

Fraternities put end to 'little sister' program

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Fraternity courts and "little sister" groups have become a thing of the past as both the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils recently passed resolu-

tions against such groups.

Beginning next fall, no fraternities will sponsor auxiliary women's groups because they are inconsistent with the concept of separate and equal women's sororities, according to the resolution.

Nationally, fraternities have been dismantling "little sister" groups because of the single sex standing of the organizations themselves.

The idea to pass these resolutions originally came because the IC Presidents Council real-

ized "little sister" groups could be potentially exploitative toward women, Bowler said.

"We didn't want to see women subjugated to a second status just by their sex alone," he said. "Even the term 'little sister' itself is condescending."

Panhellenic president Dandy Kromminga sees the Greek system moving in a progressive way to recognize equality. The proposal passed by Panhellenic Presidents council states that sororities will not support any auxiliary groups.

"Everything the sorority system stands for is to promote womanhood," Kromminga said. "This demeaning type of

activity doesn't serve in the best interests for women as well as men," she continued.

According to Kromminga, the fraternity presidents thought that if the sororities could make it clear that they would no longer tolerate "little sister" groups, the IC would then follow suit. Both president councils ended up passing the proposals the same day.

Bowler said that some of the fraternity presidents liked the tradition of "little sisters" and thought it could be a rewarding experience if done properly.

"It was just getting out of hand. It is always an inherently sexist procedure for choosing," Bowler said.



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spring were inexcusable.

"I have the right to be on campus and not be harassed or fear for my life," said Hughes, who expressed further indignation at the lack of response displayed by the University administration or the Oregon Daily Emerald.

But he said that he was still determined to organize students into a union geared towards combating this problem or, establishing a student-run paper intent on "covering the race and hate crimes that take place on campus on the front page."

Graduate sociology student Sharon Elise prompted students, "stand in solidarity against oppression."

"Now is a good time to tell people that we will not tolerate this (discriminatory) type of situation whether we are in Portland, Eugene or any part of the country," three-time IFC member Armando Morales said.

However, Morales said education, not punishment, was the only way in which the problem can be solved.

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nickels and dimes are," he said.

Despite his opposition to the version of the bill going on the House floor, Schoon said he would vote for it.

The amended version of SB335, which passed 37-23, does not include an automatic wage increase after 1991.

The original version would have indexed the state's minimum wage level to meet the federal poverty level starting in 1992.

The Senate Labor Committee changed the index to 50 percent of the state's average weekly wage. The index eventually would be dropped altogether.

In addition, the House labor panel added a provision which would allow non-migrant farm workers to be paid on a piece-rate.

Republican House Leader

Rep. Larry Campbell (R-Eugene) said he was "concerned" about the final version of SB335.

Campbell said he thought a \$4.75 minimum wage level would be difficult for small businesses to swallow, especially if they also are forced to provide health insurance for workers — as a bill currently pending in the Senate would require.

He added he expected SB335 to pass on the House floor with a wider margin than the committee amendment received.

Even if the House does approve the bill today, it will not become law. Because the House and Senate passed different versions, SB335 would either go back to the Senate for another vote, or go to a bicameral Conference Committee, where differences would be ironed out between the two versions.

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