

# PUBLIC PROPERTY

By THE BOYS  
Public Property has pulled in its horns since the last time it rode because people have accused its authors of being economical with the truth.

But it was all true—unfortunately and disgustingly true. Just this evening someone called up with a tall yarn about the SPE underclassmen going over to the Sigma Nu house for dinner, then joining the basketball players—often known as the Sigma Nus—for a dance at the Gamma Phi house.

Now, this seems logical enough, as the three "hovels"—newest synonym for fraternities—are all close together.

But someone also called in and said the combined forces had stormed the Phis for their dancing, practically kidnapping the helpless girls. This, good story though it would make, didn't quite ring true. Investigation proved they called up first and gave the girls a fair chance.

Incidentally, the Sigma Nu elders went up to the SPE house for victuals. Peaceable, too.

Last time the Sigma Nus called on the Sig Eps they took the rest of the mill race men with them. It was about midnight and instead of breaking bread they broke heads.

It is a funny world.

All this is true but very uninteresting. Public Property can be fed only just so much of the dry stuff of truth. In order to prevent undue accusations, we'll admit right now that the following story is purely fictitious. It's as probable as possible, however.

Senior, man of the world,

globe trotter from away back, a young man rolled up to the library before mid-terms, trucked his way into the card catalogue, Suzy-Qed out of it, bumped into the information desk, and limped up to the "bar."

He plunked down his neatly compiled book request slip. The librarian spirited it over the air chute and after not too long the book came clunking down the elevator.

The librarian whisked out two cards and asked the young man to sign full name and address, on both. He did.

Up until last fall, that's about all you had to do to get a book out of the libe.

Then the librarian demanded his card.

What card?  
The library card.

The student, who wasn't particularly keen about studying anyway, dug deep into his bill fold.

He brought out a union card—a good, conservative AF of L union, too.

No soap.

He dug out a press card—good for admittance to any basketball game in McArthur court.

No soap. The librarian seemed a bit impatient.

He unstrapped the portfolio which we've just decided he ought to be carrying and produced a passport which last year got him into Russia, France, Germany, and Estonia—finding Estonia is harder than getting into it.

Still no soap. With all this "no soap" the student did the obvious thing.

Did he find his libe card?

No.

He threw in the towel—and Charlestone out of there.

By Bill Cummings and Paul Deutchmann

## SIDE SHOW

### Campus

#### IS THE FRATERNITY SYSTEM ON THE WAY OUT?

That, with all the specific problems it involves, is a question that must be dealt with, and dealt with soon, by fraternity men on the Oregon campus. It is a challenge involving weak and strong houses alike, and a challenge which directly concerns the interfraternity council.

That body (which is having its own difficulties in ironing out the problems of continually changing membership) carries the responsibility of seventeen men's living organizations at Oregon which are looking to it for an answer. Just how much can the interfraternity council do? At the present time, its hands are tied by the fact that new members are continuously replacing the old, so that it is impossible for the council to get anything done. First, the council should change its system of

organization to bring about an effective legislative body.

Two issues are coming to the front which may mean the abolishment of the fraternity system in the state of Oregon. One is deferred pledging, which would be a jarring blow in itself, and the other is the junior college system, which would probably knock fraternities for the fatal loop. Fraternities could probably recover from the effects of one of these changes alone, but it is doubtful if they could ever keep going under the combined handicap of deferred pledging and junior colleges.

The solution lies in the hands of the fraternities themselves. If they can improve their scholarship, living conditions, and reputations among the dads of the state and other outsiders, such changes as deferred pledging will not be brought up in the future. The fraternities must prove their worth as character-building organizations, necessary to college life.

## New Books Added To Browsing Room

The story of a woman who made history, "Jesse Benton Fremont," written by Catherine Coffin Phillips, is a new book added to the browsing room collection of the library, says Miss Ethel R. Sawyer, browsing room librarian.

Inscribed by its author, the book was presented to the library by Clare Ryan Talbot, '22. Another book which was recently added is "California," a history of upper and lower California by Alexander Forbes, written in 1839, and recently reprinted.

The other new books are "Enchanter's Nightshade," by Ann Bridges, which is to be put on the love and marriage shelf; and "Castles of Italy," by C. T. G. Formelli, which is dedicated to Il Duce and shows pictures of old Italian castles.

## Young Bourbons to Honor State Chief

Allan D. Greenwood, president of the Young Democrats' club of Oregon, will be the guest of honor at a banquet sponsored by the Lane county Young Democrats, February 7.

The banquet will be held in McCrady's cafe at 6:30.

Send the Emerald home to Dad every morning. He will like to read the University happenings.

## Shutter Snappers Organize New Club

The embryo camera club met last night to make plans for its organization. A five point program was drawn up to submit to Dean Karl Onthank in order to obtain official recognition for the club.

