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Of Questionable Merit

A "Fraternity Chest" is under consideration by the Inter-Fraternity council this week, presumably to handle all charitable contributions.

At first look this would seem a good idea. Further examination reveals such a "chest" virtually unnecessary and of questionable merit from the standpoint of the individual fraternity man.

First, the number of drives on campus is limited by the ASUO. This means an organization has to prove its worthiness to the entire student body, not just to the IFC, in order to solicit on campus. Presumably any drive considered to be worth while on campus would also be worth while to fraternity men. We do not agree that the fraternity men are being hard hit by charity drives. Sororities, co-ops, dormitories—all participate alike in the campus drives.

The difficulty seems to lie in the current system where the men are pressured into giving to win some minor award for the house. We maintain that contributions should be an individual matter.

And that brings up our second objection to the proposed "Fraternity Chest," namely that presumably a committee from the IFC would decide how much each fraternity man is going to donate. The proposal calls for a general assessment from every fraternity man for a general IFC fund. All charitable contributions would be made from this fund, thus protecting the fraternities from what one member called "a new drive every week." We would rather see the fraternity members decide for themselves how much they want to contribute to a given cause, deciding wholly on the merits of that cause rather than fraternity pressure.

IFC members themselves raised another question, one currently under study by an IFC committee. That is, the positions of the various campus auctions in such a plan.

The president of one of the largest fraternities has claimed that this is the crux of the problem, for his fraternity is pressured into spending most of its charity money in this manner. Currently, two auctions are held each year on campus, one fall term and one spring term.

Fall term, three sorority pledge classes go to the highest bidders at the AWS auction. The high bidder last year was not a fraternity. Spring term, various campus groups auctioned off for WUS. Again, the two highest bidders were not fraternities.

If this is where the fraternity money goes (four fraternities were the top bidders for 4 of the 12 groups auctioned off), then this is where IFC should start its drive. But even this doesn't look like it's hurting the fraternities.—(S.R.)

One Drawback

Today and tomorrow is the University's second annual Charter day—an event last year that came with President Wilson's formal inauguration.

Several distinguished speakers came to the University on those two days and spoke on "The University's Responsibility in the Tradition of Freedom."

Included among these speakers were Julian Huxley, an English biologist; Clarence Faust, president of the Ford Foundation Fund for Advancement of Education,

and Zechariah Chafee, Harvard law professor.

Truly this two-day celebration was a high point of the year and many people attended the speeches. Beforehand the University urged as many students as possible to attend as much as possible.

Only one drawback—midterms.

Several professors who undoubtedly knew that Charter day was going on and that students were to attend, still scheduled midterms that probably could have been put off until the next week.

This year several more speakers will be on hand on the campus and will have something very worthwhile for everyone, including students, to hear.

But in order for everyone to attend, cooperation between students and faculty is needed. Maybe the faculty could go a little light on outside assignments. If they do, then students should take advantage and try to attend these Charter day events. (A.H.)

Lustre Removed

So the freshmen are going to have their own rally squad.

Tuesday noon the rally board struggled through interviewing about 60 candidates for the frosh squad. Although having a freshmen rally team is new this year at Oregon, there seem to be many ex-high school cheer leaders who want a chance to perform.

Principal fall activities for them will be the frosh football games. But only one will be played in Eugene, on Oct. 28, a Friday afternoon.

The frosh team also plays the OSC Rooks Friday in Corvallis. If the board decides the squad should attend this game, only a week of preparation will remain before the squad's first performance. If the squad does not go to Corvallis, only one game will be on tap between now and the first week in January, when the frosh basketball season begins.

The idea of just one appearance in three months takes some of the lustre out of having a frosh rally squad in the first place. Oregon State has had the frosh yell team plan for several years, and we can attest that at football and basketball games, the yell leaders carry the whole load. Friday afternoon football attendance is not good. In basketball season, the frosh games come before the main show, at 6 p.m., and Mac court is like a morgue that early in the evening.

Therefore, it looks like this new rally squad will have a tough time finding much spirit. But things could change. This year's freshman class might start a new trend of old-time college spirit. (J.C.)

Footnotes

Purpose of Oregon State's Gene Autry-Annie Oakley show Oct. 31, we hear, is to keep local juvenile delinquents off of the streets on Halloween. Does that mean it is for kids or Aggie students?

Prof. Snarf And ...



"I SEE IVE LECTURED PAST THE BELL AGAIN—"

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Montgomery's Merger Termed 'Unrealistic'

By J. M. Roberts
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Field Marshal Montgomery, suggesting merger of the Free World's air forces under one command, is in the position of being unrealistic while still being right.

Air forces are so pertinent to a nation's defense and offense that surrender of direct control would seriously undercut national sovereignty and might endanger security.

This applies not only to tactical air power which may be strictly defensive, to which Montgomery was not referring, but to strategic forces which were his principal consideration. For one of the chief uses of strategic force is to slow down and interfere with attacks which defensive forces must stop.

Even the commanding nation, which Montgomery recognized should be the United States because of her superior strategic air strength, would be handicapped on defense by its obligations to its allies.

If attacked alone, such a nation would have to consider such obligations along with the need for immediate retaliation, whereas the United States is now prepared, on her own, with constantly alerted forces, to launch strategic—that means atomic—attacks without considering even momentarily anything except stopping the attackers.

This point can be emphasized by reference to the different situations affecting American strategic bombers located in England and those located at home. Those located at home could move, would move immediately.

As for those in Britain, a decision would have to be made in military command such as the

the attack on that country which it would bring on. Such decisions would involve other governments as well as any joint military command such as the United States now heads into NATO.

The same considerations and the same unreality apply to Montgomery's suggestion for complete unification of air, naval and land forces of the Free World alliance.

Unified forces, even a unified strategic air force, would undoubtedly be more powerful and a greater deterrent to war than what is available now. But no nation has been able to work it out even for its own forces.

The United States tried, but had to compromise with a joint superstructure of civilian control through a joint chiefs of staff organization, without actual merger of the services through officers trained, as Montgomery suggests, for joint command.

These are practical drawbacks, not criticism of Montgomery for the suggestion. He was obviously speaking of something that his NATO superior, General Gruenther, and the British government, for which he works, consider an ideal, else he would not have spoken.

Gruenther himself, only the day before, had suggested that the air forces assigned to NATO should be unified, instead of standing behind individual frontiers awaiting a call. Defense Secretary Wilson said at least a mutual air warning system should be developed.

Wilson, commenting on the Montgomery suggestions, said the marshal was "overstating it in order to make progress" in coordination.



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May I, in all friendliness, suggest this to Jones of the illustrious name? Certain people into office on coattails is not deified one recent president. unique. One chap did it on the Vice-presidents rarely have the silver tongue of a Radio-City-

chance to run the country: the operation may not be extraordinary, the occasion is. Floating Jones is. If not, may his law school course prove illuminating.

dream type. This is unique. McCarthy wasn't kidding. I hope Jones is. If not, may his law school course prove illuminating.

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