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Phi Sigs Call

For New Rush Plan

Editor, the Emerald:

The January 21, 1936, issue of the Emerald, which carried the decision on the Sigma Nu case, also stated that Phi Sigma Kappa had "not paid or signified intention to pay" the \$10 fine imposed upon it by the Interfraternity council tribunal. The October 11, 1935, issue, which announced the fines, stated that Phi Sigma Kappa along with some other fraternities was fined \$10 for "dirty rushing" and was further penalized with one pledge revoke. It was later announced in the Emerald that the latter penalty was retracted, and that, because of the simple fact that the man in question had never been pledged. The \$10 fine was imposed for breaking the 10:30 rule.

However, it is not the object of this statement to oppose the decision; the \$10 fine will be paid under protest. The object of this communication is to point out the obvious deficiency in the present system of rushing that, in the first place, allows such situations to arise, and in the second place, provides such feeble remedies and penalties when fraternities really violate regulations.

It is our opinion that the tribunal made an honest effort to fine the houses for "dirty rushing" and on that score it is to be commended. But, on the charges that were placed against the several houses, we think that the tribunal lacked the "intestinal fortitude" to say what it was really fining the fraternities for. They were not fining the fraternities for breaking the "10:30 rule"; they were fining for putting pins in rushees' pockets before registration, hiding rushees out for two or three days at a time, malicious slandering of other houses, holding rushing "deals" where a rushee listened to lies about everything from \$20 house bills to the "Phi Phi Phi's" enormous mortgage, and a hundred and one other such offenses that arise from the present system of "cut-throat" rushing.

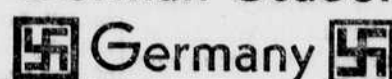
If the tribunal had really fined for what it knew was going on, every fraternity on the Oregon campus would have been forced into bankruptcy! It does no good to scrape the surface of the sand; if the clam is to be reached, one must dig down to where it is. Neither will fining houses for breaking the "10:30 rule" eliminate dirty rushing from the campus.

We appreciate the fact that the Interfraternity council apparently recognizes that something is wrong and is adopting a new constitution and a new set of by-laws that will possibly remedy some of the trouble, and also that steps have been taken toward definite action in adjusting the present system. But we feel that the system is basically wrong and must be rebuilt from the ground up—mere fixing and adjusting may satisfy the demands temporarily, but will in the long run merely aggravate the situation.

But anyone can "cry"—all "crying" does is arouse a lot of ill feeling that has no place in the scheme of things if a plan is to be evolved that is basically sound and practically expedient. Therefore, we suggest that instead of trying to adjust the old plan, that a new plan be worked out and submitted for publication to the Emerald. We will be more than willing to cooperate on such a plan.

Psi Deuteron Chapter
Phi Sigma Kappa

A German Student's



By Carl-Gu av Anthon

THE most unbearable feature of the Nazi regime is the suppression of the freedom of speech and press. Justified, as the suspension of these human rights may be from a political point of view, yet people do not live for the sake of a political system, but a system is created to satisfy the needs of the people. And it seems strange that, despite all the common sense shown by Hitler and associates, they fail to realize the antipathy and opposition such mental slavery will arouse in the people.

It is a strange feeling for me to be able to open my eyes to the realities of life and to be allowed to give expression to the things they see. It is a strange happiness, indeed, to be permitted to discuss life's vital problems openly—whereas only a few months ago I either cautiously whispered my thoughts to friends within silent walls, or they were hidden entirely within myself, craving expression. But the greatest joy of all is to be permitted to do the things one wishes to do, things of whose merit one is convinced, things which are inseparably associated with one's own life.

In the years 1933 to 1935 it was an every day story to read of such and such a newspaper being suspended. Suspended for God knows what trivialities—suspended for a few days, weeks, or forever, as a penalty for having reported certain happenings, facts or figures. The most innocent remark of the most innocent editor will earn a suspension penalty.

Books and authors thinking and feeling differently than Adolf Hitler or Joseph Goebbels have been placed on the "Black List." Such authors include Heinrich Mann and to some extent his greater brother Thomas Mann, Jakob Wassermann, Stefan and Arnold Zweig, Upton Sinclair, and Ernest Toller. On various occasions I witnessed the burning of heaps of books on public square to the wild cheers and singing of national anthems by the intoxicated crowds. Fanatical party jubiliaries, thundering speeches, innumerable flags, brilliant lights, uniforms overlaid with gaudy decorations, furnish the setting for these solemn mass festivals.