The fifteen students turning out for the meeting chose as their objective "the banding together of those interested in photography to exchange ideas and secure a darkroom and certain economic benefits."

Monday night the second meeting of the club will be held, according to James Goodwin, instrumental in organizing the group.

## Radio Manuscripts Judged for Awards

Judging of the radio forum manuscripts submitted last term in the annual W. F. Jewett forum contest has narrowed the contestants down to five. These five scripts will be presented over KOAC and the writers of the two best will be given the \$15 and \$10 prizes.

Students who wrote material making the "finals" are Clifford Speaker, George Luoma, Vincent Gates, Blair Harner, and Muriel Beckman.

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## Get Your Gravy Early—or—That Smell Again

USUALLY that campus activity nebulously named "politics" is dormant winter term except for the work of a few lordly "bosses" who connive the year around preparing the spring's big coup.

Such is not the case this winter term. Already the candidates for the higher offices are preening themselves and going into the firing line.

Cleaning up the last class elections mess started the ball rolling. No one has ever advanced a means of campaigning quite as effective as that used last year by the active members of the then sophomore class. Compared to them, New York's Tammany bosses are a bunch of semi-pros when it comes to bringing in the votes—with or without the voters, incidentally.

VICE President Noel Benson and President Barney Hall apparently are not entirely satisfied with the methods of the class of '39 politics. As far as finances were concerned, the soph methods were distinctly a success. But some points of ethics and honesty were sadly involved.

The ASUO, in offering its services through Vice President Benson doesn't intend to interfere. It merely wants to help the classes see that the voting and the counting is honestly done. ASUO supervision would not interfere with direct primary plans advanced by Class Heads Dick Litfin and Tiger Payne and the ASUO could run the class elections spring term if its assistance is desired.

Three of the class presidents are against

ASUO intervention. They believe they should be allowed to handle their own affairs, making a point which is altogether sound. Benson's intention is not to deprive them of privileges but to extend to them aid which in the past occasionally has been sorely needed.

WHETHER the vice president can accomplish anything depends on the attitude of the classes. They seem pretty well lined up against such reform, however, preferring to handle their problems in their own ways. The ASUO no longer has any jurisdiction over them and can intervene only if the classes so desire.

Nevertheless, this and other reforms have put early life in politics. Self-styled candidates are apparently eager to take advantage of the winter revival in interest. They have been quick to second and forward reforms, usually with an air of great sincerity. The political drums are beginning to sound—to roar only as they can on a college campus.

AFTER the big ideas come the promises—any day now the rumor will be about the campus that the Sigma Nu-SAE-Kappa Sig bloc has promised the Phi Deltas the presidency of the browsing room to change their politics—or that the other bloc has guaranteed the DUs an intramural plaque and three sweetheart pins for their allegiance.

Pick your candidates early, folks. With the boys already breaking out of the starting gate, it ought to be a great race. Maybe some ingenious soul will figure out a means to out-count proportional representation.

## Cooperation in Artistic Fields

PEER Gynt Suite, musical-dramatic-dancing production which Horace W. Robinson and the educational activities board will present spring term, involves the personnel of at least three large University groups.

The cast for the Suite will total around 120 persons. This makes it of value as an event in which students can participate, for the participation type of activity is the most appealing of all, to students.

THE artistry and capable direction of Mr. Robinson will result in a production both interesting and finished, from the spectator's point of view. But, beyond the points of participation and spectator interest, the selection of Peer Gynt for an ASUO affair has still another value in that it will combine the efforts of the University symphony, master dance, and the drama department.

## Easy Money?—The NYA Worker Doesn't Need It

DESPITE the much-publicized recession, economic pressure on students apparently isn't as great as it used to be.

NYA workers are chosen on the basis of scholarship and need. Although the two don't always go hand in hand, there's usually been a scramble for National Youth Administration jobs since the government put them on the market a few years ago. Usually, too, there's been a scramble to get hours in and collect pay checks.

But apparently student NYA workers this year are, to a considerable extent, well-heeled capitalists who can let those precious dollars

rest in the University's vaults, forgotten for weeks and weeks. Three days ago, 50 checks in payment for work done in December were still on the business office's hands. Yesterday there remained 17 checks which became collectable early in January.

ORCHESTRA, dance group, and drama department have long been recognized for the caliber of the work which each has done as a unit. But they have never been united. Combining the talents of this "big three" of campus recital and production should produce a truly masterful show—what, in the vernacular of Hollywood, might be called an extravaganza.

Each of these groups will, of course, probably be forced to give up some phase of its own program. The resulting production should be worth the sacrifice.

THE business office isn't very enthusiastic over this indication of a sudden upturn in student finances.

In fact, the business office is getting a bit griped about the oversight of Oregon's NYA-employed "capitalists." If the checks aren't collected soon, they will be sent back to Portland.

