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## JIM Beam?



"JUST IN TIME TO INTRODUCE YOU TO BEAM—HE TEACHES A WONDERFUL CLASS I KNOW YOU'LL WANT TO TAKE."

## An Idea for IFC

Greek Week, which never was a week anyway, will last only one day this year, Inter-fraternity Council has announced.

It will include a community service project, an afternoon of games and events, and a Saturday night dance. Apparently poor attendance last year at the Greek Week assembly ruled out such an event for this year.

Compressing the "week's" events into a single day makes sense. This is consistent with what should be a trend throughout the campus.

Something additional IFC might profitably investigate would be a fraternity leadership conference. Many fraternities send delegates to national fraternity leadership schools somewhere in the Middle West or East each year or two. And yet the prob-

lems of fraternity guidance are more common among different fraternities on a single campus.

Formal conferences of fraternity leaders to discuss such problems as financial management, rushing, pledge training, initiations, chapter publications, and fraternity public relations could be of great value to the fraternity system. Meetings of IFC are too short to help fraternity presidents get much perspective of how other houses are managed.

The University already has too many activities. It would seem, however, that fraternity leaders could gain much from such a program. It could be combined with Greek Week, or could be held any other time during the year. It's an idea we think IFC should consider.

## New Solution: No GPA

A new solution to our "ever-emphasis on grades" problem was proposed by University Registrar Clifford Constance in the current issue of College and University, the Journal of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

Entitled "Let's Think Again About Grades," the piece challenges the reliability of the ABCDF grading scale. He suggests the pass-or-fail point as the ideal dividing line for grading. "Is not the academic record essentially the roster of knowledge and skills acquired?" he asks in the article.

Among other considerations provoking his suggestion, Constance points out the student's concern for grades rather than subject matter, and the refusal of instructors to use the same method of grading. "Some will grade both ways from an average while others will grade only as demerits from possible perfection," he says.

Constance realizes that the two grades, pass ("C" for credit) and fail ("N" for no credit), would not supply the motivation

needed by many students to do outstanding work. Some indication of superior work, perhaps an "S", could be used, he says, without encountering the pitfalls of the ABCDF method.

Constance realizes that many and large changes would have to take place for such a plan to work. The biggest change would be, of course: NO GPA. (Ramification of this could be endless.) But, he believes, "it would show and require clearer thinking about grades and their proper uses."

We were aware that most professors dislike our system of grading, but we didn't realize that any of the administration was concerned to this extent. And somehow we thought that for anything but private and relatively smaller institutions than ours, the ABCDF system was a necessary evil.

Constance's article shows us in theory, anyway, a plan that seems workable as well as ideal. In practice, the "S", "C" and "N" plan could be the biggest step in a university's creating a truly academic atmosphere. For to be successfully practiced it would take "real" students. (M.M.)

## College Capers . . .

### From Coast to Coast

By JOANNE MORRISSEY

Emerald Columnist

"Living Gets Tedious, Don't It?" (Not bad English, just a poor song title) to say nothing of how this column gets. Organizing material for it is worse than organizing the material for my required term paper. Thomas Jefferson had nothing on Johnson's London! But then, as my comp teacher would say, "is that fact or personal opinion?"

I garnered several interesting tidbits to pass on to the fair sex from an article headlined "How to Trap a Male—by One" in the WSC Daily Evergreen. First it was pointed out "that men have certain weaknesses—drinking, smoking, swearing and fighting." That statement was squelched by the sentence which followed: "It would be unlady-like to start drinking, smoking, swearing and fighting just to get him (any man will do) interested in you."

Then the article—or I should say author—categorized men as he supposed women did. He asserted that the quiet type needed a "simple approach" consisting of a "slinky dress to make his eyes bulge, a perfume to quiver his sense of smell, a soft alluring voice to make music in his ears, and the promise of a big dinner after a dance to move his taste sensitories."

