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a quorum of one

The major 1979 legislative battle over nuclear power begins today at 3 p.m. That's when the Senate Committee on Environment and Energy is scheduled to begin taking testimony on and debating HB 2570.

The legislation would outlaw further nuclear plants until the feds start building some place to put the radioactive garbage.

The Senate has passed a bill, SB 899, requiring study of the waste question but not mandating any criteria to be met before further construction can take place. The fact that the bill is largely illusory is evidenced by the floor vote; all 30 members of the Senate voted in favor.

The House bill represents a chance for the legislature to say, "If you can't make 'em safe, we don't want 'em."

Sen. Ed Fadeley, D-Eugene, chairs the Senate committee and is pessimistic about the house bill's chances. Fadeley's pessimism has been interpreted as a warning that he's been dealing with the nuclear industry and can't be trusted to work 100 percent for the stricter measure. Probably an incorrect charge.

The success of the lower chamber's bill requires the yes votes of Sen. Charles Hanlon D-Cornelius, and Sen. John Powell, D-Halsey.

In Halon's district sits Trojan and Powell's Wah Chang — the major free-world producer of the material used to shield nuclear fuel rods.

While 18 years of service and a position on the money-controlling Ways and Means Committee should give Fadeley some pull, the entire responsibility for

the committee's action shouldn't be placed on him.

There was a time when any new tax exempted feed, seed and fertilizer. But the farmer's control of the legislation has been waning. Likewise, boards and commissions reflect a more urban, west-of-the-Cascades slant and some legislators from the "out" part of the state are sore.

Consider Rep. Bob Brogoitti, R-La Grande. Brogoitti dismisses the Fish and Wildlife Commission as a board dominated by metropolitan areas. "They've become like a monster in being able to get along with. The reason is that the commission itself is not being made aware of what's going on in the country."

So Brogoitti and another eastern Oregon legislator, Rep. Denny Jones, R-Ontario, introduced a bill mandating increased rural representation on the seven member commission and drastically reducing powers of the body.

Under their original bill, HB 2416, the commission would have barred from managing wildlife off of state lands, and members of sport and commercial fishing groups would have been allowed to sit on the board and at least two members would have been required to be active in agriculture.

The bill was sent to the floor but was returned to committee and efforts to change the commission are now centered in the Senate, where SB 403 requires state-wide representation but lacks the other provisions of the House bill.

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'Easy to spout'

Well, after the fine letter (ODE, May 11) from the Revolutionary Student Brigade, I still am confused on a few points. My pro-agribusiness heritage gets in the way, clouding my brain. Your letter mentioned kangaroos and I realized we were on the same simple-minded track.

I can believe that you all (RYCB members) are attempting to broaden my perspectives with a lively debate. Thanks! What I fail to realize is just how much first-hand experience you have had with actual blood-and-guts revolution? Theory is easy to spout off your head. Have you ever been in out of class room situations? Not being stared at by campus security? I must believe that dogmatic bravery decreases as the "action" increases.

Another point to drone on is what do you expect to accomplish with the spread of illegal posters. Come on kids, play by the rules or suffer the regulations. Surely your parents taught you some values other than Marxist?

As a sophomore, I saw one of your leaders, (no longer on the scene) drive up in a most expensively priced high quality car. My next question is: what yoke of oppression did he bear to receive this? I know that you folks have baked-food sales and May Day dances, but that is small revenue. Illegal Food Stamps? Kangaroo Prostitution?

Simplicity is indeed in my mind when I ask; what the heck happens after the revolution? All-campus party membership?

My sincerity flag is at half mast, waiting little answers and more dogma.

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'Getting stronger'

The recent rash of letters to the editor concerning the Greek system is greatly appreciated. The letters, whether pro or con, seem to be the only publicity

fraternities and sororities are able to receive in the pages of the Emerald. Animosity toward the system by staff members, occasional yellow-tinted journalism and campus politics must restrict Greeks from fair news coverage.

Gay Pride Week, Women's Symposium, Black Arts Festival, Chinese Cultural Week and other ASUO program events are given more than adequate exposure. Greek Week must not have been deemed newsworthy by the Emerald, although local television stations covered several events. I feel that 10-12 percent the student body might be interested in an unbiased account of their events if they could get any coverage at all.

The Oregon Daily Hemorrhoid (excuse me, I meant Emerald) editorial page is our only source of publicity and then it is necessary to comment on some letters. I'd like to direct my comments to Mr. Warren's letter (ODE, May 17).

Greek living may not be the "equivalent" to dorm living but each year it is a welcome alternative to an increasing number of students. "Secret initiations, handshakes and oaths" are not considered "ritualistic examples of selective exclusivism" by Greeks, but revered traditions, many over 200 years old. In looking over our fraternity and sorority roster I failed to find the "CRAPA S" listed. For members of "elite" organizations a lot of fraternity and sorority members are relying on loans, grants and part-time jobs to get through school and I don't consider that too elite.

Obviously Greek life isn't for everybody (especially those writing some of the letters). Luckily we are able to choose the lifestyle we wish. You don't find Greeks attacking the lifestyle of anyone else.

The Greek system is growing and getting stronger. Fraternities and sororities are strengthened and experience greater cohesion with each negative letter published. I'd like to take this opportunity to



thank those who care enough to criticize the Greek system.

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Leave them alone

In response to several letters concerning Greeks of the past few weeks, the ignorance displayed by the authors is both pitiful and saddening. It seems rather strange that while half the Greek community require financial assistance they are still labeled "elites." Either the authors are not aware of this fact or they choose to disregard it. The fact that many Greeks work their way through school goes unnoticed also.

As far as the charge of exclusivism is concerned, it seems that some non-Greeks are being exclusivists themselves in their public distaste and exclusion of Greeks in thought, word, and deed. There are no so-called "prerequisites" to entering Greek community. The qualities of honesty, ambition, enthusiasm and scholarship hardly seem to be "prerequisites" in the sense implied by Mr. Taylor.

With regard to the author of "Infinite dismay," the strong language and epithets indicate that the conclusions are clouded by less than rational emotions. What kind of person would desire the annihilation of a group of people (or anyone, for that matter) in World War I. The person must be very cruel and inhuman.

Maybe if this person gathered his information and opinions in a more rational, objective manner they would be given more credibility. Incidentally, it is unfortunate that this person feels so persecuted by not being acknowledged more often, but perhaps he is not smiling at the right people.

Come on non-Greeks (not meant to be inclusive), why don't you leave the Greeks alone. If you don't approve of them, at least have the decency of expressing your negative opinions without hurling epithets.

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'Foolish and base'

RE: Dennis Warren letter, ODE May 17.

Greek living is what you wish it to be. Obviously you have had some problems in the past with

people connected with the Greek system. But your attack on the whole system is not only unintelligent, foolish and base it is untrue.

You write well but if you really are an education graduate why don't you stop and look at yourself for a few moments. You're so boiling with hatred and distaste you can't see past the end of your nose.

There probably are some things wrong with the Greek system, but have you ever thought that maybe things change?

Not every fraternity puts so much importance on "secret initiations, handshakes, and oaths" that they miss the true strength of the Greek system — meeting people, making new friends and partying.

I am sick of idiots like you rip into living organizations that they know little about. You may say what you wish, and I'm sure that there will be many people supporting you, but until you've gone through rush and met members of each house on campus, how can you condemn them as one? What's your excuse, Dennis?

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Tuesday, May 22, 1979

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