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## The Spice of Taste

A TASTE of both classical and popular music was given to Oregon students this weekend when they were privileged to hear the music of Ben Pollack for the Junior prom, and the glorious voice of Nino Martini, leading tenor of the Metropolitan opera, in concert Sunday.

Pollack's pep, and the urgent rhythm of his melodies, were greeted with delight by Oregon students, who this year have danced to the music of many "big name" bands. The "dean of sophisticated swing" played music that was modern, new, familiar to his college audience.

Sunday's concert was different. Martini, recognized as a great artist, brought to the campus no contagious rhythms, no melodies with the appeal of familiarity. He brought instead a voice of great beauty and the charm of a natural, attractive personality. His program was simple, for the most part rather unfamiliar to his listeners. Yet when he walked to the stage and sang his first number, they were entirely captivated. His conquest was completed when he sang encores well known and loved by his audience.

WHEN MARTINI sings at the Metropolitan, they turn crowds away from the doors. No such crowd greeted his Eugene appearance. But the enthusiastic demand for encores that greeted each number indicated that the same magnetism and genius that were beloved of New York and motion picture audiences had appealed to his Eugene listeners as well.

It was gratifying to see the largest crowd in years at the Junior prom—largely because of the attraction of Ben Pollack's name. But it was more gratifying to see the genuine appreciation and enthusiastic reception that the University gave to a fine artist . . . even if he didn't "swing it!"

## Aviation Stock Drops

REPORTERS and news photographers went out to Lakehurst, New Jersey, the other day, ostensibly to cover a good but almost routine story of the landing of the Hindenburg. The story the reporters got kept the wires sizzling across the continent. The photographers' pictures are being appraised as the best of the year and by some as the best in the history of news photography. The Hindenburg crashed, killing 35 persons, at the end of her trans-Atlantic crossing.

There is a deep significance in the fact the Hindenburg story is one of the best of the year and that the pictures of the disaster are among the best "shots" of all time. True, there were 35 people killed in a spectacular crash but a goodly part of the news value in the accident arose from the belief of the public that air travel is still highly spectacular and dangerous.

EUGENE theaters proudly displayed signs advertising news reels of the crash, less than a week after it occurred. On the end of one of the news reels, while the screen displayed a burning, crumpled mass of framework, the commentator declared an investigation was underway and that something constructive would arise from the ruins in the form of knowledge which might in the future prevent such catastrophes.

These facts illustrate the interest of the public in aviation and seem to indicate it is in a receptive mood at least as far as news of spectacular air accidents is concerned. There have been few attempts to take advantage of this interest to educate the man in the street to the advantages and the practicality of air travel.

During the past few months there have been several of these accidents, in most of which lives were lost and which newspapers played up with front page stories and pictures. The work of making America air-minded has without doubt suffered because

of the adverse publicity these stories occasioned.

READING headlines of such accidents, the public is apt to forget or is ignorant of the fact that mile for mile in the past several years air travel has been shown to be safer than travel by auto and almost as safe as travel by rail.

Heavier-than-air flying is no longer an impractical hobby of the daring and wealthy. It is a day by day service to most of the corners of the world, a recognized industry, needing only the confidence of the traveling public and getting it more and more. It is significant that England and the United States have virtually abandoned work with lighter-than-air craft, while Germany persists in her efforts to build them bigger and bigger.

Perhaps Germany is on the right track with her dirigibles. The Graf has flown many miles without a major accident but all three of the nations which have led the world in this field have had very little "luck." Those roaring flames which reduced the Hindenburg's shell and framework to a tangled mass in such a short time were fed by hydrogen from her gas bags. Hydrogen is highly inflammable and possesses only a little more lifting power per cubic foot than does helium, which does not burn. The United States controls most of the world's supply of helium while the Germans fill their zeppelins with hydrogen, yet the United States has practically admitted the failure of the big craft despite this advantage.

