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Sneaky Greeks!

For a Worthwhile 'Week' —

That Greek "Week" will be limited to SATURDAY is good news to those trying to cram a little education into a crowded spring term calendar.

Although two assemblies have been discarded from the pattern of last year, the annual event will include, the colorful games, a picnic, a civic improvement project and a dance.

The primary purpose of Greek Week is to further the fraternity system's public relations. Thus full participation is urged for the Skinner's Butte clean-up project — involving physical clean-up, not a morals crusade, we add to reassure the doubtful. Last year Greeks did an outstanding job in Hendrick's Park (cleaning up, we mean) and received much public approval for their efforts.

After observing the Western Regional

IFC conference, The Emerald wonders why similar discussion groups could not be held on the campus by various officers of our 20 fraternities, as a part of Greek Week or not. The following subjects would be possibilities: house managers on financial management and bill collections, chapter public relations and publications, rushing methods, and pledge training. If it was worthwhile for men to attend the recent WRIFC conferences from as far away as Arizona, surely Oregon's Greek leaders could find some values in such a program held on a local level.

Another activity is certainly not desirable for activity's sake, however. Unless IFC feels it would be worth the effort, such a suggestion should be rapidly pigeonholed. Meanwhile we wish the Greeks a fun-filled and worthwhile Saturday.

Too Many Cars: What to Do?

Invariably a key issue in the ASUO elections, as well as in the University administration itself, will be the ever-present problem of student and faculty parking in campus locations.

The basic difficulty, of course, is the giant task of squeezing too many cars into too few parking spots. Few restrictions on parking areas and/or types of cars allowed have been implemented.

Bringing the problem into focus more and more has been the increase of students each year, with no relief in sight, other than limited admissions (if any). Mushrooming enrollment will further complicate parking for faculty members, resident students and commuting students.

A number of suggestions (underground garage under the quad, pigeon-hole parking on the Fiji lot, etc.) have come up through grapevine and hearsay channels, but no constructive steps in the way of actual expansion have as yet been undertaken.

With the added attendance expected to continue in the near future, the problem will be more acute than ever. The very

fact that new dormitory units are being concentrated near existing dorm facilities will make for further congestion.

Some drastic steps may become necessary, such as banning freshman cars on campus, prohibiting all campus residents from driving on campus during class hours (as per OSC) or further restricting existing parking areas.

Authority to extend, revise and regulate parking facilities on campus rests (in addition to the student traffic court) with the campus planning committee, roughly comparable to a similar civic body.

This group, including Dean Sidney Little, I. I. Wright, J. Orville Lindstrom, Dean William Jones and Dr. O. Meredith Wilson, has been exploring the possibilities of what shall be done, when, where, how and for how much?

The University, being a small-sized community of its own, will face this problem as cities are doing everywhere. Cars have been proven here to stay and must be fitted into the scheme of things. The parking problem will continue with the years, but will be eased with adequate foresight and intelligent planning. (A.J.)

"I SAID—IF I'M TO BE THE FACULTY CHAPERON FOR THIS DANCE I'D LIKE THE LIGHTS TURNED UP A LITTLE."

College Capers . . .

From Coast to Coast

By JOANNE MORRISSEY
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After having been a party in the first and only successful house mess-up this year, and still recovering from the effects on the heart of finding sophomores sleeping in the front room and the effects on the stomach of being punished with Kelly green mint flavored apple sauce full of white oatmeal foreign matter and one tremendous cold beet last Monday, I find that Friday has again come.

From the LSU Daily Reveille I picked up just the bit of information that our sister college to the North could profit by. It seems that "36 head of commercial grade Angus and Hereford steers given a certain feed gained more than 1.5 pounds per day during the winter." (For your information, this is good since steers usually lose during the winter. Too bad it can't be the same with dieters!)

The "certain feed" concocted to make the animals gain was made up of the principal ingredients of dorm food: (personal opinion, of course) "surplus sugar cane, rice straw, cotton seed hulls and blackstrap molasses."

