

To the Gods

(Note: Laugh if you will at the editorial which follows, but the one Junior Weekend The Emerald did not run the "Letter to the Gods," it rained. So not wanting to arouse the wrath of the Gods, The Emerald offers the following prayer for good Junior Week weather. It was originally composed May 6, 1941, and it's worked ever since. Aaron (Buck) Buchwach is the author. The editor who defied tradition—and was rained on—was Jim Haycox in the spring of 1953.—Ed.)

When the occasion demands, and in truth it has on numerous occasions, the Portland Oregonian and the Oregon Journal have resorted to their editorial columns in an attempt to influence weather conditions.

Now there is no exact procedure for a journalist to follow when he is begging for rain for poor farmers gazing at the sky with parched throats, for verily, it takes a combination of subtle demanding, varied pleading and good-natured hoping to achieve such desired results.

The Emerald, although of course it adorescently blushes when compared to such time-honored organs as the Oregonian and the Journal, is driven to adopt such tactics, however, by Jupe Pluvius, that old gentleman who loves the Oregon country so well and so much that he delights in spraying it their misty blessings, and the Oregonian and asked by the Portland papers.

But now, Mr. Pluvius, The Emerald asks you politely, but firmly, to shift your schedule in such a manner so as not to spoil our Junior Week(end) . . . The farmers have had rest on your laurels for awhile, and visit the Journal have received their just due, and the city pavements, too, are washed clean

by the sweet Oregon mist. What the University asks now is for you, Mr. Pluvius, to rest on your laurels for awhile, and visit someone else.

There is reason to believe that you intend to scare us a bit. In fact, you have. The rain clouds have washed our baseball teams hither and yon, our track meets have been held in semi-wintery weather, and our golf and tennis have been forced to completely abandon their frolicking.

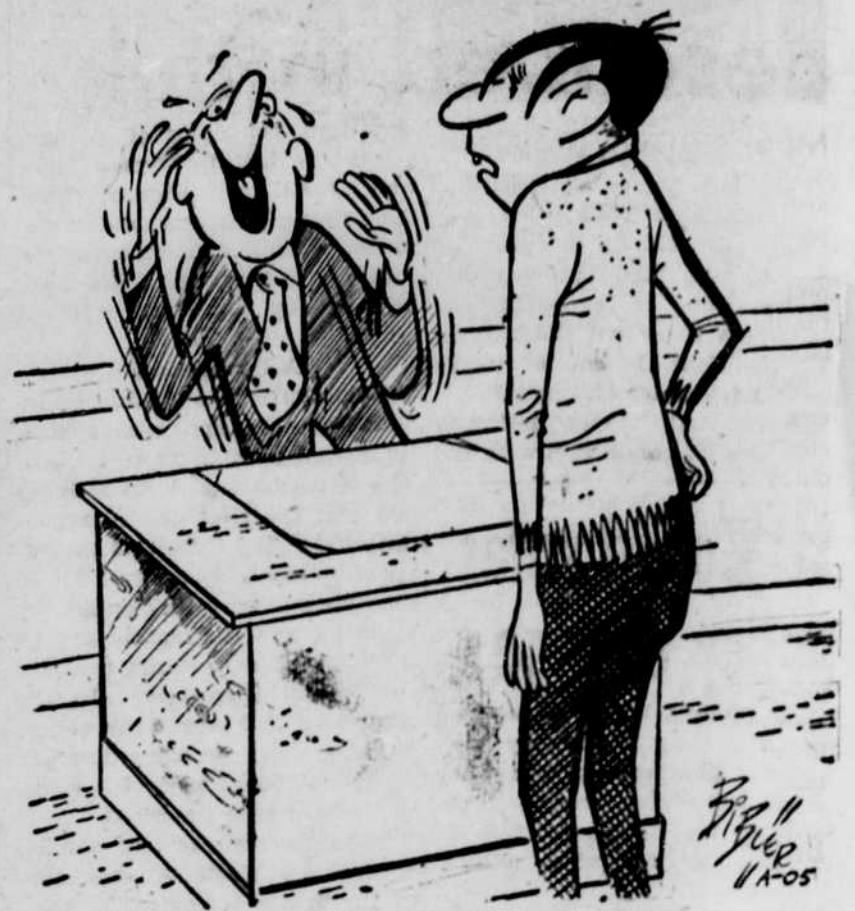
But please, Mr. Pluvius, (or Jupe, for we know you but too well) don't come around with your clouds and your tricks. Our Moms will be down for the Week(end) festivities, and forsooth—they will be attired in their springiest of spring outfits and their hats will be the kind to bring male smiles. But we want to take them to the campus luncheon to see the queen and her court of beautiful princesses, and my goodness, how the rain-drops do raise havoc with even a proud mother's finest apparel.

The Portland papers have more important advertisers, and have more influence, Mr. Jupiter Pluvius, but not even they will praise you with more open-mouthed admiration if you will but take your vacation.

And if you have to take that storm, which is declared by some pessimistic meteorologists to be coming out of Newport way somewhere, perchance you could deposit it at Stanford, California, and even USC.