As soon reason that travel by boat is unsafe because the Hindenburg crashed as to declare its failure is a reflection on the safety of airplanes, for the Hindenburg depended upon gas to sustain her and the airplane relies upon the power of its motor and the action of her air foils, or wings. Nevertheless, the Hindenburg crash placed another obstacle in the pathway of aviation's endeavour to sell itself to the public—it made a good story but bad publicity.

## Credit Is Due

THE UNIVERSITY'S social calendar does not lack events but there is only one affair in its whirl of college life which is individual, distinctive, even unique—the canoe fete.

Annually floats "parade" down the race, riots of color and graceful motion, in the only show of this kind. Utilizing the possibilities of the millrace, the fete is cast against a natural background and is an event of true beauty.

It's a real tradition, this canoe fete. It holds a position comparable to the Fresno State college "haek race" and to the "Trail to Rail" pageant given by Eugene.

This year's fete was a fine one. Chairman Sam Fort and his committee set the standards for the 1937 Junior weekend high and the canoe fete was perhaps their "main event." Much credit should be given the committee for the success of Junior weekend, but, and especially in the canoe fete, the cooperation of the campus was essential. Organizations spent hours planning and constructing intricate floats.

It was a lot of work but the results were worth it.

## Miscellany

### GRADES AND GREEK-LETTER SOCIETIES

A news report from the campus of the University of Oregon states the authorities there have abolished competition among the student living organizations for "house" scholastic standing. Group averages will no longer be calculated and published. Individual grades will be available to students, parents and others directly interested, but will not be made generally public. No more "scandal sheets."

It is desired to interest the students in the more serious subjects of the curriculum. As it is, pressure is said to be applied to students to induce them to enroll in the "pipe" courses (simple subjects) in expectation that they will make better grades than would be likely in the "solids," and consequently boost, or at least sustain, the "house average." For example, an "A" obtained in appreciation of hemstitching" counts just as much as one secured in calculus, and is generally easier to get. And the more A's, the more glory for dear old Omicron Upsilon Pi.

With no more need to maintain "house standing" in the scholastic fields, it is hoped the pipes will be deserted and the students will turn to the more serious subjects which are offered in plenty but, at present, not patronized in proportion to faculty estimate of their worth.

The step is bound to meet with mixed sentiment. Persons who regard "grades" as productive of more harm than good and as generally futile for the purposes of education, will say the school authorities have not gone far enough—they should have eliminated them entirely. Others persons may wonder why, instead of going around Robin Hood's barn, the authorities did not just reduce the credit for passing the easier courses in proportion to their worth, if any.

It is only incidental, of course, but will not the Hellenic brotherhoods and sisterhoods now tend to select new members merely for wealth, beauty, popularity and kindred qualities counted upon to add to the "wahoo" of the house?—An Oregonian editorial.

Editor's note: What's the hour of that "appreciation of hemstitching?"