German writers today are either puppets in the hands of Dr. Goebbels, or they are not writers any more. They have either left the country or they have reduced their work to the wishes of a political system. History is full of such incidents



The Marsh of Time

By Bill Marsh

Let Laughter Ring

To Mr. Dan Clark II, a whiff of ammonia for being the finest living example of the now almost extinct flat-joke artist. Congratulations, Mr. Clark. You caught me fairly and squarely, and I waded into it with both eyes almost open.

An example of Mr. Clark's humor. This is a problem story. Take a train that's running (or should I say walking) from Portland to Eugene. It leaves Portland with 50 passengers. At Oregon City it picks up three more. At New Era ten get off and one gets on. At Canby, three get on. At Woodburn, four get off and one gets on. At Chemawa four Indians get off. At Salem ten passengers get off, and three get on. At Albany five get off and a basket of eggs gets on. Finally the darn thing rolls into Junction City and the fireman steps over to the pool hall for a glass of beer. No passengers get off or on.

Now then, have you got the passengers all straight? Very well then. How many stations did the train stop at? Ouch! No, wait a minute, not the right eye, if you please. That's black already.

Snowtrain

At last, talking about trains, one of the characteristic services on eastern roads has permeated to the far West. . . I speak of the snow train which will be run to Cascade Summit next Sunday. For some time eastern lines have run winter time excursions for the benefit of snow-sports lovers. Now they're trying it out here with the help of the students and the Obsidian ski club. It'd be nice if the students supported this one well enough for the Espee to run them more or less regularly. There's no finer place in the country to ski than the Cascade mountains. And if you don't ski very well, there's no finer place to just romp in the drifts.

If the thought of getting up to catch a train that leaves at 6 o'clock in the morning gives you the willies, why not try staying up all night? Personally, I think that'd be a lot easier than piling out of a warm bed at 5:30.

Sportsmanship?

It's too bad the winter Olympics have had to be marred by bickering and dissension. Oh yes, they've been having their troubles all right. First of all, the American and German bobsled teams got into a beef when the American team refused to give up their narrow, super-fast runners. Then England and Germany brawled over whether or not England's hockey team was England's, or whether it was a crack Canadian team that had been quietly removed from behind the maple leaf and slid into uniforms bearing the Union Jack.

In times like these, with the ugly specter of infuriated nationalism growing always more or less clear, any slim thread of international interest and good feeling should be adhered to desperately.

PE Association Meets in Portland

'Service to Community' Is Theme of Convention February 21 and 22

About 500 members of the north-west district of the American Physical Education association are expected to attend the group's first Portland convention to be held at the Heathman hotel February 21 and 22, according to Miss Evelyn Hasenmayer, women's physical education director at Reed college.

The theme of the convention will be "service to the community." Among those to speak are Charles A. Rice, superintendent of Portland schools; Dr. John F. Bovard, president of the northwest district of APEA, and dean of the school of physical education at the University; Dr. Charles A. Howard, superintendent of public education; Marshall N. Dana, assistant editor of the Portland Journal; James Phelan, U. of O. coach; and Earl E. Boushey, assistant professor of physical education at the University.

Demonstrations Planned

Demonstrations have been arranged at various places in the city in health, physical education, and recreational work by Robert Krohn, supervisor of physical education in Portland.

The following have been appointed committee heads: Clair Langton, OSC; Miss Florence Alder, U of O; Miss Evelyn Hasenmayer, Reed; Paul R. Washke, U. of O; Robert Krohn, Portland public schools; Mrs. Jean Matheisen, Holladay school; and Miss Natalie Reickert, OSC.

Varsity 'O' Ball

(Continued from page one) son's backfield aces in a tricky shift. Stellar performers are said to be Romey DePittard, Vernon Moore, Dale LaSalle, Leif Jacobson, and Tony 'Pavlova' Amato.

Individual dances and vocal selections are scheduled by several members of the troupe.

Dance music will be provided by Art Holman's band, which was well-known on the campus before leaving to fill an engagement with the National Broadcasting company.

Lettermen Sell Tickets

Lettermen have been busy the past week selling tickets for their big social event, the pasteboards selling for 75 cents. Posters were placed in living organizations Tuesday, and several were distributed in Corvallis inviting Oregon State students who come over to see the basketball game to stay for the ball.

Calendar

(Continued from page one) No exchange desserts or dinners may be scheduled this week by any campus living organization, according to announcement from the dean of women's office. The dance

Paddock Defends ASU Against 'Pink' Cries of Rilea

Forum Hearings Up Tomorrow

Each Pair of Contestants Allowed 20 Minutes in Jewett Contest

Preliminary hearings for all forum entries in the Jewett radio contest will be held Thursday afternoon, February 22, in room 218 Friendly hall.

A list of available 20-minute periods is posted outside of John L. Casteel's office and contestants may sign up for preliminary hearings between 2:30 and 5:30 today.

