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Pep Shots for Assemblies

THE improvement in ASUO assemblies, both in the quality of the program and in student attendance, has been so marked this year that it scarcely needs mention here. Old students who have attended assemblies in other years are almost unanimous in voicing the opinion that the assemblies this year have topped all others by so wide a margin that there is little room for comparison.

Just where all the credit for new life in assemblies should fall cannot be fairly determined. Certainly the various campus living organizations, mostly the fraternities and sororities, should be praised for getting their members out in large numbers. These houses have contributed to the assembly and rally programs to a very great degree. Their attendance and spirit at the rallies is highly commendable.

FOR the most part, however, the credit for the new interest in assemblies and rallies should fall to the student administration, and more particularly to the people who planned the affairs. The higher caliber of the assemblies, plus the attraction of a cup for the house with the most spirit, undoubtedly has served to stimulate the interest. The various new ideas which have been worked out and put into force have been good ones. The idea of calling on houses for skits, etc., has assured a good turnout, particularly from those houses.

On the surface this new assembly program may seem to have been a benefit to school spirit only. Such is not entirely true. While the program has undoubtedly caused a corresponding increase in school spirit, it also has contributed to something more worthwhile—the cause of student government. Why? Because it has served to get more students acquainted and interested in student government.

From two very important standpoints, then, the pep shot that has been given ASUO assemblies has worked to the advantage of the patient.

Another Umpire Needed

TEMPERS flared, blood surged and riled Saturday as Oregon and Oregon State played the second of its baseball season's opener on Howe field. All the game lacked in the way of excitement was a couple of home runs and a no-hitter.

A mild fight caught the spectators' attention in the tenth inning of the scheduled nine-inning game. The situation: two out in the last of the ninth, Oregon State led, 4 to 3, Oregon was at bat. Dick Whitman lined a drive to the OSC shortstop who in turn scooped up the hit and threw it to the first baseman, pulling him off the bag. He took the throw and lashed out behind to catch the fleet Oregon runner.

The umpire called the runner out very emphatically from his position behind the catcher. His vision is, questionably, obscured by the catcher and the first baseman. Intensely interested onlookers and principals of the play participated in a heated argument and fight.

THE Oregon runner may or may not have been out. Had he been safe, Oregon might have won the game—it's happened before in similar positions, although it is unlikely. The entire play and fight does prove one thing conclusively, however. TWO umpires should be hired for each regular conference game, Oregon or otherwise. If another umpire is present, it is very possible that scores might be reversed, affecting the entire season's outcome.

Not that we're casting aspersions upon the umpire's ability to umpire, but it just isn't humanly possible for an umpire to call close plays from a distance of 30 yards away. It just isn't done. It is also difficult to call pitches over the plate from a position behind the pitcher with a runner on base, for one umpire must combine the jobs of a base umpire and a regular arbitrator—one is not enough.—K.C.

This Collegiate World

By ASSOCIATED COLLEGIATE PRESS

The pioneer plainsman who could take one last look at the heavenly bodies before he closed his eyes each night in his open-air bedroom had nothing on residents of McTyeire hall at Emory university. They too gaze at "heavenly bodies" as a prelude to sleep.

Faced with an edict banning the tacking of the work of such masters as Petty, Hurrell, and Varga—not to mention that portrait of the One and Only—to the walls, they evolved the even more satisfactory idea of fastening said art masterpieces to the ceilings.

Now the McTyerie lullaby is "Look Up, Look Up."

Typing or writing in longhand seemed slow to Leon A. Danco, a Harvard freshman, so he submitted a 2,000-word English composition on a home-made phonograph record.

Dr. Claude M. Simpson, Jr., his instructor, gave Danco a passing grade, but forbade any repetition of the stunt.

"For one thing," Simpson said, "how can you correct spelling and punctuation in a theme like this?"

Some of the more observant students at Rick's Normal college, Rexburg, Idaho, think they smell a conspiracy.

The Beta Sigma Phi chapter's new president is Maxine Hallstrom, Maxine Seow is vice-president, Maxine Neville is treasurer and Maxine Rice is retiring vice-president.

International Side Show

By RIDGELY CUMMINGS

Before the lion is cold the wolves start growling in their throats over choice chunks, while on the outskirts the jackals watch hungrily for left-overs. Not



Cummings stretch the metaphor unduly, I should simply say that Adolf Hitler, map maker No. 1, and Italy's Count Ciano are in conference near Vienna, re-carving the blitzkrieg-swept Balkans, with representatives from Bulgaria, Hungary, and the new Croat "free state" that used to be northern Yugoslavia in attendance.

Greece has not yet fallen, but Berlin announces gloatingly that it is "another Dunkerque" and London censors passed the prediction that an evacuation of the British expeditionary force is imminent.