"Never underestimate the power of a woman—especially

a Texas one" said the Daily Texan. When the Alpha Epsilon Pi sorority girls at Texas decided to ask "sister" Dinah Shore to sing at their annual formal they had to call NBC, Capital Records, the Radio Music Corporation of America, her private agent and her husband George Montgomery before they finally reached her. After all that she refused because of another engagement.

The coed talking to her said, "But will you please send us a letter of confirmation—just to prove to all the doubting Thomases on campus we really did have the nerve to call you."

"Let's go on a woodsie" is the "battle cry" of Colorado students, according to the Colorado Daily. (Contrary to other thoughts, it means "let's go on a picnic.")

"A woodsie takes many forms," the paper said. "There are Sunday afternoon woodsies when students with books in hand (plus food, radio, and beer) hightail it to the tall timber in order to study." The other form is a "party woodsie." "These are quite similar to Sunday woodsies except for the fact that students don't pretend to study. Also, there are more students. Also, there is more beer."

(And to think that Oregon students merely confine themselves to more intellectual pursuits during spring term! Of course, within the confines of study hours, what else could one do???)

The Syracuse Daily Orange had several bits of wisdom to offer. "If I were a plane, I would fly to my love. If I were a horse, I would trot to my love. And if I were a millionaire, she would run to me." "If at first you don't succeed and efforts seem a wasted sham. Give up—no one gives a dammmmm."

Then there was a touching joke. "Some systems you just can't beat. Decided to take basket weaving for a snap course, but two Navajos enrolled and raised the curve. I flunked."

So much for today's nonsense. With the hope that next week's exchange papers have more humor in them than this week's did, I leave you. Adios amigos (meaning more than one amigo—to be sure.)

+ + Letters to the Editor + +

Emerald Editor:

Mr. Lowthian's letter deserves a comment. He stated, "We require our members to be Caucasians too. We do not say here either that non-Caucasians should be denied the benefits of fraternity living." Furthermore he said, "This is the right of every man, as guaranteed by the principles this nation was founded upon."

I have inferred his notion as the "separate but equal" principle. This principle in the schools was banned by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1954. The Court has ruled that it contradicts the rights of all citizens as stated in the Constitution. Not only has "separate but equal" been ruled undesirable by the Court, but Christian ethics of "brotherhood" and equality stand in direct contradiction to this principle.

Therefore, I do not believe

that Mr. Lowthian's principle of "equality" is a part of the principles this great nation was founded upon. However, I am always interested in knowing how Americans really interpret their democratic principles which we hear so much about abroad. I would like to be corrected, if I am wrong in understanding your democratic principles.

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Emerald Editor:

Mr. Marsh, in his reply to Mr. Alexander, has given several good reasons why the claims of fraternities that they can handle the discrimination problem without outside interference are viewed with some skepticism in certain quarters.

Mr. Marsh states that "It would be a very poor chapter or fraternity member indeed

that would engage in this type of back-stabbing of the national fraternity."

The back-stabbing referred to is pledging a "non-Caucasian rushee." In order to emphasize the meaning of these statements, I would like to repeat them in rephrased form: The "good" fraternity member will not wish to pledge a non-Caucasian rushee, for this would amount to stabbing his national in the back.

In regard to the fraternity man "who seriously considered" an idea such as pledging a non-Caucasian and then letting the "distant national throw whatever fit suited them," we read that such a person is "a miserable excuse for a fraternity man."

It is clear that the principles behind such views can be construed as follows: The highest good is loyalty to the national

fraternity; the greatest evil is disloyalty to the national fraternity. No other considerations, such as the untenable morality of discrimination, the effect discriminatory practices have on our standing in the world, or the elementary human rights of American minority groups, must interfere with the duty of loyalty to the national fraternity.

Implicit in these views is that individual's connections of right and wrong are not to be exercised when they conflict with the maintenance of the group; if the individual does exercise them in the group, he is told to go form his own group and is ostracized as a "miserable" member.

It is to be hoped that the views mentioned above are not representative of the greater part of fraternity opinion. If

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