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Letters To The Editor

Equal Rights for Women Athletes

Dear Editor,

Although the struggle for equal rights is long since over, the W. A. A. is beginning to wonder if there is any justice on the campus regarding the athletic activities of the women. Several times each year lettermen's sweaters are awarded to super-athletes in various sports in chapel amidst much adulation and general applause. While the W. A. A. is not envious of this publicity which so emphasizes the award in the student's mind instead of "sports for sports sake," nevertheless it feels that the general student body should at least be aware of the requirements which a feminine sport enthusiast must fulfill to obtain her letter-women's sweater.

This year Pacific's W. A. A. has changed its qualifications for the award to conform with the most recent trends of physical education which emphasize all around activity and carry-over sports. In order to even be eligible for the award, the prospective letterwoman must pass a knowledge test with a grade of 80% and a practical skill test with a standing of 90% in three team sports, four individual sports, and one rythmical activity. This ability must be supported by participation in two-thirds of the class activities and intramural games. Students may choose three out of the five team sports, hockey, speedball, volley ball, baseball, and basketball; four out of the seven individual sports, swimming, tennis, archery, hiking, golf, badminton, and ping pong; and one out of the four rythmical activities, folk, tap, social, and modern dancing. In addition to this the executive board must be satisfied by unanimous consent in regard to the applicant's scholarship (average of 85% in all academic hours, sportsmanship in all university affairs, and personal appearance and good posture).

Additional stripes do not mean further specialization in already mastered sports but rather that the woman has passed one new sport in each field, i. e. team individual and rythmical as well as repassing the activities mastered for the sweater.

Thus it is that a letterwoman's sweater is a symbol of all around activity on the part of the individual—she has mastered sports which she will enjoy and be able to play in future years as well as in college, and she has developed character for both personality traits suitable for both team and individual sports.

Because of the highness of the honor there are few letterwomen on the campus, but to those who have achieved it, the general recognition of the student body should be due.

Anne Wagner

Senior Room for Seniors

Dear Editor:

I protest!

One of the firmest and most rigorously enforced traditions of Pacific is recently observed to be suffering from an ignorant onslaught of freshmen and a cocky bunch of more advanced underclassmen. To wit, the senior room in the library is losing its sanctity! If this thing had happened several years ago, there would be no gripe.....but for four years I have been bounced unceremoniously and with a crimson visage from my uncertain, timorous invasion into the senior room. Now I'm a senior, and for gosh sakes, I can't find a seat in the privileged place. They're occupied by underclassmen!

What goes on? What goes on?

Chagrined.

Chapel Speech Draws Ire

Dear Editor:

From the back roads of the Kentucky hills to the palatial boulevards and avenues of civilization people regard the word "chapel" as having something to do with worship. Universities, colleges, and other academic institutions set aside chapel periods as devotional hours for its student. To clarify the word "chapel," it would be better to cite Webster's dictionary for a concise definition: "Chapel—A subordinate place of worship."

Thus the majority of students at Pacific university are concerned when a college professor, one who has had years of practical experience, who has acquired several degrees that speak for intelligence and has the subjects with which to talk, saunters out on the chapel platform and gives an inane, purposeless, untactful filibuster. The subject dealt with a far-fetched, out of place, haphazard, confused topic of physiological distinctions. The speaker persisted in using profane insolent language in order to get his oration across. A college professor who blasphemes at an audience to get a 15 minute talk firmly imbedded in his hearers' minds certainly has no place in a chapel program. He belongs in the organizing ranks of the labor unions where such language would be more beneficial and appreciated to a greater extent than by college students.

R. R.

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