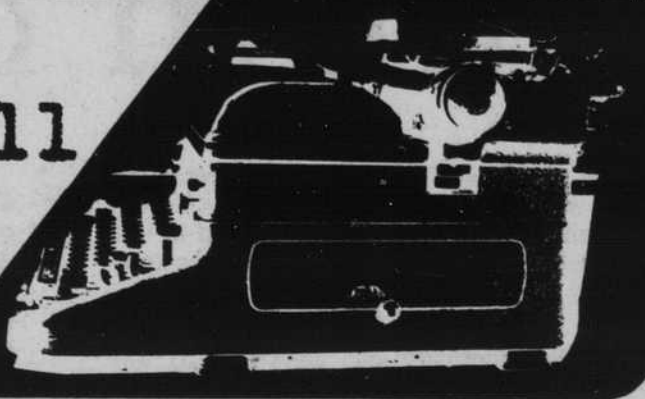


A Typewriter Warmed In Hell

By JOCK HATFIELD
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Old hall baffles stair climbers

The architecture department has undertaken a study of Deadly Hall. "We're trying to figure out how a three-story building can have 16 flights of stairs," explained Architecture Dean Wimbal Kimbal. Three students reportedly committed suicide after spending several hours measuring the building. "It's rough work," admitted Wimble. "It forces you to reevaluate your whole concept of reality."

My Friend Frank

(The following essay won the Readers Undigestable "Most Unforgettable Personality" award — Edward)

I sat on my couch drinking lemonade, and between sips

conversed with the man sitting across from me. He sat there in a brown, neatly pressed sweater and talked about the weather. Had I not murdered him the night before, it would have been just another evening.

When he came to the door, I tried to act as if last night had not happened. But on his breath I could still smell the arsenic and onions I had fed him last night for dinner. My ornamental spear was still sticking out of his side, and the conversation just wasn't rolling. "Would you like some more lemonade?" I asked.

I never come off well in uncomfortable social situations, so in the middle of a sentence, just as Frank was telling me he thought we were in for a cold spell, I smashed him over the head with a lamp.

After he had slumped to the floor, I was faced with the problem of disposal. Clearly, the trash compactor I had used the night

before was not enough. My mind turned immediately to my Vegamatic. Taking Frank into the kitchen I began slicing and dicing.

But my Vegamatic doesn't seem to work the same as the one on television, and I was soon forced to send Frank down the kitchen disposal. His hand, turning around slowly as the disposal did its work on his arm, seemed to be waving goodbye as it rotated down my drain. Call me a sentimental fool.

I went back out into the living room, reclined on my couch and began sipping the rest of my lemonade. Knowing Frank, I was not surprised to hear the kitchen door swing open behind me.

Body parts rise in jogging revolt

"The time for revolution has come. We have endured too long the oppression of our head. We have been driven until we can be driven no more!"

Hearing the voice, I slowed my running and answered: "Is that

you foot?"

"I'm warning you the day of revolution is drawing near!" my foot replied. "We have supported the weight of the body too long, and now — the ultimate degradation — you are making us jog! Will we stand for this comrade muscles?"

The other muscles answered in chorus: "No! No!"

"In the course of bodily functions it sometimes becomes necessary..."

"I thought it was you, I interrupted. "You've caused enough trouble in this body already. Last year it was the revolt of the ankles, and I'm not at all sure you weren't behind the coup d'etat of the wrists last week at the dart match. This repression is for your own good."

"To wear our soles down on the scum of the earth? To get us up at six in the morning? This is for our own good?" rejoined my foot. "Down with despotism! By the way, what happened to breakfast this morning?"

"The stomach is getting too flabby," I answered.

"You would starve the whole body for the upperclass, bourgeois stomach? You mud in silk stockings!"

"Off with the head!" screamed an ankle.

"Now look what you've done," I said. "You've gotten the ankle excited again."

"Yah?" answered my foot. "Well it wasn't only me, he says you put him on the rack last night."

"Look foot," I replied. "Not that I have to explain anything to you but I was stretching. Government in the body must be carried on by one. I cannot constantly be ask-

ing you muscles for your opinions."

"Viva la revolution!" cried the foot.

"Calm down," I said. "I'm willing to make a concession. How about if I put you up on a chair after we're finished running? We've only got three miles to go."

"We can't eat promises," retorted my foot. "Why didn't we get any sleep last night, political science again? Getting more ideas of oppression and starvation? Well, we've got some ideas of our own like freedom for muscles and equality among tendons. Proletariats unite! The time for revolution has come!"

The muscles replied in chorus: "Off with the head! Off with the head!"

A buttocks muscle, also the head of the rump parliament, stepped forward. "Shall we be controlled by the upper parts? Follow me. We will storm the skull!"

I knew the time had come for submission. While the other muscles were rippling up the body the rump parliament jumped on me. Amidst their screams of "Now you know how we felt while you were sitting on us," I cried out "Ok, I give up."

"Then we demand a declaration of the rights of muscles and tendons, which would include the rights to sleep late, eat big meals, and not to jog. Most important of all, we demand that the rump parliament be given full power in matters of decision."

In desperation I rescinded the order to run, slowed to a walk and said: "So it goes. Let peace reign in the body," and so it has ever since.

County's affirmative action plan draws citizen recommendations

By LORRAINE NELSON
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The majority of people testifying before the Lane County Board of Commissioners Wednesday night said that hiring authorities and employees alike are not well informed about Lane County's Affirmative Action Program.

Ray Martinez, the county's affirmative action specialist, presented the commissioners with a proposed reorganization of the current plan for county hiring that calls for the establishment of an Equal Employment Opportunity office and a new grievance procedure. Total proposed budget for the office is estimated at \$72,169.

Martinez stated in the proposal that since the establishment of the affirmative action program four years ago, there has not been the manpower or the money to make the program effective. The goal of the proposed program

is to work toward equal employment opportunity for all employees, while maintaining a focus on legally protected classes.

Jeannie Taylor, administrative assistant to the director of general services for Lane County, said it is "appalling how ignorant the people who do selection of employees in Lane County are of affirmative action. We need money to staff an Equal Employment Opportunity office that will provide seminars in affirmative action."

Lewis Merrick, coordinator of programs for special students, said "Once the minorities do get hired they don't have any power anyway. White secretaries have more power than black executives. I don't believe that department heads are a band of jolly good fellows. They need to be trained in how they discriminate."

Commissioner Jerry Rust said he felt there was a need for a program with "some kind of teeth in it."

"I am ready to go before the Budget Committee with a proposal for a budget increase. I am all for training, education and recruitment." He said he was in

favor of the establishment of an EEO office.

The program calls for the EEO office to be located in the personnel division. Ken Bylund, county assessor, said the EEO office should "be separate from the Personnel Department as there is discrimination within that department itself."

The proposal suggests establishing a review board to handle grievances problems regarding discrimination. Martinez said there is a need to speed up the process by which grievances are handled now. In the new procedure, a grievance would be presented to the EEO officer and an effort would be made to handle the problem in the department. If that failed, the problem would be presented to a review board that would make recommendations to the county commissioners.

Rust asked Martinez to begin work with a committee today to consider comments made at the public hearing and to present the commissioners with another proposal. Rust said he would like to have the proposal on the agenda for the next commissioner's meeting on Wednesday if possible.

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