## Hop's SKIPS & JUMPS

By ORVAL HOPKINS

NOW that canoe fete: Due congratulations to dear old AGDelta and the KSigns . . . I still don't know what that Barcarolle job looked like . . . what with dolts standing up to stare on all sides . . . And people certainly moaned . . . The Maytime float sort of got me on account of I'm always one to go around kissing girls and all that . . . The heroic young man on the Alpha-Hendricks float who strode about snatching that torch . . . Why didn't the org give the boys some help on that "to hell with Bergundy" . . . Seems queer that the queen and her little helpers only get to see the aft side of the floats and the stooges guiding them . . . A very robust looking freight didn't seem to bother the lad in his rendition of the "Desert Song" . . . Very nice of the judges to divide the prize so evenly among the orgs and non-orgs . . . something is to be said for diplomacy after all . . . even if it does miss the "where credit is due" angle . . . The performance took about an hour and a half, which is creditable . . . I understand this one had it over last year's fete but must bow to the '35 number . . . Great disappointment that none of the floats capsized . . . That always seems to add to things somehow . . . It seems that Hal Young could have done his little stunt sooner than he did . . . The announcer very personable . . . As was said, it's the setting, trees, the race, lights, etc., that make the fete what it is . . . I heard as many remarks about the cow jumping over the moon as about anything of the evening . . . right clever these lads and lassies . . . Being of a very simple mind, I had to have the "Naughty Marietta" number explained to me . . . Didn't the cherry tree and the red gategast in "Madame Butterfly" sort of clash . . . or was it those oysters I ett . . . I was hoping for a rendition of "Poor Butterfly" just at that point, too . . . Dean Landsbury deserves kudos for his "Romantic Serenade" as does one C. Kietzer for her theme . . . We unsuns in the four-bit seats got the full benefit of the tearing apart after the floats got past all you plutocrats . . . The Faust float represented a lot of work and seemed very well done . . . Certainly a lot of people walking around with blankets after the fete . . . it don't seem right . . . To get back to the announcer, the laddie did all right when Maytime was delayed . . . The weather was nice, the night warm, the floats excellent, everything was lovely but my seat . . . And aren't Hubbell and Ol' Diz just athumpin' . . .

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## Rampaging Frosh

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gave the Oregon O it's annual spring facial. After applying the yellow, frosh huskies slid their chief, John Dick, and their newly elected class treasurer, Dick Hutchison, down the slippery face of the O. No damage was done the O, but Hutchison suffered three stitches in one finger.

Returning to the campus, the feudin' frosh rampaged from one house to another, routing sophomores out of bed. Then, having left their impressions on various portions of the sophomores bodies, they'd chase on to the next house, adding local color (yellow paint) wherever they went. Don Thomas was the official "slopper-onner" for the frosh.

Highlights along the way: new prexy Luffin routed from privacy of bed at SAE sanctorium, unique beauty bath applied on front lawn; DU's Karl Wester interrupted in process of mailing letter, given once-over; make-up applied to Sigma Chi's queen, Yerby . . . good job well done; Sigma Nu's Bobby Anet surprised in phone booth; Hank Nilsen deprived of his lower garments, given what is known as a "warm up" and introduced to mill race; Chi Psi's Osburn, pajamas and all, enjoys cool morning bath in race; Bob Boyer "sleeps" though it all; Beta's love merchant, Bud Burnett, along with Dick Wintermute, Jack Smith, and Walt Miller, receives guests (forty frosh) and free "entertainment"; Phi Psi's Joe Letelle McCool and Al Bogue dunked, paint applied to sit-down portions of lads; Bogue remonstrates, while held by six freshmen . . . he won't run away . . . no, really? SPE's receive advance notice, clear out before marauders arrive.

And on down to the race for the tug-of-war. Frosh out a number sophs about 3 to 1. Get restless at delay. All for immediate action. Order of O restrains fellows. Everything must be just so. Legal.

above board. Prexy Amato gives brief talk, asking fellows to observe rules of game. Other Order of the O on hand. Tug starts. Frosh get upperhand, pulling sophomore aggregation into murky race water. Some sophs drop off rope, avoiding dunking. Frosh go get 'em. Rough and tumble ensues. All frosh in! Those who don't go in are put in by classmates. Don Casciato given dunking. Tony Amato thrown in along with other Order of the O.

And once again the freshman class upholds tradition by beating the sophomores in the annual tug-of-war.

## Oregon Not Great

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survey recommendations have been disregarded or modified. (5) The cost of providing advanced work in pure science will be no greater than the cost of adequately providing lower division instruction only.

Other Factor Faculty  
Other factors keeping Oregon out of the rank of great universities are its "good average faculty" and the need for a greater program of social service in the fields of social science, the story went on.

"As I see it," the article quotes the law dean, "a university can be no stronger than its faculty. Show me a university with a weak faculty and I will show you an enlarged entertainment cantonment. Some faculty colleagues at Eugene might not appreciate this remark, but objectivity, I believe justifies the remark that the University of Oregon does not have a particularly strong faculty."

