

Friday Night Dinner

A Quiet Activity

Saturday will be a busy day. So far, many activities, meetings and miscellaneous events have been scheduled: the All-Campus Sing, the All-Campus Luncheon, spring football scrimmage, Pacific Coast Conference track meet, Mothers Breakfast, Mothers' tea and other events. But something else will be going on too, less noisily, perhaps, but important nevertheless.

The annual Library Day prize contest will be held Saturday to encourage students in collecting books which they will want to keep in later years. Five categories are available, so that every student has a chance to enter the contest of his choice.

Books included in these student libraries should have a special meaning to their owners. The books will indicate their owner's special interests, his maturing judgment and his taste in literature. A person's library is, in a sense, a mirror. For the material he reads and considers will mold his mind and his ideas. His thoughts and opinions stem directly from his reading material, so a wise choice is important.

The library contest at the University is nationally recognized as one of the best of its kind in the nation. The opportunity presented here to the serious student is an excellent one. This contest isn't one for activity hounds or social climbers. It should be interesting to see how many students enter.

Too Nice to Overlook

It's only natural to say it in the "pleasant monotony" of the situation, but we're proud of Oregon's spring sports men. The continuing winning ways of Sid Milligan's

golfers are just too nice to overlook mention—even two mentions in a row—after the way they have been attacking their schedules, particularly this last weekend.

The quiet successes of Milligan's golf team are too much taken for granted when it comes to assessing UO athletic triumphs. And, although given more headlines than their links colleagues, Kirsch's "nine's" production of conference victories is getting to be another nice habit.

But probably the most publicized, and powerful of the Oregon spring squads just keeps rolling. Victory number four in the Northern Division track championships Saturday was the most impressive in the history of that event. Unfortunately, it's been the case that Oregon superiority on the cinders has ended with the weekend of the Division finals. However, the season's best performances Saturday of Webfoots Anderson, Morris, Burg and Bailey is quite heartening for this Friday and Saturday and the Pacific Coast Conference championships here. But whatever the results this weekend, their past records make the spring sports men too nice to overlook.

Footnotes—

Overshadowed by the easy-going, studious atmosphere and culture-spouting television set in the SU Commuters' Lunchroom is a humble sign over a join-the-Army display urging students to first — Finish College!

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Reports of a tornado observed near Corvallis, indeed rare in these parts, may have been only the new whirlwind halfback imported from California for Tommy's grid machine.



"Th' Signa Phi Nothings aren't pledging th' same caliber of boys they used to."

William Cook

Orientation Week Rushing Would Be Unwise for IFC

Tonight the Inter-fraternity Council is scheduled to make its final decision on the dates and rules of men's rush for next year. IFC made a tentative decision last Thursday to hold rush week during freshmen orientation week next fall term, and at tonight's meeting IFC will presumably finalize this decision.

To hold men's rush during freshman orientation week would be unwise for several reasons.

Freshmen orientation week is, by its very name, designed to "orient" the incoming freshmen to the University. This presumes that the freshmen have not the background to start school immediately, and need some time to get used to their new surroundings.

If the freshmen are required to begin rushing the day after they come to school, then rushing will occupy their time and interest to the exclusion of the orientation program. They already have a full schedule during orientation week with the orientation program, tests and registration. What the freshmen do during this week has an important bearing on the rest of their University career.

Forcing on the freshmen during their first week the added and important burden of choosing the organization with which they will associate and live during their next four years is asking too much of them.

One need only think back on his first week in school to realize how bewildering everything seemed. By our second week here we felt much more sure of ourselves, short a time though it was. But even holding rush during the first week of classes is too soon.

Many, or even most freshmen have no real understanding of the fraternity system when they come to school. At best, they may have stayed at a fraternity during Duck Preview or been rushed by individual houses during the summer months. This

is scarcely ample opportunity to build any understanding of the individual fraternities here at Oregon, or of the Greek system in general.

If IFC proposed to familiarize freshmen with each fraternity, on the order of women's rush, then orientation week rush would be a bit more sensible. But they have not seen fit to do even this.

The only reasons that IFC wants to hold rush week during orientation week (aside from its convenience to the fraternities) are to allow the freshmen to begin studying during the first week of classes and to prevent "dirty rushing."