For the loud type the solution was "gaze up into his eyes, and if you're taller wait 'till you sit and can stare levelly at him. If you're still taller—forget it."

The supposedly successful method for the athlete is to show him you are an outdoor girl. "Do laps around his fraternity house, wear sweat socks under your argyles (who at Oregon—female, that is—wears argyles? Perhaps we should revise it to say "wear sweat socks under your nylons") and take out a subscription to Sports Illustrated.

This is today's lesson in male-trapping (cousin to fur-trapping). The midterm will be held at the Heart Hop. "A's" for every girl that's dated.

Can you qualify for:

1. The person wanted by the soul who took out this classified ad in the Wayne Collegian: "I'll pay you \$20 for every person you send to me who buys a new 1957 Chevrolet car or truck." Hard job to take!!

2. Sigma Mu—Willamette's "sisterhood of the shaggy mop" which originated with the Alpha Chi's there who are letting their hair grow. The Willamette Collegian reported "the fraternity badge is a bobby pin secured by blond, red, and brown ribbons." (Anyone who can take her hair from the D.A. stage to a pony tail deserves membership in an honorary—take it from one who grows!)

Here's a switch. The University of British Columbia Ubysey cited a case in which "a UBC student (this was not typed on a stuttering Smith-Corona; it was copied directly) had one too many Tuesday night. Now the shoeshine stand in the Georgia Hotel has one too few.

"One of the six metal shoe rests attached to the shoe shine stand in the Basement of the Georgia Hotel was pilfered by a light-hearted UBC student Tuesday—and the owner wants it back." (What some people won't do for attention!!)

University of Michigan men, protesting a dorm dinner of Swiss cheese, vanilla pudding and corned beef, rioted all night against police and squad cars by throwing swiss cheese and snowballs.

This was evidently an unbeatable combination because the next day the University president condemned the students and banned corned beef.

(To think that Oregon men got no results from hanging the cooks in effigy for a choice between liver and rabbit last weekend is depressing.)

With all this information—valuable as it may be—I desist by saying, "So Long For a While."

## — Letters to the Editor —

Emerald Editor:

An Open Letter to the Student Senate, Miss Dottie Griffith and Mr. Ron Brown:

Firstly I would like to apologize to Miss Dottie Griffith for the slanderous accusations which I made in yesterday's letter to the editor. My information was false, ill-advised, and based on rumor and not fact. This evening I attended the student senate and orated a bitter denunciation of what I misunderstood as being corrupt campus politics.

My information was based on general assumptions which I made from certain articles which appeared in the Emerald. I wish to humbly apologize to Miss Griffith for the wrong I have done her.

I also wish to apologize to her sorority sister. I accused her of being instrumental in

Dottie's senate position. After having the whole situation well explained by the patient and sympathetic members of the senate I am convinced that I am in error.

I also hope that Mr. Ron Brown will accept my apology, and that the senate will forgive my grave accusations. This whole upsetting affair has taught me very graphically the saying, "innocent until proven guilty."

Tonight every person concerned in this matter was shown as being entirely innocent and the victims of a gigantic misunderstanding. No words can express the shame and grief which I feel for having caused so many hurt feelings, and having caused such havoc in campus affairs.

Robert H. Fischer  
Jr. in English

Emerald Editor:

Pity the poor senate! Its ivory tower is being lambasted fore and aft by disenchanting mudslingers who appear to have as their sole purpose bringing nasty, undercover practices into the glare of bright sunlight.

Alas, even the pulsebeat of the student body: the Oregon DAILY EMERALD escapes not. It, too, must suffer the slings and arrows of unsigned letters that quite comically bring everyone to task, from the editor to the copy girl.

What have we here? Has Budapest fever gripped even the Ducklings? In the wake of all this purgation will surely be strewn the innocent forms of those who didn't know what was coming off in the first place.

Soon the bastille will be constructed once again, this time

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