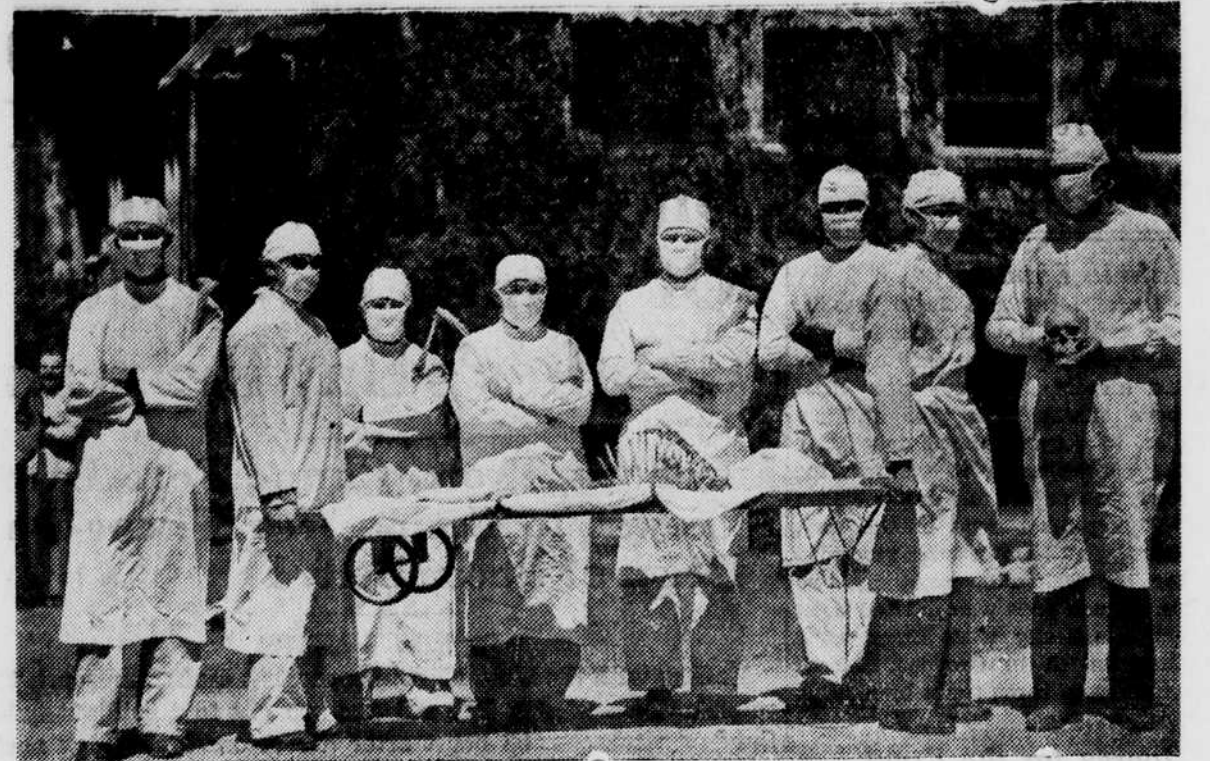
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## It's Not the Ku Klux Klan



No, it wasn't the young Ku Kluxers who stalked the campus Friday noon. Members of Asklepiads, honorary physiology fraternity, tapped pledges at the campus luncheon. Dressed in hospital attire, and bearing a mute reminder of better days, their parade added a humorous note to the festivities.

## Queen Rubino I Bashful But He Has Personality

By BOB EMERSON

I've never had a chance to interview a "real" queen before and when the managing editor barked at me to "see 'Sweetpea' Rubino and don't come back without a story," I was scared. But luckily he is as sweet as his name would indicate. With one of his legs thrown daintily over the edge of his chair he talked nonchalantly of the obvious things of life. But when I asked him about his election chances, down went the leg and a fierce glint came into his eye.