## Propeller Club To Collect Books

A collection of books and magazines, of interest to men at sea, will be started by the local Propeller club, Prof. A. L. Lomax, faculty adviser announced yesterday.

Gifts of books that might be of interest to the seamen will be appreciated, Mr. Lomax said. Books may be left at Dr. Lomax's office.

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## Helping Studes Find Selves, Speech Topic

By DOROTHY MEYER  
Dr. Howard R. Taylor, head of the psychology department, in his recent talk to the members of the Home Science club of Eugene, on the topic "Helping Students Find Themselves in College," pointed out that it is more important today to train students to be followers than leaders.

The dream of America is to get ahead in life rather than the dream of equality, and they can't all get ahead, he said.

"Homes and the University have in common the welfare of young people, but often times students have difficulties in college because they and their parents have fallacious notions as to what college can do for young people.

"College is looked upon as an avenue to get into professions, and there are now more students in training than it is possible to place. This situation is particularly acute in Europe, and there are fewer students there than here," he explained.

Dr. Taylor believes that the answer may be found by following the example of the medical schools

## Campus Calendar

Phi Thetas will meet on Thursday at four o'clock in the AWS rooms.

Amphibians meet in Gerlinger pool at 7:30 tonight. Pledges must be present.

The Christian Science organization will hold their regular testimonial meeting tonight at Gerlinger hall at 8 o'clock. All students, faculty members, and friends interested in Christian Science are invited to attend.

YW Comparative Religions group will meet at Mrs. Turnipseed's, 1374 Onyx, at 9 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Skull and Dagger will meet tonight at 10 o'clock in the College Side.

The 21 patients in the infirmary yesterday were: Bob Campbell, Manning Moore, Ken Shipley, Lewis Larson, Cecil Saunders, Larry Minnaugh, Dick Roland, Floyd Elliot, Bill Finch, Bill Jackson, Ralph Griffith, Leota Bradley, Janet Hutchinson, Marjory Dudley, Verna Golski, Marian Bjugstad, Jean Larson, Pearl King, Frances Burrows, Robert Black, Wilbur Larsan.

## Junior Class Meet Set for 7:30 Tonight

1938 'Weekend' Plans And Campus Movie On Docket

Tonight at 7:30 in 106 Villard the junior class will assemble to discuss plans for Junior weekend and see moving pictures of campus events.

All students enrolled in the University as juniors are invited to come regardless of class cards or "J.C.s." Elizabeth Stetson, Bob Bailey, and John Luvaa are on the assembly committee.

If the first meeting is successful more are promised, Zane Kemler, president said.

Dr. Lester Beck of the psychology department has given the class the use of his machine for the evening and students and professors on the campus have loaned their films.

## Backseat Driver

That women enjoy suffering. The writer stated that there are comparatively few feminine doped-finds and that the percentage of masculine drunkards is much greater than that of the weaker sex.

Which, he went on to point out, was not because women are essentially stronger willed than men who seek alcoholic methods of escape from what bothers them, but simply that us ladies don't want to escape. We lie to have things make us feel terrible because it's so much fun.

Maybe he's right. There are them as would love nothing better than a good quarrel with their love-lives to set them up for the evening. And those who run around trying to catch a good case of double pneumonia because it's so much fun to be sick.

Maybe he's right . . . but it sounds awfully silly to me.

Haunted by the prospect of having to grind out a column I button-holed my best reader, law-school's Frank Nash (Honest-Linjun! He swears he reads it every week!), and grilled him for a bit of snappy news.

"I know plenty I could tell you," he admitted, "but I also know enough law to realize I'd better not."

Which goes to show what education will do for you.

Edgar Perry, '35, is assistant credit manager for the Carstens Packing company of Portland.

## Office Asks for Last Installment Of Campus Fees

Final installments on all fees—registration, student body and non-resident—must be paid by February 10. Suspension from the University is the penalty for non-payment of fees, C. K. Stalsberg, University cashier, said yesterday.

Students are reminded that it is not necessary to wait till the final day for paying fees. By paying earlier, confusion or mistakes may be avoided, he said.

## Demands Made To Forbid Arms To China, Japan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Confession from the Japanese foreign ministry today that a "state of war" exists between that nation and China drew many demands from congressmen for invoking the U. S. neutrality act.

Administration leaders indicated that in the absence of any formal declaration there is little likelihood that President Roosevelt would forbid shipment of arms to either of the countries.

## New Wife—No Job

BERLIN, Feb. 2.—Hermann Wilhelm Goering, number two Nazi leader, appeared as the probable man to succeed Werner Von Bomberg as minister of war.

Bomberg is supposed to have resigned as the result of his marriage Friday to a carpenter's daughter. The affair was likened in Germany to the "Wallis Simpson affair."

