

+ EMERALD EDITORIALS +

White Sweaters

With Spring term comes Junior Weekend, and with Junior Weekend comes tapping, and with tapping come broken freshman hearts.

Sophomore honoraries (to which this discussion is directed) supposedly function to bestow recognition upon hard-working, active, studious freshmen. The incentive is strong—frosch work hard and study late in hopes that they will someday advance to the ranks of the chosen few.

The honoraries probably serve a good purpose. The freshmen toe the line. And all that varied busywork that somebody has to do, gets done. Possibly the honorary can be criticized for becoming an end in itself rather than merely recognition for a good job. Possibly too many hearts get set upon making "IT."

Injustices that occur in the selection of members rank as the honoraries' big defect.

When a name comes up for the honorary vote, two thoughts run through the individual minds in the selecting group: (1) We must pick the most deserving persons, and (2) We must make sure one or more from our own club make the team.

Unfortunately, the latter thought prevails (especially in the men's honorary) with the result that a good freshman without a sophomore spokesman in the selecting body has a much rougher time making the golden list than a fair-to-middling frosch with one or more club members already on board pulling for him.

In an attempt to minimize this political influence, the honoraries have imposed a three-from-one-house limitation on themselves. This is a noble effort, but it leads to a second injustice.

Occasionally a single pledge class contains an especially large share of the cream. In such a case, what happens to the fourth most outstanding frosch in the top pledge class, a person far superior to nominees from other houses? Well, in plain terms he or she "gets the axe."

It's unfair (recent examples are most glaring in the girls' honoraries). But it would also be unfair if the quota were dropped and a few houses were able to eventually "load" the honoraries with their own members. In effect, the honoraries in trying to solve one injustice have created another.

This editorial does not mean to attack the honoraries. They are probably as good as can be expected, considering their handicap—made up of humans.

But to you frosch who miss out in the Junior Weekend tapping turmoil—don't kill yourself. At least don't do it just for

not making an honorary — they're not worth it.

Think of all the football programs you won't have to sell; think of all the meetings you won't have to attend... and those white sweaters are the nuts to keep clean.—(D.L.)

Student Salaries

We'll probably be hearing more about student salaries in the near future.

This is the time of year when the SUEABB (that's government-type language for Student Union and Educational Activities Budget Board) meets to discuss next year's budgets.

The Student Union Board has passed a recommendation which calls for a \$636 a year salary for the Student Union Board chairman.

We approve the idea wholeheartedly — and we believe that the SU board was cognizant of the principle underlying student salaries when it passed the recommendation.

But students should keep in mind the fact that salaries paid for participation in activities are not salaries as such. Rather, they are compensation paid so that students who might otherwise have to seek employment can participate in extracurricular activities.

"He should get a salary. He put 20 to 25 hours a week in on that job." This is an oft-heard argument, and a good one. But it's only part of the reason for student activities salaries.

Notice the strange amounts of student salaries like \$636, \$315, and \$157. That's because they were originally tied into the amounts charged by the dormitories for room and board.

Many students who receive salaries for their work put in between 20 and 30 hours of work a week. A lot of them would have to leave activities were it not for the salaries.

This, not the mere amount of work done, is what justifies the existence of student salaries.

Footnotes

We hope all of the 1955 Oregonas have been sold. The duck feet, painted in "temporary" white paint last January to advertise yearbook sales, have finally begun to wear off.

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Maybe the Student Union should import a soil conservationist from Aggieville. The mud is getting rather deep at the foot of Hello walk.

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Understand that the Emerald's Brides Week is quite popular at Pi Beta Phi. It should be.

College Capers...

From Coast to Coast

By Sally Ryan
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ELECTIONS HAVE taken the news spotlight up and down the coast. At Oregon State it was the Sunshine party versus the Collegiates versus the Positive party, with the Sunshines winning on what must have been a very rainy day for the other parties.

PORTLAND UNIVERSITY is going all out on its Military ball again this year. Harry James and his orchestra have been signed for this year's dance. Last year PU had Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey—all of which reminds us that it has been a long time since Oregon had a name band here...

AT WILLAMETTE, students who cut classes just prior to vacation (and the first day of class) received double cuts. They were worried about leaving the campus to the squirrels, what with the faculty leaving campus to tour McChord air force base.

DOWN SOUTH, at San Jose State college they've decided to allow faculty members to decide for themselves whether they want to smoke in their offices. Academic freedom or something, maybe.

A REGULAR international campus—that's what they're developing down on the Stanford farm. First, 9 foreign scholars will be awarded scholarships by various living groups. Next, the Stanford Excom is working out an itinerary for the visit of 11 Russian newspaper editors next month, "Contemporary Developments in Indian Philosophy" was

scheduled as a lecture topic, and the campus radio station scheduled Japanese music as a part of the cultural exchange with Keio university. The international spirit pervades even the sports news—the India Ruggers tussled with the combined Oxford-Cambridge rugby touring team. Pip pip and all that rot.

EVIDENTLY OREGON'S Fenton-front-steps-sitters have counterparts at Kansas university. April 1 law students there were greeted with the ogles of earlier arrivals—females reversing the usual procedure.

SOMETHING NICE for the sophomore men's honorary to do. That's what they've found at Washington State college. The men are operating a shoe shine stand for campus coeds, professors—and initiated members of their organization.

MR. MAGOO'S—four reels of them—made money for the Associated Students of UCLA summer camp for underprivileged children. That's one money raising project no one's tried here—yet.

A DELINQUENT jeep perturbed a University of Texas policeman. The adventuresome auto ascended the steps of the Main building. While the frustrated driver was trying to escape from the policeman, he tore a hole in the jeep gas tank. He then jumped out of the jeep, leaving the lights and motor on, and disappeared into the night. The policeman still has the jeep. And some Texan no longer has a parking problem.

Dad's Day



"I'm trying to work his way through college, Madam, and—"

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Formosa Intervention By UN Unlikely In View of Deadlock

By J. M. Roberts
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Despite suggestions — not pressed by the Eisenhower administration—there is no indication at the United Nations that the Formosa situation will again come up for discussion there any time soon.

Two months ago the Security Council took up the matter. It received two proposals.

New Zealand, representing the opinion of the Western Allies, proposed negotiations looking toward a formal cease fire arrangement in the Formosa Strait, and Communist China was invited to send a delegation.

At the same time Russia sought priority for discussion of withdrawal of all foreign troops from Formosa. Since this would

have included, in the Russian view, even the Chinese Nationalist troops, the suggestion got short shrift in the council.

Peiping made a bitter reply to the invitation made under the New Zealand proposal. The Reds said they would come only if the Russian proposal was given priority, and only if the Chinese Nationalists, who hold a permanent Security Council seat under the postwar "Big Five" arrangement, were ousted from the negotiations.

The council threw up its hands and relegated the subject to the tender mercies of private negotiations, which have produced nothing.

Apparently the State Department discussed with New Zealand the possibility of introducing an anti-force resolution in

the U.N. and then dropped the idea before Adlai Stevenson brought it up publicly Monday night. Britain was reported to have advised against further U.N. discussion until after the Bandung conference of Asian and African states next week.

Another idea would be to go direct to the General Assembly, where more than 50 nations could be counted upon to vote for such an expression of public opinion against war.

Since such a declaration would have no value except propaganda, that would seem to be the likely procedure if the idea is pursued, which is doubtful. Observers are inclined to think Red China has gone too far with its threats to retake Formosa, and has ballooned too high on the successes of the past few years.



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