Those having made appointments are Walter Eschbeck and Avery Combs, Cliff Speaker and Don Serrell, Betty L. Brown and Mary E. Bailey, Freed Bales and Jason Lee, Howard Kessler and Minoru Yasui.

Ten pairs of students have submitted manuscripts which have been corrected by Mr. Casteel. Instructors in the speech department will be judges and eliminations will be made on the basis of manuscripts submitted and effectiveness of presentation.

The final contest which is limited to six entries will be held Wednesday evening, February 26. Entries in form of discussions or interviews to be read as dialogues between two persons will be presented over the public address apparatus of the speech division.

Persons not connected with the University will be judges for the final contest and entries for the \$20, \$15, and \$5 prizes contributed from the Wilson E. Jewett fund will be judged from the standpoint of content and value for future radio presentation. The interest and informational value of the subject will be considered along with the effectiveness with which the discussion is adapted to radio broadcast.

Graduates May Study Government

Thirty College Alumni Will Get Federal Internships in Nation's Capital

Oregon graduates will have a chance to spend a year at Washington, D. C., studying the national government at close hand according to a plan perfected by the National Institute of Public Affairs at the capital.

Thirty graduates of universities and colleges throughout the country will be selected for internships in connection with the departments of the federal government. These internships provide a chance to combine practical ex-

perience and theoretical study. "The new program," said Dr. James H. Gilbert, dean of the school of social science, "is in keeping with the modern movement for better trained public officials in which theoretical instruction is combined with an actual apprenticeship in some department of the government, either national, state, or local."

The internships will begin September 14, 1936 and the students will remain in residence until June 2, 1937. The interns will be expected to meet their own living expenses, but the rest of the training costs will be met by the institute.

The interns will be full-time assistants to government officials, and they will be allowed to attend conferences and seminars conducted by legislators, press correspondents, lobbyists, and educators.

Applications must reach the national institute not later than Monday, March 16, 1936. Information and application blanks may be obtained from the scholarship committee, National Institute of Public Affairs, Washington, D. C.

Results of Test Offer Hope for Frequent Misspellers

Do you often have term papers handed back well decorated with red marks through misspelled words? Well, if you do, don't feel too bad. You're not alone in your predicament.

The regular examination of would-be substitute teachers in New York disclosed that many of the candidates, all of whom were college graduates and some of whom held master's degrees, frequently misspelled such words as "balance," "stomach," and "changeable," and other fairly common words.

When asked for "able" or "ible" forms of certain words, the candidates also didn't know that "dirigible" is derived from "direct," that "irascible" comes from "irate," or that "incorrigible" comes from "incorrect." But that wasn't so bad, some of the professors at teacher's college, Columbia university didn't know either. Of 13 professors interviewed by a New York Sun reporter, 12 erred on "dirigible," four on "incorrigible," and 11 on "irascible."

This information was gleaned from a clipping from the New York Sun which had been sent to Professor S. Stephenson Smith.

"The American Student Union seeks, peace, economic security for students, academic freedom and racial equality."

With this simple statement of program, Charles Paddock, temporary chairman of the recently formed ASU chapter, defended his organization against the attack of Brigadier-General T. E. Rilea, who branded the student group as "ping" in a statement to the United Press in Salem Monday.

"If our aims are 'communism' or a 'pink' program then we admit the charge," continued Paddock. "The ASU knows that any organization which is willing to face social issues squarely is in danger of being labeled radical. This risk we accept, because we feel that the American campus needs our program."

Rilea made his statement Monday upon learning that an ASU chapter had been formed on the U. of O. campus. He had just returned from a five weeks' trip east. Paddock also condemns this statement on the basis that it is unfair. "Rilea," says Paddock, "brands us as 'communistic' when he has not even taken the trouble to investigate our organization."

The local group in the ASU will probably fully affiliate with the national at their next meeting, to be held Thursday. Election of officers will also take place at this meeting.

The ASU chapter was formed when the group which met for purpose of forming such a chapter voted not to have any tie with the national. It formed a separate entity known as the Oregon Student Federation. The two groups are not to be confused.

Donald Moe Joins Steamship Staff

Donald K. Moe, well-known golfer and member of the Walker team, and graduate of 1933, has joined the staff of the McCormick Steamship company in Portland, as a district freight agent in charge of northbound coastwise freight.

Mr. Moe passed his Oregon state bar examinations in the summer of 1933, is a member of Phi Delta Phi, law honorary, and was a member of the Order of the O and Friars.

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to find your lost articles.

to get that ride to Portland for the game.

to see the rest of the students know that you can type out their term papers.

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