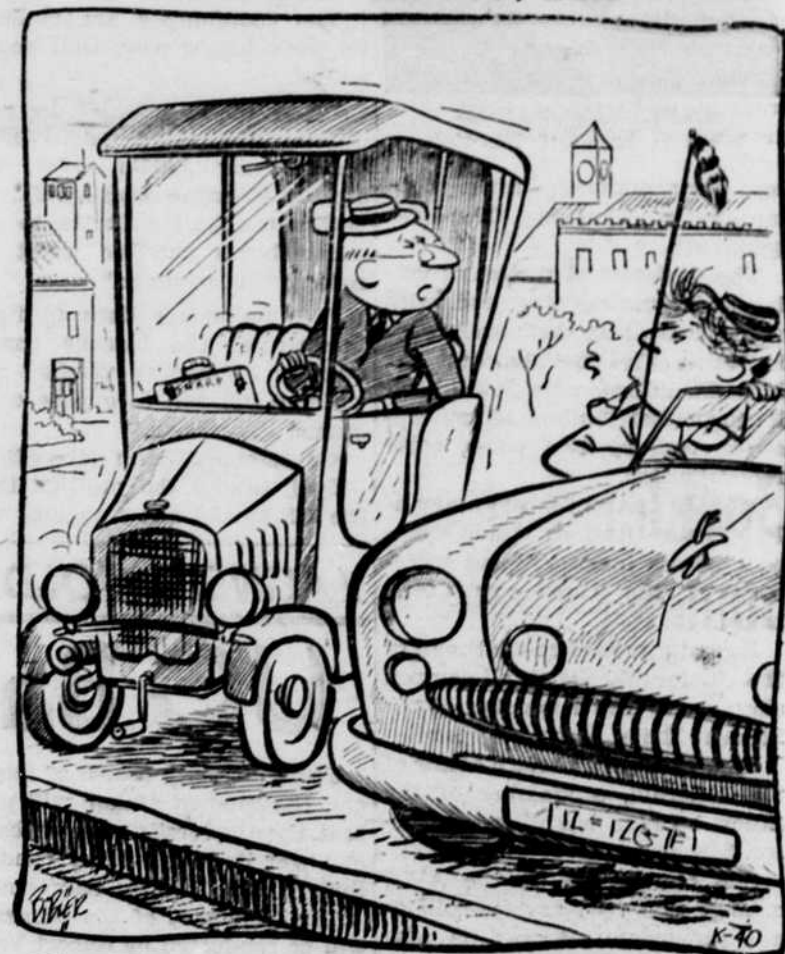
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Take It From Me, Son



"My advice would be not to drop school to go into your father's business—you need a college education these days to find success and financial security."

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Private Atom Industry Marks Six-Month Birthday This Week

By SAM DAWSON
Of the Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP)—The baby sister of the A-bomb—the private atomic industry—was six months old Monday.

She isn't walking yet. But she's beginning to pull herself erect at the table legs, and has grown much more rapidly than many expected when President Eisenhower signed the Atomic Energy Act Aug. 30, 1954.

Harnessing the atom to commercial use is well under way. An atomic-powered plant to feed electricity into commercial power lines is abuilding on the banks of the Ohio. Others are projected in the Hudson valley, in New England, California, Illinois,

Michigan and elsewhere.

Use of the byproducts of nuclear fission in many industrial processes was widespread even before Congress lowered somewhat the bars to private use of nuclear fission for power.

Scientists have formed consultant agencies to steer corporations wanting to get a head start in the atomic race. Moneyed men have formed groups to finance atomic industry. A mutual fund that specializes in stocks of companies in various atomic activities has even been formed.

Corporations have announced plans to build nuclear reactors in Ohio, New York, Illinois, and plan them elsewhere. Still others

are drawing up plans for atomic research and development projects for submission to the Atom-Energy Commission before the deadline a month from Monday.

None of this means that nuclear fission is going to be a big part of your life tomorrow, or next year. It will be a long time coming, but the start is much snappier than the pessimists predicted.

Some corporations are working with AEC on power plants at least partly financed with public funds. Under way is an 84-million-dollar nuclear-powered plant which Duquesne Light Co. will operate at Shippingport, Pa., on the Ohio river. It may be making electricity by the end of 1957.



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