

Curb Cruising

By ALYCE ROGERS

Once again we'll roll out the platen and really have a barrel of fun.

To begin with, winter term is revealing a surprising number of campus newlyweds! And that's not mentioning the numerous sparklers that Santa left.

The biggest bombshell took place in the Alpha Chi Omega house at dinner Wednesday night when Jeanne Hawkins announced her wedding of December 30 to Fred Beardsley, well-known campus crooner. The Alpha Chis are still wading in the rice that fell.

And over at the Alpha Gamma Delta house, we suddenly find that little Carolyn Parker has been married since last August to Mort Yaden.

And to top that off, Mort's sister Peggy, former prexy of the AOPH house, has been married to Jim Dimit since last spring term. All are still attending the U.

DG's blonde Evelyn Nelsen, "Sweetheart of Sigma Chi" was a step ahead of them as last week she took Ralph Alden's ATO pin which she has previously worn. Evidently she decided not to mind staying home when Ralph blows forth weekends in Maurice Blinford's band.

From latest reports, we shall have to name Mary Jane Shaw, black-haired Kappa, the queen of heart-breakers. It seems she's been dividing her desired time between Sperm Wetmore, ATO Chuck Hoaglund, and her ex, Phi Delt Bob Elliott. For the Limp, tho, it seems Bob has won out.

The same setup exists with Ellen Wenger, Delta Gam, who has equalled matters up by asking Al Sorenson, DU, to the Limp, and Bill Hamel, SAE, to her house dance.

The Sigma Chis really enjoyed brother Ed Averill's wedding reception of late even though there was no champagne. The Nasser twin was definitely a most gorgeous bride. We shall miss the pair who have parked outside the DG house 9 out of 12 hours each day the last two years.

SPOTS OFF THE CURB: The shouting from Delta Upsilon is due to their being the only house on the campus without a mortgage. It's all paid off... Rex Applegate is in Arizona for his health this term... They call Paymaster Karl Wester, "Stencil-Brain".

Following the oncoming initiations, there should be several pins out... Nancy La-tourette, gave Neil Farnham a \$10 cashmere sweater for his recent Fiji initiation. Nice... Sally Mitchell is taking Ted Gebhardt to the Limp tomorrow night... Doris Gething and Virginia Le Fors, are being complimented on their dancing... "Uncle Roddie" McMillen left his Fiji pin in Portland last term...

It is reported that the Kappa Sigs are a quiet bunch this year but that's to be doubted. Jack Lansing and Dick Oleott are reported to be free lancing once again, according to information from the Kappa Sig house... It won't be long, from appearances, till AWS Anne Fredrickson has Frank Van Vliet's pin... And that cute little Daryl "George" Evans is reported to have good intentions about pinning Jean Campbell, Alpha Phi pledge.

Even though they're both tall and slim, the two famous Fijis George Smith and Jack Casey can sure take it. Some of the boys gave them a forced lift just before exam week in the direction of Bend, over the pass, to the extent of some 150 miles. They spent some 45 freezing hours and finally got back to Eugene. The little "warmth" they had along helped but it is doubtful whether either has completely thawed out yet.

It's a bit hard to keep up with Jean Knuss, Gamma Phi, but she'll be in SAE Bob Keen's company tonight... Pat Shea, Kappa, is wintering in New York... Pat Taylor, of Hemi-

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The Watchdogs Begin to Bark

ONE of the main troubles with student government, as represented by the ASUO for instance, is that it is so glaringly lacking in continuity. An elected set of officers goes to work at the end of one year, serves up to a corresponding time the following year, and then washes its hands of its year's work.

In the case of the ASUO, governing is managed mostly by the executive committee, which includes the four elected student body officers, the president of the associated women students, the editor of the Emerald, and the dean of men. This body went into office just in time for a perfunctory meeting or two last spring, then started again cold this fall.

Dean of Men Virgil D. Earl, who has watched many student executive committees come and go, has perhaps the best qualification as an observer of anyone. The trouble with such committees, Dean Earl often declares, is that it takes them half the year to find out what they can do, and then they have very little time left in which to accomplish anything.

THIS has been true this year, just as it was last year and the year before. The committee spent fall term going through mostly routine business the hard way, working much harder than the business at hand required.

But yesterday, at that busy, well-rounded meeting, there was plenty of evidence that the committee was coming of age as a worthwhile, effective body. Not a member but had a qualified idea and something to say along with it. Not a sign of the fierce partisanship which has sometimes kept the brakes dragging. And more important than any other one thing, plenty of backbone, aggressiveness, initiative on behalf of the student body represented.

The life of the ASUO executive committee is not a particularly satisfactory one. Early in the committee's annual career it becomes evident to its members that there are difficulties in the way of perfect accomplishment, difficulties which are almost impossible of overcoming.

