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Keep Principle Ahead of Expediency

So far we've heard nothing from the administration on what will be done about the damages assessed to women's dorms for windows broken by snowballs last term.

We had hoped that by this time the original decision to fine the dormitories involved would have been reconsidered. Last week a letter of protest signed by 90 residents of Susan Campbell logically called for such action.

Freshman women were required to pay for damages they caused in last term's "lipstick riot." This was entirely justified. It follows logically, and is consistent with any kind of justice one can imagine, that persons responsible for damage should pay for it.

In this case those responsible for the broken windows were not the women, but

a group of unidentified men. There is no way to collect from the men, so apparently authorities decided to unload the bill on whoever was available.

The Suzy women who wrote the letter to the editor were not too concerned, we believe, about the 35c each which this decision would cost them. Oldfashioned as it may sound, we feel they were aroused by the principle involved.

Surely a sum of money not to exceed \$100 is not that important to the University of Oregon.

This institution could better afford to change its course and forget the whole matter. Such an example of placing principle ahead of expediency would be much more in keeping with the purposes of this University.

Grades Raise Questions

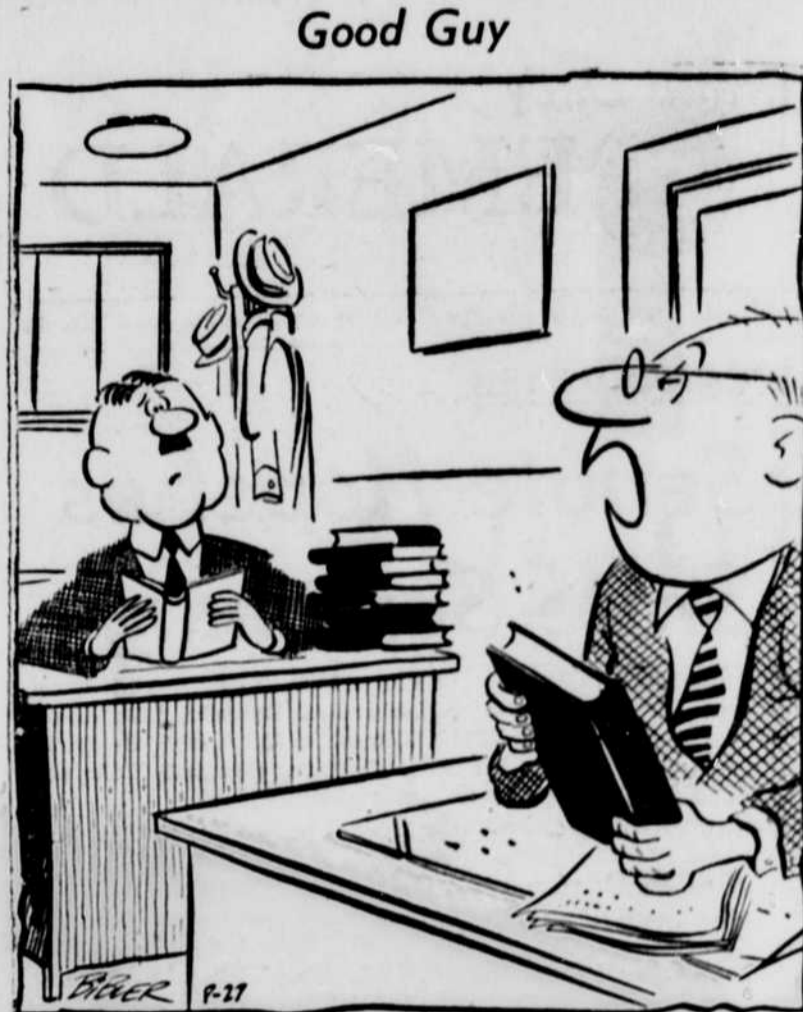
Granted that grades, to the extent that they are distinguished from scholarship, are over-emphasized at the University. Nevertheless an analysis of fall term's grades does point out several significant facts.

Most obvious is the women's ability to far out-distance the men. All women's average was 2.66, compared to only 2.47 for the men.

Fraternity pledge class grades, 2.096, were almost exactly the same as those for all men in freshman dormitories. This fact

raises several interesting questions. Are the fraternities kidding themselves when they believe they annually pledge the "cream of the crop?" Or do they, wisely or not, largely overlook scholarship potential when they rush? And do the pledge training programs help their freshmen with the studies or interfere with scholarship?

Sorority pledge classes, on the other hand, were far ahead of the all women's dormitory average, as well as the all-University average.



"I HAVE TWO BOOKS FOR MY COURSE. I GET ALL MY LECTURES FROM THE BEST ONE... THE LOUSY ONE IS MY WIRE TEXT"

From the Squirrel Cage

ASUO Correspondence Interesting, Important

By **DARREL BRITTSAN**
ASUO President

I am oftentimes asked about the contents of the mail I receive in the ASUO office. Many people are interested and wish to know about what and who corresponds with student bodies.

