

FRATERNITY'S NEED:

A New System

It is with sorrow that an institution has to drop a tradition. Usually the out-going tradition is met with sympathy among outsiders.

Neither of these should be the case, however, when fraternity hazing makes its exit. The tradition status of fraternity hazing and is climax, hell week, is doubtful anyway.

Nobody knows when the spark that lights public opinion was tossed at the American public, or why. The fact is, however, that somebody somewhere did it and as a consequence fraternities across the nation are, so to speak, paying the price for something they did not keep quite enough secrecy about.

No institution should feel ashamed for bowing to public opinion — it is the mightiest weapon American society wields upon itself. The question concerned, however, is why didn't fraternities abandon hazing earlier. The common answer is, because it was an efficient way to discipline pledges, draw the line between pledge class and active chapter, and mold these pledges into the kind of man fraternities are famous for molding.

Now, however, fraternities have to prove their flexibility. They must develop some new system that will meet with society's approval, for they are an important part of society. They must not be afraid of change, because only by change will they survive. If fraternity men are the kind of men fraternity men say they are, it is likely they will succeed.

To lend an understanding of the scope and depth or the problem the following editorial was reprinted from THE VANGUARD, school paper of Portland State College, Portland, Oregon:

From recent publicity in local media one might think Portland State is the only school in Oregon with social or fraternal organizations. This, of course, is not true. What is true, however, is that PSC through President Branford P. Millar, is the only state system school demanding compliance with system regulations.

Other state schools have larger, stronger nationally directed social organizations. Fall rush this year at Oregon State University saw 253 men pledge 21 fraternities and 308 women pledge 16 sororities. University of Oregon had 456 fraternity pledges and 333 sorority pledges. The number of pledges at either of these schools is greater than total participation in PSC Greek organizations.

The power of these large organizations was evident in Feb. 1963, when Oregon Daily Emerald editor, Ron Buel, was nearly dismissed because he spoke out against fraternity hazing. The Greek organizations pressured the Student Senate into asking for Buel's resignation. But the real power of the national organizations lies in large alumni groups which exert heavy financial and personal pressures on the school.

The conditions which resulted in suspension of sororities at PSC must certainly exist in these larger groups, yet they continue to exist within state supported institutions. A group of graduated students, no matter to what group they belong, should never be allowed to control state supported schools. Nor should it dictate to social organizations sanctioned by the school.

President Millar has shown through his ultimatum to PSC sororities that he, and hopefully the rest of the college, is dedicated to modern ideals and the betterment of Oregon higher education. Isn't it time the rest of the system joined him?

Bad Seed II

Since my Valentine odes were accepted at large about as well as would be the Beatles in a monastery, singing the Hallejiah Chorus with Ringo as an archangel, I dropped the idea of repeating it this week.

More out of anger than anything else, I began a daring column on all the reforms which have taken place this year, but small, wet tears flooded my large round eyes, and I was unable to finish.

After all, rush week has been changed; Derby Day was cleaned up; registration was reformed; and now, fraternities have dropped hazing.

And you just know that more is to come. Soon will be confirmation of rumors that all organized houses will eat in one central spot on campus to cut expenses. Great idea, but where are we going to find troughs that large? Some students do not eat, they feed.

It seems that nothing is like it used to be. With the passing of hell week, a great segment of campus life has disappeared. No more will the gentle smell of egg-soaked pledges waft through the classroom, forcing the students to carry small paper bags to class.

Gone are those mad, wonderful scavenger hunts with dark figures scurrying through the night, laden with an albino housemother, seven swans a'swimming,

three drugged racoons, and anything else on their lists.

My only worry is that reforms breed more reforms, and soon the University will be known primarily as a reform school. This will attract the attention of criminals, many of which are of Italian descent, and soon we will be prey to sit-ins at Valentino's.

Having previously mentioned the new way of registering, I have been requested to remind all freshmen planning to enter grad school in four years that their registration blanks are due Monday.

Just ask your advisor for help, and he'll gladly sit and talk for three hours about anything not pertaining to requirements, schedules, classes, or graduation.

Oh, I suppose I am being labeled as too critical about everything, but I have no time to argue right now. I've got to rush off to my 7:30 a.m. class—it used to be an 8 o'clock until they reformed the city campus schedules . . .

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"I'LL UNBURY YOU."

--- The New Guard ---

By Bob Weaver

In response to a question from the audience, Senator Roman Hruska last week stated that official organs of the Republican Party should not indulge in supporting announced or unannounced candidates for the Republican Presidential nomination. It is rather, he went on to state, the duty for each Republican organization to remain strong and active, and to engage in party building activity.

The writer is in full agreement with this view. It must be the role of the Republican Party to build an adequate treasury and worker membership roles in preparation for November. The party machinery must remain well oiled and be ready to carry on a vigorous campaign regardless of who the San Francisco delegates nominate. By taking over any element of the party, a specific candidate can only bring dissent among those members of the rank and file who do not support his candidacy.