TAKE for instance the business of getting to the pulse of the school. Student opinion is the easiest thing in the world to learn, except when it has not been able to keep up with developments, when quick judgments are necessary, and the latter is the lot of the committee. When it came to appointments the committee always went into session with scant choice, for they never had a list from which to choose. Another difficulty is the pileup of routine work which the committee must go

through without much time to do it.

A body which is as dissatisfied with itself as all green committees are cannot be a perfect instrument until it gets the feel of things, cannot do justice to its job.

The turning of the tide was apparently marked by yesterday's meeting. From now on the story will be different.

NO green crew would know that it wanted 100 per cent board membership, or why it wanted such a right. But the committee has been at it long enough to figure out that when it is split up between two boards the student quorum is bound to fall short at times. There was even an educational activities board meeting at the end of fall term at which the only student representative was the editor of the Emerald, who does not have the right to vote. Accordingly, the committee figured it was time for a new deal. What they do not know as yet is how their demand will be met, regardless of how good the grounds upon which it is based.

Neither would an uncertain group exhume the parking issue relative to the Johnson hall lot. It was banned to students beginning Wednesday. From the sound of campus comment a storm was brewing if something were not done to arrange a more equitable parking arrangement. Parking is held generally to be too heavily weighted in favor of non-student interests. With an ear to the ground, the committee declared parking was not a closed issue. More will be heard about the Johnson lot and other campus parking before very long, it is safe to venture.

NOTHING was ever accomplished without some specific effort, nothing worth the having, at any rate. But with this effort, intelligently conceived, a better order of things cannot help resulting.

The few functions which are still left to student government are quantities which must be jealously defended against all comers, overt or covert. A wide-awake, farsighted, thinking, executive committee will go a long way toward not only retaining what already is its right but also toward bringing about a readjustment which will make the undergraduate something more than a mere fee-paying necessary evil.

It may still be too soon to credit the executive committee with having arrived, but if it has not arrived, then all the signs point the wrong way, for it looks as if the ASUO had gone into high gear.

invasion backfired. One is the fantastically chaotic system of distribution in the Soviet, and the other is the devastating effect of the 1937 purge on the Red army and the whole Russian structure. There is a disastrous shortage of brains in Moscow. Of course you must also consider the stubborn, unexpected resistance of the Finns. Joe Stalin didn't know how those lads could fight.

Purge Takes 80 Per Cent
The Red army purge destroyed 80 per cent of all Russian officers and placed the army under Stalin's direct political control, or that of his party henchmen who have had little or no schooling in the art of modern warfare.

Evidently Stalin recognized the weakness of his war leaders when he shifted the command on the Finnish front last week. And this weakness could rightly cause untold worry to the chief of the Kremlin, for what dictatorship can survive in the face of military defeat? If the Finns hold out until allied aid reaches them Stalin's worry might develop into a terror.

War No Worse Than Peace
At the end of August persons coming from the interior of Russia described pitiful conditions. Then, in peace time, the civil population resembled that of a defeated nation at the end of a long, bitter, and exhausting war. Added to this stress a month later was the burden of supplying food for the Russian army of occupation in Poland. That shot the Moscow food supply to pieces. The already shaky distribution system was further disrupted.

March or Be Shot
Today the strain of the Finnish war makes the bad conditions even worse. The troops are

poorly supplied with war materials, there is an important shortage of high-grade gasoline needed for aerial warfare, and captured Russian prisoners tell a story of forced advance under the orders of officers who threaten to shoot if they don't obey. Russ soldiers don't know why they're fighting. They lack the Finns' will to win.

Russian counted heavily on her tanks to run the Finnish gauntlet and tear holes in the defenses. These land battleships, battered out of condition or lying at the bottom of ice-covered lakes, tell a sorry tale of Russian disappointment.

Thumb in Dyke

But Finland is the last to believe she can hold out forever. Most of all she needs men to replace those who have fought at the front for the past six weeks. Many have been on duty for over a month under great hardships and with little sleep. Men can't stand up under that strain for long. Yet every man is needed at the front and a vital weakness appears wherever a man leaves his post. Rotation of men from the active front to quieter sectors has helped, but front line men need more than that. Listen to Kallio's broadcasts if you think Finland doesn't need help.

Before You DUCK the BEAVERS

at the Igloo tonight

Gilmore Station

Across from the Greyhound Depot
CARL SNELL



"Joe" Chiaramonte who will open his restaurant in the new Greyhound bus depot today.

Vernstrom to Edit

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The new alumni editor is this year a senior in journalism at the University, and last spring won the Koyl cup awarded the outstanding junior man on the campus. Last spring he figured in the competition for editor of the 1940 Oregonian.

The appointment was announced last night by Alumni Secretary Elmer Fansett, with whom Vernstrom will work in editing the monthly magazine, organizing alumni groups throughout the state, and other activities of the graduate directorate.

