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### R. I. P.

The Red Cross Board is dead. May it rest in peace.

The long-rumored demise of the Red Cross board is slated for the ASUO Senate meeting Tuesday evening, we understand. Any action the Senate may take will be rather anti-climatic under the circumstances.

The death blow to the board was dealt by the members themselves. In past years the Red Cross board has been responsible for conducting blood drives on campus, checking fire precautions, and providing occasional entertainment and favors for the Veterans' hospital in Roseburg. Weekly meetings were held to conduct mostly busy work. This year the board has not been able to perform these functions because of local Red Cross rulings. They have managed to discontinue their weekly gatherings. The need for such a board ceased to exist.

The most significant thing is that the members themselves realized this. In deciding to disband the Red Cross board they have taken a positive step toward eliminating one organization which no longer fulfills a need on campus. In so doing they have exemplified a greater interest in the welfare of the campus as a whole, for they are taking away a lot of fat personal titles. This, however, will give them more time to devote to more worthwhile activities. Here is hoping that some other campus organizations in a similar situation will see the light and follow the example of the Red Cross board.—(S.R.)

### Revolution

Wednesday the architecture story "broke." It wasn't as exciting as it might have been earlier—it appeared for a time as if there would be a revolution on that end of the campus, with the architecture faculty manning the barricades against the enraged students.

The end result was the establishment of an advisory council of students and a promise by Dean Little to "eliminate specifically scheduled criticisms."

Rumors of varying types and degrees had been circulating on campus about the impending "revolution" for several weeks.

The Emerald was placed in the unfortunate position of being able to get only one side of the picture on an "on the record" basis. The views of the other side were kept "off the record" in a talk with the Emerald reporter.

Luckily, the time the Emerald felt that the story could no longer be kept silent coincided with the time of the settlement of the dispute.

But we hope that both the students and faculty members involved in this dispute have seen that, if correctly handled, the news of the difficulties in the Architecture school might have been settled more speedily had the story been printed.

It is situations like that that point up the peculiar position of the campus newspaper. An obligation exists to the University to serve the best interests of the institution, but an equally strong obligation exists to the students and faculty of the University—that obligation is the one of printing all the news.

We don't think the two conflict. Certainly, they may appear to, but the facts, correctly written and displayed, can do much less harm in the long run than can rumors which circulate all around the campus despite efforts to check them.

We hope this will be remembered in future incidents like the "revolution" in the Architecture school.

### Footnotes

A question: When you meet a large truck on the Hello Walk, is it necessary to say "hello" to it?

## INTERPRETING THE NEWS

# Conservatives Set Own Time, Terms In Election Campaign

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The British elections Thursday wound up a campaign which has been dull, with a Conservative victory generally expected from the start.

The Conservatives exercised the majority prerogative of picking its own time for the vote. They chose a period of prosperity rather than gamble that prosperity would last until the normal time for an election, next year.

They chose a period when the Labor Party was going through a serious internal upheaval, due to the conflict between the Attlee moderates and the Bevanite left-wingers.

They also chose a time when they could display regard for public confidence by seeking its approval of Anthony Eden's succession to Winston Churchill as prime minister.

They gambled a year of their present term in office against a five-year extension.

Important issues in the campaign were few and not well defined.

Eden knocked the critical props from under the Laborites so far as international affairs were concerned when he obtained United States agreement to a top-level Big Four conference on European settlements.

Many Laborites had depended upon criticism of the Anglo-American atom-bomb program and

the rearmament of Germany to appeal to the great mass of peace sentiment in the country. But the majority of the party, for the sake of national security, went along with the Conservatives in Parliament for manufacture of the atom bomb and ratification of the Paris accords, foreclosing the matters as campaign issues.

Labor is also handicapped by the fact that all the dire things they predicted in the 1951 elections, if the Conservatives won, have not happened. The Conservatives contended then they had no intention of turning the clock back on the welfare state, but that they would give it better management and not let it go overboard at the expense of the general economy. That, they said, would produce prosperity. Whether it was produced or not, prosperity arrived.

All this contributed to a feeling during the campaign that the Conservatives would walk in, and detracted from public interest.

Britain, however, has demonstrated several times since the war that she is very closely divided, politically. As the campaign came to its climax, there were signs that the Conservatives were not quite so strong as they had thought. The party leaders were beginning to recall that, in 1951, they had gotten a Parliamentary majority less than one

fifth as large as they had expected.

## THE FRATERNITY PROBLEM

# Oregon Fraternities Could Gain By Studying Indiana's System

(Ed. Note: This is the second and final article in a series analyzing the strength and weaknesses of fraternity systems in general and Oregon's fraternity system in particular.)

By Dick Lewis  
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Fraternity change—for the good or the bad—depends first on the right kind of leadership. This places the problem squarely on two sets of shoulders: first, IFC and, second, the UO administration.

Fraternities at Oregon have come a long way under the guidance of Ray Hawk, IFC adviser. But Hawk readily admits that fraternities have a lot more improvements to make before anyone has a right to feel complacent.

More self-government by the fraternities themselves would seem to be a logical step in developing a more mature, responsible system. Speaking for the administration, Hawk says, "We're ready and willing to give the fraternities more self-government."

After the panning this newspaper gave the last Greek Week, this may sound ironic coming from an Emerald writer, but I believe the key to an advanced fraternity system may lie with Greek Week. Scrutinize the following Greek Week schedule, Indiana style:

Activities begin on Wednesday evening with a recognition banquet for outstanding fraternity and sorority members.

Some nationally prominent speaker gives the main address, thus setting the tone for the whole week.

Thursday and Friday are devoted to workshops and discussions of public relations, rush week, fraternity officer duties, etc.

Friday night the Greek Week committee sponsors a free all-campus dance with the stated purpose of "creating good will and bettering Independent-Organized relations." Saturday morning is devoted to pledges and pledge workshops and Greek Week ends Saturday noon with a pledge recognition banquet.

Best of all this kind of Greek Week would serve each year to refresh and remind fraternity men at a broad level of the higher ideals and objectives of a good fraternity system. An individual fraternity may have good leadership one year and poor the next. Greek Week could be strong, bettering influence that would not run hot and cold.

The Greek Week awards banquet might supply enough incentive to make fraternities actively work for some of the higher goals such as grades, community service, etc.

IFC by-laws at Indiana university motivate scholarship by virtue of a rule that any fraternity that ranks among the bottom five in scholarship three terms in a row goes on social pro until it pulls its grades up. Why wouldn't this be a good thing on our campus?

Even Hawk admits that you can't justify fall term rushing in terms of welfare for the individual rushee. The administration does not favor fall term rushing in principle, but has gone along with it for these reasons:

1. Rushing all fall term is too expensive for fraternities in their present financially weak condition.

2. Winter term rush week destroys the incentive for summer rushing. And summer rushing is responsible for persuading many students to come to the University instead of a competing institution.

Until increased enrollment makes fraternities stronger, perhaps rush week should be left where it is. In the meantime there are many completely positive projects upon which the fraternities can concentrate.

Hell Week ranks near the top of the list of things that give fraternities a bad name. In 1948 Indiana university gained national recognition for abolishing Hell Week and instituting Help Week. But it is interesting to note that their IFC by-laws still allow for "informal initiation" although it is limited to a Friday-through-Sunday weekend and restricted to the chapter house.

In short this means: (1) Indiana has Help Week and good public relations (2) On the sly they still have a short Hell Week known as informal initiation. Fraternities at Oregon

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## Never Trust a Woman



"I must tell a convincing story—I told him my father owns a big horse ranch."

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