The value of a well organized and neutral party machine is illustrated by the Ohio State GOP organization headed by Ray Bliss. He has shown that by careful organization and vigorous grass roots operations a minority party can become a winning majority. This was proved in 1960 when he delivered Ohio's electoral votes to Nixon. In order to avoid a conflict within the Ohio GOP, Bliss has swung his support to Governor Rhodes as a favorite-son candidate. Doing this, he hopes to avoid an intra-party fight that could reduce his organizing to a blue print for defeat.

Pennsylvania Repub-

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licans are now engaged in a small amount of in-fighting because Goldwater supporters did not take the suggestion to leave the state out of any pre-convention squabbling. This request came from Governor William Scranton, himself a possible candidate. He too is seeking to preserve the reasonably united Republican Party in that urban-industrial state.

It seems evident that both Ohio and Pennsylvania are interested in keeping a vital Republican Party organization, rather than support either Goldwater or Rockefeller.

DAILY NEBRASKAN Editor John Morris suggested last week that the Nebraska Youth for Goldwater group on campus will attempt to take over the Young Republicans at Nebraska this spring. From there, they will force a vote on support for Goldwater. Information has it, that with increased membership in YR's and with the inactivity of their own group they might have the votes to accomplish this rather selfish end.

It has been suggested that they might run Steve Stastny, or even Chuck Marr, himself, for YR president. Only time will prove the validity of these rumors.

One prominent campus Goldwater supporter mentioned that if anyone from the progressive wing of the

Republican Party is nominated, conservative money and support will 'with-draw into the wall cracks.' This type of action is that which has contributed to the defeat of many strong Republican candidates in the past.

What should be the role of the young party groups on campus? The present YR leadership feels that it should be one of political education on a bipartisan, non-partisan and partisan basis. This was illustrated when the YR's had Governor Morrison, an Army Major, and Senator Terry Carpenter this past fall and winter.

When the general election campaign begins, both groups can serve their parties' total efforts as they have in the past, engaging in those volunteer duties so necessary to a successful campaign. Attendance at YR meetings this fall is reported to have increased over last year, which would tend to confirm that the present program has popular support and vigorous leadership.

Nationally, the Republican Party remains a loyal minority in opposition. It will take a united front, money, and vigorous leadership to bring victory to the Republicans in November. Can the GOP meet this challenge if it is split organizationally?

The New Breed—

Faster Grading

Wednesday, Student Council acted quickly and decisively on a resolution by Glenn Korff. The resolution asks that the Calendar a committee of the Faculty Senate act to shorten the period in which grade reports are sent to students.

This is a very practical recommendation. The University is equipped with data processing equipment to make grade reports available as quickly as two days after they are turned in. All that is needed is a set of punch cards which an instructor would fill out with a special pencil.

The benefits are easy to see. Official grade reports would be available three weeks sooner. Those who have failed a course would not waste three weeks sitting in a class where they do not belong. First semester senior year transcripts could be sent to graduate and professional schools sooner so that Nebraska graduates could be accepted for post graduate work. Students looking for jobs after graduation must wait till March to send their transcripts to the firms they are considering.

Why is the process still so slow?

At present, faculty members are required to turn in grades five days after the last day of finals. This seems like a very long

time to wait. Yet, this rule is not even followed.

This year some grades had not been turned in as late as 11 days after the last finals. These few individuals in the faculty are holding up grade reports for some 11,000 students. There seems to be little need for these faculty people to wait so long to report their first semester grades.

Interestingly enough, this problem does not exist during the summer session. All faculty personnel are not given their pay checks until their grades are turned in. Surprisingly, faculty members turn in their grades almost immediately after the summer finals are over. Summer grade reports are out to the students weeks faster.

I think it is easy to see that if the faculty member wants to cooperate, it is very likely that grade reports could be out much earlier.

Student Council has asked the faculty subcommittee to investigate any possibility of quickening the process of getting grades to the students. The next step is up to the faculty committee. It seems that after they weigh all the evidence, the committee should doubtlessly act to eliminate this problem. We hope that, as the Student Council has done, the committee will act quickly and decisively.

CAMPUS OPINION

Triangle Accepts Challenge

As Pledge trainer of Triangle Fraternity, I wish to accept Mr. Garson's challenge concerning Fraternity Hell Week at the University, as it appeared in the DAILY NEBRASKAN last week.

days preceding the initiation date.

Larry Drbal
Pledge Trainer

Mr. Garson, we cordially invite you to make unannounced visits to our house at any time prior to, or after, our formal initiation on April 12, 1964, in order to obtain information which might help you to prove your point. Feel free to consult with any of our pledges about the matter and to use any other channels for gaining this information.

As an incentive for you to accept our offer, we will be happy to provide you with free accommodations at the house for any seven

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