"It's going to be plenty tough!—Casciato with his personality plus and Rubino with his personality plus plus," he declared. And then smiling rather sheepishly he added, "Of course I don't care."

This sweet nomination for the illustrious position of men's Junior Weekend Queen, began the battle against the elements of the world just 21 years ago. He attributes his slight avoirdupois to the fact that his parents were married twelve years before he was born.

When his backers picked Queen-to-be "Sweetpea" he was reluctant to accept because of his retiring nature. Naturally bashful on all occasions, Rubino seldom has anything to say. To quote him "If there is anything I hate, it's a person who interrupts a conversation." When asked about his trousseau, if elected, "Sweetpea" was undecided. "Although I realize that I presented a very striking appearance last Tuesday, at my coming out party, in that red and yellow net, I don't believe that this costume is befitting one who has reached this regal position," he said.

Diet has never been one of Rubino's worries.

"I find that I can eat most anything, and in pursuing my hobby, which may become my life work, the exercise keeps me in perfect trim," he concluded.

Minoru Yasui of Hood River will deliver the feature address at an "international" Rotary club luncheon to be held in the Osborne hotel at 12 o'clock today. Yasui, speaking on the problem faced by the second generation of foreign students in the United States, will be one of eight University students not born in this country to speak at the luncheon.

## Local Girls Make Good



(Courtesy the Register-Guard)  
Four Eugene women, students at the University, were tapped for Mortar Board, national honorary for young women, at the campus luncheon last Friday. Left to right they are Gayle Buchanan, Brandon Young, Gladys Battleson, and Clare Igoe. Miss Igoe was also awarded the Gerlinger cup for the most outstanding junior woman, at the Junior prom Friday night.

## Campus Calendar

Elizabeth Dement, Louis Coleman, Priscilla Mackie, Margaret Rankin, Marion Turner, Gordon Corum, Roy Hockett, Gilbert Schultz, Neil Stockhouse, Sam Kroschell, and Jule Graff are in the infirmary.

Pot and Quill members are to assemble in front of Gerlinger hall tonight at 7:30 where cars will be provided to take them to the home of Mrs. Eric Allen where the group will meet.

Alpha Delta Sigma will meet for lunch today upstairs in the College Side.

Alpha Kappa Psi members will meet in 103 Commerce tonight at 7 o'clock.

Alpha Delta Sigma members and pledges are urged to meet at the College Side for a luncheon and business meeting, Tuesday, May 11.

Skull and Dagger meeting at 7:30 tonight in College Side.

All freshmen YW members will meet in the YW bungalow at 4 o'clock this afternoon to nominate officers for next year's sophomore commission. Nominations from the floor can be made only by freshmen having YW membership cards.

In correction, at the moot court trial last week Arthur Barnett was found by the jury to be guilty and liable for the damages of \$200 to Robert Miller's car, instead of vice versa, as stated.

The time for graduate theses has been extended from May 10 to May 15 because of difficulty of getting books while the library was being moved.

WAA council members will meet in the social room of Gerlinger at 6:45 o'clock tonight.

## Passing Show

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people of Philadelphia from exercising their right of public meeting and free speech."

Laborers Sore  
Hollywood's actors returned to work yesterday after being assured of \$5.50 per day for extras and \$25 per day for small part players. Stock players will get \$50 per week. Jubilan actors of the guild celebrated wildly.

Technicians, members of labor unions who started the original movie strike, were sore. The guild settlement was a conspiracy with the producers, they claimed. Business manager of the union, angling for CIO backing and a national theater boycott, said the agreement was a "dirty double-cross."

## Gifts to State Schools Will Require Reports

Gifts to all Oregon state institutions of higher education shall, in the future, "be subject to consistent policy of report to institutional officers," and subsequently to the chancellor's office, it was decided at a faculty meeting, May 5, in Friendly hall.

A special executive committee was appointed to study the handling of gift funds, with Mr. Collins, budget director, as chairman.

Send the Emerald to your friends.