We receive many letters from groups asking for money. These requests are usually decided upon by the Cabinet. It has been customary for the ASUO to sponsor only two drives throughout the year. These are the United Appeal and the World University Service (WUS). Our recent drive for Hungarian Relief was a slight exception to our policy, but it was conducted by WUS. We are also enrolled in the Crusade for Freedom program. In both of these cases, the Senate felt that they deserved special consideration.

However it would be impossible for us, as students, to accommodate the barrage of requests for funds that we receive. If we allowed each one of these organizations a drive we could well have a campaign every week. Another group of letters comes from colleges and universities throughout the country asking for information on certain phases of our student government. This is undoubtedly the largest group of letters, and we spend much more time answering them. We also receive lots of mail from organizations trying to sell the student body various items, from cardboard seats to be used at football games to window stickers. These are just a few of the general groups of letters that most people are not aware of. I have not mentioned the many routine and insignificant categories of letters we receive. Thus we can see that the matter of correspondence is important. It is a comfort to know, too, that we are only subject to two major fund drives each year, especially when one considers the large number of requests that the student body receives.

Interpreting the News

Armaments Race Is Inevitable

By **JAMES MARLOW**
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WASHINGTON (AP)—On the very day the Eisenhower administration proposed a new disarmament plan to the United Nations, it prepared to ask Congress to boost this country's spending on armaments by about two billion dollars.



This was not a case of the United States speaking out of both sides of its mouth. It was coincidental and a commentary on the times we live in.

The United States and Russia have been sparring around in the U.N. on disarmament since 1946 and, for all practical purposes, are no nearer agreement than when they started.

In those intervening years, the two nations—lacking agreement and because they distrust each other profoundly — have been arming as hard as they can. They will continue to do so.

There is no reason to expect they will get together soon and decide to stop their weapons race.

Yesterday, while U.S. Chief Delegate Henry Cabot Lodge

Jr. was unveiling this country's latest disarmament plan before the U.N., here in Washington President Eisenhower was getting ready to unveil his budget proposals for the fiscal year starting next July 1.

The budget is expected to call for spending of close to 72 billion dollars, or nearly three billions more than last year. Around two billions of that increase will be in armaments and weapons development. Military spending this year has been at the rate of about 36 billions.

Nothing shows better how much progress the United States and Russia have made in their ability to blow each other off the map than a look at what was being talked about in 1946, and now.

In that earlier year this country was proposing plans for controlling the atomic bomb—that was at a time when Russia didn't yet have the bomb—and curbing atomic development for war.

Since then, the United States has learned how to make even better atomic bombs. Russia has learned how to make them too. And both went on to bigger things: the hydrogen bomb.

Now they are developing satellites that can circle the earth and missiles than can

span continents and oceans. Lodge yesterday suggested among other things, international control of testing of all space missiles, including satellites.

The United States has always insisted on foolproofing inspection measures to prevent cheating before it would agree on disarming.

But the Russians have resisted an inspection plan that would let outsiders—if only U.N. observers—prowl around Russia, either on the ground or in the air.

From the Files

Twenty Years Ago
The University orchestra was preparing for a nationwide broadcast from the campus over NBC. The half-hour program was to be the first time a University orchestra had broadcast over a nationwide hookup.

Order of the 'O' members were getting their "Lettermen's Limp" show in shape. Theme was "Ballet Moose." It was rumored to be rivaling the Ballet Russe for the social event of winter term. The Ballet Russe, de Monte Carlo was to appear in Mac Court Feb. 4.

Letters to the Editor

Emerald Editor:
I was pleased to read about the two pledges pictured in the Register-Guard who were doing something constructive for their initiation. I am proud of the fraternity to which they are pledging for initiating the action.

Have you ever read headlines such as: "Fraternity pledge dies in initiation" . . . "Freshman loses eye" . . . ? I have. They were trying to prove themselves worthy of the fraternity they wanted to join.

Some of the asinine events of "hell week" that continue year after year at the University of Oregon are what high school sophomores think of and execute. Such things can lead to unpleasant headlines.

Spending eight weeks helping migrant people live better, more

meaningful lives, I know the impact of doing something constructive. When there are so many things that need to be accomplished in Eugene, why waste a whole week in hell only to discover how meaningless it actually is?

Silver-lined clouds or hypothetical cases are not my objectives. There are activities that can prove the worthiness of a pledge, if worthiness is sought, bring the group together as a fraternity or sorority, and bring about a better relationship between the university and the community.

Indiana, Purdue, Butler and DePauw have done it. I wouldn't be a bit surprised to see "hell week" become a "week of help," and an honorable tradition here on our campus.
Jim Wear
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