Famous Ground

The new lines of the Greek and British allies are about 100 miles north of Athens, not very far from Thermopylae and Marathon, where Leonidas and his famous three hundred made a historic stand against the Persian hosts. Until the nazis pass that point one feels there is still a chance, but thinks looked black for the British empire Monday night.

Germans spokesmen in Berlin officially claimed, the destruction of five British transports fully loaded with withdrawing troops and said nazi bombers had damaged six other loaded ships.

Fought Way Through

Reading between the lines of a dispatch from Athens, one learns that Mt. Olympus must have been abandoned by the British a week ago, although last Saturday news stories indicated the opposite. Groups of Australians "hiked for days over snow-covered mountain peaks and gorges in their withdrawal from Mt. Olympus, drinking melted snow..." the story says, telling how the Aussies joined up with some New Zealanders and fought their way through German-occupied Larissa, 50 miles to the south, before joining their own forces.

The map-makers in Vienna apparently consider the job of conquering Greece nearly done, for the conference is re-drawing the borders of that country and Jugo-

slavia, together with Albania and the satellite Axis nations abutting.

Government Shaking

In one of these Axis nations there was civil war abrewing. The Rumanian government of Ion Antonescu was said to be shaky under pressure put on it by Hungary and Bulgaria for territorial concessions.

Hungarians accused Russia of inciting Rumanian elements against Germany to create an excuse for Soviet acquisition of more Rumanian territory. Such a move on Russia's part might mean an open break with Germany, although the nazis allowed the communists to grab Bessarabia without a squawk last year.

A Loss to Britain

Diplomats in various European capitals, those gentlemen in spats who are always good for a news story when things seem dull, last night were ready to write Greece off as a loss to Britain and turned their eyes to Spain and Turkey as possible targets for the next German drive.

Dispatches from Istanbul (used to be called Constantinople) in the Bosphorus in European Turkey told of steps being taken to evacuate civilians into the Anatolian interior. The city, 70 or 80 miles (by the map and a ruler) from the eastern end of Greece, is apparently under the martial law for a news item says that the military commander of Istanbul has ordered all restaurants, bars, and night clubs to close at midnight. Now if the commandant just followed the University's example he would order all the girls indoors by 11:45 p.m. and then there wouldn't be anything for the men to do but be good boys and go to bed.

Special Editions' Emerald Editors Named by Board

Emerald editors for the four special Friday editions were named last night by the editorial board.

Appointed to temporary editorial positions are: Betty Jane Biggs, sophomore edition, April 26; Pat Erickson, women's edition, May 3; Kent Stitzer, men's edition, May 10; and Bob Frazier, frosh edition, May 17.

Editors will name their upper news staff at a later date.

The Passing Parade

By CORINE LAMON

Our nomination for the biggest TROUTS on campus: people who plant their pins, then two-time on campus—it's bad for the social security... then there's the boy who is engaged to two people at once and takes out THREE sorority sisters of one of the girls...

Higher educational activities: Homer Barnett of the anthropology department was recently married... and Chi O's Robyn Nelson is in love with higher education—math particularly... Sigma Nu Stan Short and Bronda Conn, also "Buzz" Renich and Eileen Chambers were married in Reno last weekend... Judy Sherman and Ralph Dunn, ATO, have been pinned since last fall, but it hasn't been in print yet...

Sue Peil celebrated her twenty-first birthday the other day—and had her first LEGAL "coke" for breakfast... Virginia Garvin, Kappa, and Walt Kressey, Phi Delt, are going steady... so are Helen Moore and Dick Draper... Shirley Lindley, Alpha Chi, took Joe Montag's Kappa Sig pin—we predict a quick rebound...

Rebound department: Jeanne Routh, Chi O, gave Wes Johnson's SAE pin back some time ago... and Dave Atkinson has his Beta pin back from Pifi Mary Ellen Mills... a WORM came between DG Miriam Wood and Chi Psi Bill Johns this weekend—she's wearing his sweetheart pin again however...

Babs Read and Don Turner are back together again... Chuck Putnam, Theta Chi, and Barbara Vail, Hendricks, are going steady... ditto Beverly Tobin and Gabe Bouret, SAE... "Chub" Church, Phi Delt, and had DOUBLE trouble this weekend, 'tis rumored...

In spite of the fact that Neal Regn was presented the "Kenneth Miller Disgusted Suitor's Trophy" by his Chi Psi brothers, he has been squiring Margaret Stark, Chi O, LOTS lately... "Mic" Maddern and Valerie Adair, Sigma Chi and DG pledges, respectively, together most of the time... Tim Tait, Delt, has a hard time making up his mind between DG Mona Roberts and Gloria West, Sigma Kappa...

Bobbie McLaren gets more flowers on less occasions than any three people we've seen for a LONG time... Sigma Chi Blondie Back is playing lifeguard these days—he "rescued" Phil Burco from the treacherous waters of the race a la Superman... who is the girl "Cruiser" Ashcom and Bob Carlon fight about?

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