Keeping the freshmen from their studies during the first week of classes is indeed serious, but when this is compared to the importance of orientation week and of choosing a fraternity, it assumes secondary importance. Many freshmen have not really begun their studies during the first week of classes. But as I have said, even the first week of classes is too soon to hold rush week.

"Dirty rushing" would hardly be prevented by holding rush week one week sooner. That illegal rushing exists is due not to the scheduling of rush week, but to the weakness of IFC. Illegal rushing will never be stopped until IFC takes firm action on rush violators.

The approval of orientation week rush by Ray Hawk, dean of men and IFC advisor, is the most surprising thing in all this. He, better than anyone on the

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Emerald Editor:

In Tuesday's letter to the editor, Thomas Wheatley suggested an excellent location for another much-needed parking lot. That is the present Millrace. With all the money they've got now, they could build a real big one.

Gordon Zehrung
Sophomore in
Business Administration

school as long as it has to be rammed down your throat (or patted on your rear end).

Which do you prefer—fear or genuine desire?

Give the kids a chance to understand the Duck traditions. Respect is mightier than the whack-paddle.

H. Weinberg
Counselor,
McClure Hall

Emerald Editor:

At the present time, there is a directive (mimeographed) tacked upon the McClure Hall bulletin board. It starts: "Starting Wednesday, May 8, traditions will be enforced for Junior Week." Gentlemen—note the word "ENFORCED."

For approximately the last twenty-five years of my life I have lived in the midst of the Ivy League. Also the boys of West Point and Annapolis are not too far away. I know enough about these schools and have seen enough of their football games to realize that they run life with tradition. In fact the annual Army-Navy game has been played only a stone's throw from my home lo these many years. I've seen enough alcohol flow at one Penn-Cornell game that might keep the millrace flowing for days.

However, getting back to tradition, one thing was rather obvious at these schools and their activities. TRADITION WAS NEVER ENFORCED. Traditions were followed because it was the thing to do. Although I disbelieve in many of these childish pastimes, I noticed that respect determined behaviour where traditions were concerned. In some cases, this tradition has lasted well over a century.

It is my opinion that tradition has lasted too long for this

Emerald Editor:

I wish to make a few comments on the speech made by Capt Raja of Pakistan, as reported in The Emerald of May 8, 1957.

Mr. Raja talks of "Justice, defense and democracy" being the main goals of Pakistan in the Kashmir dispute. I hope he is aware that Pakistan, since its birth, has been under military rule for much of the time. I hope that he is also aware of the fact that there has not been a single national election so far in his country, and that the Pakistan President (who always has to be a Moslem under the Constitution) recently declared, while extending his personal rule to West Pakistan, that Western type democracy had failed in Pakistan.

Mr. Raja repeatedly talks about the "Hindus worshipping the cow." Without reciprocating the statement, I wish to say that I respect his religious beliefs and ALL that he worships, but I like to add that he should try to say something better than repeating this parochial, if not childish argument.

He says "nearly all of India is Hindu." I am sure he is not so stupid as to make such a false statement. There are 45 million Moslems, 10 million Christians, and 6 million Sikhs, besides others, in India.

He further says "... THAT INDIA ACCEDED KASHMIR on the grounds that the INDIAN RULER WAS A NATIVE BORN KASHMIRIAN." All this hardly makes any sense.

He also says that "Pakistan fought so hard that India went to the U.N. to BE SAVED." I wonder if he has really deceived himself into this kind of thinking, or does he believe that his American audience is so foolish as to accept any nonsense that he says?

The Emerald also quotes him saying that "... if Kashmir goes to India it distributes Pakistan into two halves." This is an outright insult of his listeners because it is a falsehood; Pakistan was divided into two halves on the very day of Partition of India, and Kashmir cannot change that situation at all.

He tells his American listeners "... your religion is near ourselves." If it is true, then what is the explanation of the persecution of the Christians in the hinterland of W. Pakistan, as reported by American papers?

I recommend that he stay within the limits of reasonable truth and decency.

Baldev Singh
Graduate in
Political Science

(Note: Mr. Singh's letter is one of four received by The Emerald which make almost identically-worded charges on the same subject, the assembly speech by Capt. Raja. Space availability will permit no more than the publication of Mr. Singh's letter, which is representative of the four. The letters by R. Venkataraman, J. Siauwoe Koe and James Winterle are on file in The Emerald editor office.—Ed.)

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