Just for the weekend, you understand. We want you as our permanent resident up here in Oregon, Jupe, to freshen our flowers, to clean our streets and keep our soil rich and red.

But not during Junior Week(end), please



"But this is Junior Week and..."

Looking Ahead—number 3

The Role of Panhellenic on the Oregon Campus

By BUNNY BRISSENDEN

To many people the word Panhellenic has the stereotyped connotation related solely to the various rush periods occurring during the academic year; it is the counseling body which functions throughout the period, planning the rush procedure and counseling the girls when necessary. True, this is one of the main functions of Panhellenic, but only one. In its position as one of the leaders of over 900 girls, its responsibility to them, their sororities and the campus in general does not cease with the culmination of a rush period, rather, it just begins. Though the Panhellenic group one is most familiar with is the small one composed of the Council and representatives, Panhellenic itself is the large body of organized women under the Greek system.

As stated in the constitution, the purpose of the organization is to maintain both a high plane of fraternity life, and intellectual accomplishment, and sound scholarship. The rules which Panhellenic makes pertaining to various questions concerning the women on the campus, are made with these goals in mind; it is the prime desire of Panhellenic and the Greek system to maintain a position of respect on the campus in the minds of the administration, faculty and students. As a sounding board and forum for discussion for various problems which arise, Panhellenic is able to keep abreast of the feelings of the students and offer, when possible, some solutions of mutual benefit.

To return to the area of rush which is the area of greatest familiarity one finds himself in a rather controversial position. The recent topic of conversation on the campus has centered with many, on the problem of pre-school rush and Orientation. As advocates of the pre-school rush program, Panhellenic has been asked several times to defend its position, which it has done after considerable thought and planning. We are confident that the plan which has been proposed will be workable and prove satisfactory and beneficial

to all concerned. We are aware that a great deal of organization and planning, a great deal of working together with the other parties concerned, is in the offing. We feel that the final results will justify the extra work.

Our Contemporaries

Dick Fagen of the Oregon Journal recently commented that "The water bureau is painting all the fire hydrants. They started to paint them orange and black which are the Oregon State colors, but loyal Oregon university fans objected. So a compromise was made. Now they are being painted orange and green, using one color from each of the universities. There is one crew doing the paintings, and they're going to get mighty sick of those orange and green colors before they are through since there are 7330 fire hydrants in the city."

The Pitt News from Pittsburgh University states that the library is noisy . . . "stuffy and uncomfortable." They should try the "little student union" on the third floor of our own book bearing institution.

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Decentralization and New Responsibility

The problems faced by the fraternity system on this campus are numerous and demanding. But basic to all their dilemmas is the difficulty of remaining a unified and coordinated group. IFC decentralization is a major step towards attaining this needed unity.

Decentralization as a means of attaining a unity sounds like a paradox. But on second glance its apparent madness crystallizes into a planned method. It is basically this: IFC membership is composed of the presidents of each fraternity on campus. What it means to decentralize is to take the job of handling IFC problems from the shoulders of the house presidents and instead delegating them to head up a committee to undertake the problems they face.

To avoid stagnation among committees which were formerly appointed by heads of houses, all committee members will be required to petition for membership on the committee.

Some problems the fraternity system must cope with are: Rushing—Is there a definite policy about rush that all fraternities follow without deviation? Is there an attitude of mutual trust and cooperation among the houses concerning rush? Public relations—How considerate of chaperones are the house members? How considerate are they of their neighbors? More problems are scholarship, special events, activities evaluation, etc. These are all problems essential to the success of the Greek system and they must be overcome.

The decentralization policy is a strong step towards overcoming these difficulties. The new method of decentralization will present the problems faced by the fraternity system as a whole to all members. This wider delegation of authority will give a feeling of unity to the Greek members. If the fraternity system is to succeed in face of

growing opposition and dissent with the Greek way, these committees will have to meet these problems rapidly and adequately.

To overcome difficulties within their system, fraternity men will be forced to re-evaluate and more fully comprehend the principles on which their system is based. As they come to fully understand these principles and even more important, abide by them, they will meet and overcome what ever problem arises.

Same Old Worry

ODE TO THE CANOE FETE (FROM 1940 OREGANA)

Let the Junior Prom be corny
Let all the floats run wild
Let us even lose our baseball game
Let the Dean of Men be riled.
Let the Campus luncheon food be bad
Let our trackmen try in vain
Let almost anything else go wrong
But please don't let it rain.

Footnotes

We suppose you are going to hear about it sooner or later so The Emerald will pass along the fact that it has "arrived" as far as national publications are concerned. Unfortunately this arrival was not for a piece of brilliant writing or a sweeping "expose" of some vital campus issue. Instead this month's issue of Playboy Magazine is publicizing in its "After Dark" section a goof which occurred in our editorial columns a few months ago, due to an extremely unfortunate similarity between two words.

We'll leave it at that and take refuge behind the fact that "to err is human, to forgive divine" (administration please note).