Pease took over the position as "Old Oregon" head man in 1937, and last year added the assistant secretary job to his editorship. He succeeded Clair Johnson, former "Old Oregon" editor, to the position.

Exec Committee

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iors were going to use to pick a new leader, which is an immediate necessity, with Junior Weekend due to begin its groundwork soon. Settling of the constitutional difficulty was left to the judiciary committee, but the executive committee answered the possibility of a recurrence of the present situation by voting that a committee composed of all officers of all classes be appointed to draw up one constitution to fit all classes. With so many irons in the fire, the committee faces another heavy meeting early next week.

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University Students Will Be Honored At Station Opening

Several University students will occupy prominent places in the open house program of Pacific Greyhound when they begin business in their new \$50,000 depot today.

George Luoma, Emerald business manager, will be a guest at the banquet at Seymours at 5:30 when Mr. W. H. Agger, Greyhound superintendent presents the new depot to the city of Eugene.

Several members of Bob Calkins' campus dance band will play for the open house from 4 to 6 p.m. All students are invited to attend, Greyhound officials said.

To Hold Open House

Open house will be in order for the Westminster house Friday night party immediately following the Oregon-Oregon State basketball game. There will be refreshments, games, and dancing for all and everybody is welcome, Mrs. Bryant, Westminster house hostess, said.

Studio Players Group Revived; Will Hold One-Act Play Tryouts

The University theater is reviving the Studio Players group and is holding general tryouts for a group of one-act plays to be produced this term.

Tryouts are open to any student not already registered in the Guild Hall players or the technic of acting class. They will be given in room 103, Johnson hall, at 4 o'clock Tuesday, January 16.

You're Invited . . .

. . . before the game tonite

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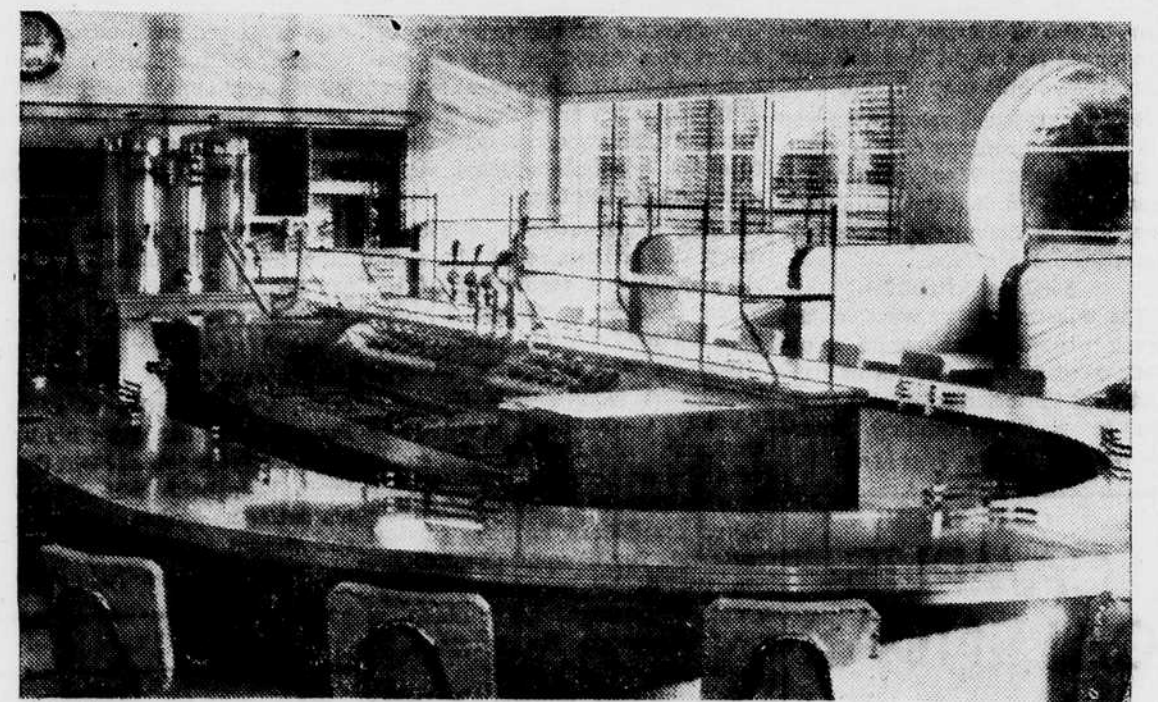
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Chiaramonte's new restaurant is one of the finest in the Northwest, and features fine Italian dinners that have been popular with college students when "Joe" Chiaramonte operated his restaurant in the Oregon hotel. The new restaurant specializes in home made ravioli, Italian spaghetti, home made pies, and Italian hard rolls, and serves breakfasts, lunches and dinners, as well as fountain drinks and sandwiches.

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