

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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organism. (2) Since the effect of radiation is cumulative, there is no minimum dosage which may be regarded as "safe." These, I hasten to emphasize, are the objective and generalized results of these studies.

However, nuclear testing is merely a part of the total radiation with which scientists have been concerned. The use of radioactive materials in medicine and industry has rapidly increased since World War II. The indiscriminate use of x-ray, and fluoroscopy in medical examinations and therapy, the radioactive materials in industry, has been repeatedly cited in the journals of genetics, physiology, and medicine as a dangerous source of radiation. Yet radiation in medicine and industry is not a political issue at present, and herein lies the frustration for the scientist.

In many respects a scientist is no different than any other man. He works to provide for his family, he wishes to secure the happiness and security of his children, and naturally he is concerned with the ebb and tide of political events. As a citizen he must decide what policies he should support and which ones to oppose. The citizen-scientist might decide to support nuclear testing because he felt the world situation justified the increased exposure to radiation. But it should not be

interpreted on an opinion poll that he is ignoring his own work, or that by supporting the testing he is acknowledging the general invalidity of his findings.

Conversely, if on an opinion poll, a scientist opposes nuclear testing, an honest interpretation of the poll would ask this question: "Is this man opposing the nuclear tests solely on the basis of biological studies, or is he opposing the tests after carefully considering both the biological and political implications?"

In this problem of nuclear testing, the scientist does not have a monopoly on the knowledge. Any layman can become educated as to the effects of radiation, and then he will be as well qualified to express a political opinion as Dr. Pauling or any of the signers of his petition. Since this decision involves human emotion and personal philosophy in addition to a basic understanding of the physical problem, it is vitally important that each person, after careful study and honest introspection, decide this matter for himself. I feel that it is a danger signal to the individual as well as to science, if such opinion polls are to be used as "intellectual bandwagons" around which the opinion of the United States is formed.

Robert W. Coffin  
Senior in Biology

Emerald Editor:

I have noticed, in the past few days, that you have grossly neglected to print news of a situation which should be of vital interest to all students here at Oregon. This situation of which I speak is the life-or-death struggle now taking place in Cuba against the dictator state of Fulgencia Batista.

The universities of the world, and the students who attend them, have always been known for their enthusiastic support and approval of liberal movements. Indeed, how can any intelligent person not be moved by the courageous fight of Fidel Castro and his small band of freedom fighters against the armed might of a firmly entrenched dictator? Their plight is not unlike that of our early Continental Army—the struggle against tyranny is always the same.

Please, Editors, let us have some news of what is really going on down there—at least, as much as can be gotten through the strict censorship which has been clamped around the island.

George Hemphill  
Senior in Pre-Med.

Emerald Editor:

After reading the editorial on "Sorority Problems," I feel there are a few points which should be clarified. The facts are, for the most part, accurate; only the conclusions are incorrect.

First, the one and only reason for moving rush back to orientation week is that Panhellenic was given no choice. After we unanimously approved pre-school rush, the administration decided that rush would take place during New Student Week. The added expense of maintaining a sorority for an additional week, as stated in the editorial, had nothing to do with it.

Secondly, the dormitory committee is now investigating the possibilities of letting upper-class women who pledge fall term move directly into their sororities. There will not be discrimination against transfer students.

Lastly, spring rush is not one of Panhellenic's solutions to the "problem" as was stated in the editorial. Spring rush has been held almost every year. It is taking place this year for the same reasons as every other year—to pledge girls and to fill houses.

Joan Long  
Panhellenic President



# Latest Anonymous Duncan Ferguson

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tortion of values and apathy.

Too, we must remember that student government is not completely hopeless. The reorganization of Greater Oregon, the questioning of some of the many tentacles of AWS, and a student attempt to handle the "moral problems" are all recent, positive accomplishments.

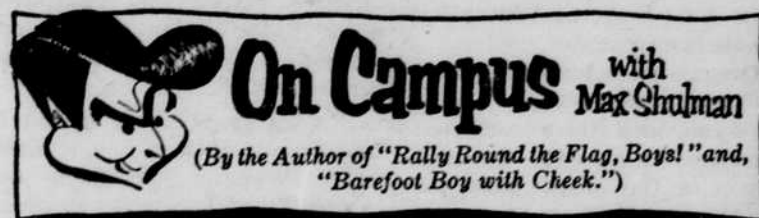
The generation of the Committee for Action wasn't. I commend this group for their attempt (though in questioning higher authority some would label them inadvertent tools of the communist conspiracy), but I blame them for lack of reason and intellectual responsibility.

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as in the recent WUS campaign," Ferguson continued.

He also felt that the current petition-interview method of selecting students for Senate to fill vacancies should be changed.

"For example," he said, "there is a five minute time limit for the Senate to interview a petitioner. I would like to see this expanded to ten minutes."

"I feel that the basic idea of a student discipline committee is a good one, but the current proposal presupposes a need when there is not a need for such a group," Ferguson concluded.



## THE POSTMAN COMETH

I have recently received several letters from readers which have been so interesting, so piquant, so *je ne sais quoi*, that I feel I must share them with all of you. The letters and my replies follow:

SIR:

Maybe you can help me. I came up to college eight years ago. On my very first day I got into a bridge game in the student union. I am still in the same bridge game. I have never gone to class, cracked a book, or paid any tuition. All I do is play bridge.

To explain my long absence and keep the money coming from home, I told a harmless little lie. I said I was in medical school. This made Dad (my father) terribly proud. It also enabled me to keep playing bridge. We were both very happy.

But all good things must come to an end. Mine ended when I came home for Christmas vacation. I arrived to find that Sister (my sister) was in the hospital with an ingrown spleen. Dr. Norbert Sigafos, the eminent ingrown spleen surgeon, was scheduled to operate, but unfortunately he was run over by a hot-food cart on the way to the scrubbing room.



"Oh, never mind," chuckled Dad (my father). "Harlow (me) will fix Sister (my sister)."

Well sir, what could I do? If I told the truth I would make a laughingstock out of Dad (my father) who had been bragging about me all over town. Also I would get yanked out of school which would be a dirty shame just when I am beginning to understand the weak club bid.

There was nothing for it but to brazen it out. I got Sister (my sister) apart all right, but I must confess myself completely at a loss as to how to put her back together again. Can you suggest anything? They're getting pretty surly around here.

Sincerely,  
Harlow Protein

Dear Harlow:

Indeed I do have the solution for you—the solution that has never failed me when things close in: Light up a Marlboro! Knots untie as you puff that fine rich tobacco. Shade becomes light as that grand flavor comes freely and friendlily through that splendid filter. Who can stay glum when Marlboro gives you such a lot to like? Not I. Not you. Not nobody.

SIR:

Just off the campus where I go to school there is a lake called Lake Widgiwagan. Thirty years ago when my father was an undergraduate here he went fishing one day in Lake Widgiwagan and dropped his Deke pin in the water. He dived for days but never found it.

Just yesterday—thirty years later, mark you!—I went fishing in Widgiwagan. I caught a four-pound bass. I took the fish home, cut it open, and what do you think I found inside?

You guessed it! Two tickets to the Dempsey-Firpo fight.

Sincerely,  
Willis Wayde

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