## Still Yet Again

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Fight over the anti-lynching bill is expected to be renewed tomorrow in the senate with Senator Wagner, co-author of the bill, taking the floor in its defense.

Guy Taylor, '36, is a civil engineer for the Truscon Steel company of Portland. He recently married Martha Williams, an Oregon grad of '35.

## Smarty Party

(Continued from page three) hand shaking for students to employ.

The invitations to the party were in the form of small mortar board hats with the printing in gold.

## Annual Military Ball

(Continued from page three) Donald Hargis, Dr. and Mrs. I. R. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Warren D. Smith, Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Hamby, and Mr. and Mrs. Bartle.

## Hawaiian Motif Proved Effective

At the Tri Delt dance which was held last Saturday night, unusual decorations were carried out to go with the Hawaiian motif. leis were procured from Hawaii by June Fell who comes from Honolulu.

At intermission the Hawaiian group on the campus serenaded and Leilani Kroll did a Hawaiian dance.

Patrons and patronesses for the affair were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Home, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Mikulak, and Dr. and Mrs. Ernst.

Alpha Xi Delta entertained Sunday night holding a preference fireside from 7:30 until 10:30.

Alpha Omicron Pi is having pre-initiation this week and will hold their formal initiation this weekend.

Members of the YWCA cabinet will entertain the YMCA cabinet at a waffle supper Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. John Stark Evans, Y executive secretary.

Alpha Delta Pi has been entertaining for the past week Mrs. Gwendolyn Pinn, province president.

Mrs. Lucy Perkins, housemother, entertained at a tea for Miss Sue Badollette, a former chaperon on the campus and invited intimate friends and other chaperons on the campus.

Chi Omega will entertain the faculty at dinner this evening.

Kappa Kappa Gamma entertained Mr. and Mrs. George Hopkins and their daughter Tuesday night at dinner.

Phi Sigma Kappa will hold an unprecedented basket social tonight which will be a preference affair.

Chi Omega and Sigma Phi Epsilon will go the First Presbyterian church this Sunday.

Sigma Nu and Sigma Phi Epsilon held an exchange dinner on Wednesday with the upper classmen coming over to the Sigma Nu house and the underclassmen going to the Sig Ep house.

Dessert Schedule For the Week  
Desserts held Wednesday night were Alpha Chi Omega playing

## Fun Round-Up

Mayflower—"There Goes the Groom."

McDonald—"The Last Gangster" and "Love on Toast."

Heilig—"Adventure's End" and "The Guldons of Stirrup Basin."

ReX—Same as McDonald.

Wrestling Armory—8:30 p.m.

## Thursday's Radio

NBC—6—Good News of 1938 with Robert Taylor, Fanny Brice, Frank Morgan; 7—Kraft Music Hall with Crosby and Burns.  
CBS—8:30—Kate Smith.

## By DOUG PARKER

"The Last Gangster," opening at the Mac is Edward G. Robinson's latest trigger quickie. "Love on Toast" with John Paine and Stella Adler completes the double billing.

Robinson portrays a character who, in real life, could be definitely tagged as Al Capone, but isn't. During the early part of the picture, he is sentenced to Alcatraz; and there his only ambition is to get out and give his young son the proper training to follow his footsteps as Public Enemy No. 1. Getting out of Alcatraz, though, proves to be tougher than the No. A-1 gangster imagines.

Meanwhile his wife, Rose Stradner (a Viennese importation who was in the same company as Luise Rainer), gets a divorce and marries James Stewart. Years later, Robinson finishes his sentence and immediately sets out to get his son.

Instead, Robinson's old gang unites both father and son, and proceeds to torture them. Reason: a tidy little cache which Robinson secreted previous to his arrest. Result: a stirring climax, giving Edward G. Robinson another chance to demonstrate his ability in dramatizing the part of a pug (but a good, Hollywood pug, of course.)

## Brother Gains Pin, Gets Blue, Enter the Girl

Fraternity pins have been "planted" before, but never have such circumstances been recorded.

In one of the infirmary's quiet rooms lay Elmer Hanson, sophomore in science and recently initiated into one of the local tong chapters. Perhaps the atmosphere provoked some serious reflection—for when his particular Alpha Chi came to visit, he "up and done it."

A brother was heard to remark, "I didn't think he had it in him."

host to Pi Kappa Alpha; Pi Beta Phi to Beta Theta Pi; Alpha Tau Omega to Kappa Alpha Theta; and Phi Delta Theta to Tri Delta.

Tonight Delta Tau Delta will entertain Alpha Delta Pi; Beta Theta Pi, Alpha Phi; and Sigma Alpha Mu, Gamma Phi.

Friday, Pi Kappa Alpha will have Kappa Kappa Gamma over and Theta Chi will have Pi Beta Phi.

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