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## A Good Step . . .

A TRADITION was started Monday night. Its name was Odeon (o-day-on) and its purpose was to show the too often hidden reason for the existence of a liberal arts college.

In the minds of the public at large any college, and to an even greater degree a liberal arts college, is a place where students may have a good time, play football or basketball, and acquire a smattering of culture.

These are the times when such conceptions in the minds of the general public are coming home to roost, expressing themselves in the dissatisfaction of the public with the reserve program, in the pressure that has been applied to have those reserves called up.

Largely in the past the Universities have been to blame. Their publicity releases have stressed formalized athletics and the social activities of the students. Those students who have been fulfilling the purpose for which this University was founded have had to fight for recognition and publicity. Altogether too often their efforts have gone unheralded and unrewarded. It is a certainty that if such work had been rewarded in the past, interest would have been greatly stimulated in the creative fields of endeavor.

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PROOF of the fact that such a talent show can be interesting to an audience as well as to provide an outlet for creative efforts is voiced in the fact that a packed music auditorium sat attentively for two and a half hours, then packed Gerlinger hall for another hour's entertainment.

The inspiration for Odeon came from a University student who was tired enough of seeing false emphasis placed on University activities that he expressed himself. Credit for the organization of the show and its excellent presentation goes to Mr. W. A. Dahlberg, head of the speech department.

Odeon, as it was presented Monday night, is a living reason for the existence of liberal education, and it comes at a time when reasons are needed badly.

So we bid welcome to a new tradition. May it enjoy a long and successful run. —J. W. S.

## A Big Decision . . .

ANOTHER grim reminder of the war flapped darkly across the campus yesterday with the announcement of the withdrawal of Phi Sigma Kappa from the University.

As each student heard the news, a questioning look rippled over his face. Is this just the first of many such announcements?

There is not a fraternity on the campus which has not been hit by having the army call up men. Some have been hit harder than others; the Phi Sig house was one of those. Some have hardly been touched at all as yet . . . they are extremely fortunate.

But despite how lucky some houses have been thus far, there can be no doubt that the shortage of men is going to be even more acute, the problem more pressing.

This will undoubtedly increase rushing activities; it will raise the importance of the glad hand to heights never before attained, and, to many houses, it will bring a great problem. . . . "Should we remain on the campus and run on a shoestring or should we pull out and take our chances on reestablishing a chapter here after the war?"

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A DECISION will have to be made on this question within the next term by almost every fraternity at the University. Here's hoping they put the amount of thought into the decision that its importance warrants.

Naturally, no house wants to leave the campus. But the willingness to do what we dislike in order to help the common cause is one of the basic foundations of our way of living.

If, in the term to come, any houses pull off the campus, the average student should not laugh in scorn, nor should he exclaim in sympathy, rather should he know that a house has realized its would-help more to disband for the duration; that it knows dropping from the campus will mean other people may have things, essentials, they mightn't otherwise; that a house is doing its share for democracy by not staying to struggle along on only a few men.

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THE PHI SIGS were the first; we hope there won't be many to follow; but if there are, we are confident we voice the opinion and hope of the entire student body when we say we're sorry and we sincerely hope they'll be one of the first to return after the axis has been beaten and University students can once again think about such things as fraternities and liberal arts.

## SCENE AT RANDOM

### Goodbye Joe College

University of California men enlisted in the collegiate training program will soon find vacation periods and sports clothes are a thing of the past.

During the army training they will not be allowed vacations and will be dressed in government issued garb. Tuition will also be paid by the government and they will receive a monthly check of \$50.

A six day school week is planned for the students with 24 hours spent in class, 24 hours on study table, five hours of drill and six hours of physical conditioning.

—The Daily Californian

### Women Inspectors

Twenty-three women selected by the civil service commission are studying blueprint reading, elementary mathematics, material inspection, materials of construction, drawing and shop work. When they complete the course they will be employed by various airplane factories as inspectors of aircraft materials.

Until graduation the prospective inspectors are paid by the army air corps.


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### Present Day Draftees

Among the present draftees there is a higher percentage of college trained men than there (Please turn to page three)

### SPEAKING OF ENDOWMENTS . . .




**WATER P. MURPHY**



**HARVARD'S \$150,000,000 ENDOWMENT MAKES IT AMERICA'S RICHEST SCHOOL — BUT ONCE THE COLLEGE WAS SO POOR THE LEGISLATURE ORDERED MEN TO SOLICIT SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR ITS SUPPORT!**

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## Small Talk

By LEONE LaDUKE

Of course, the Fijis just don't do things in a small way—witness the MASS pin-planting over the weekend:

Chuck Van Atta gives his brass to Alpha Phi C. J. Cox. Johnny Emerson plants his on Jean Burrell, another Phi, and Dick Ward, Fiji frosh, hung his newly-acquired pin on Barbara Officer, cutie from Portland.

These house dances really do create a romantic mood—oh, yes—and just what did Jim Higgins, Kappa Sig senior, find to do all Saturday morning? He finally arrived home Saturday afternoon—still in his tuxedo!!!

Barbara Bagley, Pi Phi, and Verne Sellin, Phi Sig pledge, are now steady.

Chi Psi Bud Smith came whipping up for the weekend—could be to see his fiancée, AXO Pat Ward.

Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Terry!! You almost shocked the Kampus Kids who were leaving their house dances Friday night. . . .

What a group of alums were here for the weekend; Kappas Barbara Johnson and Irene Francis; Gamma Phi Carolyn Vaughn; Alpha Phi Muriel Meier—a choir of queens!!!

More nominations for Frosh King—the gals really flock in with suggestions—Sigma Nu Eddie Dick, who does look just like Bambi; and Craig Norton of the Beta house, who can do amusing little tricks.

Bobbie Morrison has returned Fiji Lon John Schaeffer's pin . . . the line forms to the right, boys! That Sigma Chi, Ralph Brown, brings nostalgic memories of another Sigma Chi—Chan Kilt—same smooth black-boy type!!

Delta Gamma Virginia Howard has the most amazing eyes on the campus.

Our newest campaign is one to persuade Johnny Bubalo, Sigma Nu, that he should have at least one date this year . . .

Phyl-Root, Theta, "shows"—one of the best gals in school, for our money.

### Dances Restricted for Duration

The student executive council at UCLA has banned all formal and semi-formal dances. It was also recommended that all dances be held on the campus, there shall be no corsages, no dance bands shall be hired without the consent of the student council and fraternity paddling and "hell-week" be eliminated. —The Daily Bruin

## B'tween the Lines

By ROY PAUL NELSON

A SWELL BUNCH of fellows take down their Petty drawings from the walls of the Phi Sig house and prepare to move out for the duration. About 15 of them are going into active service, leaving that many still in school, and the house, feeling that it would be futile to operate on that basis, has decided to shut down—keeping their charter, however, and ownership of the house.

And this is only the starting point. The Phi Sigs have broken the ice. There are four or five other houses that are about ready to say, "Move over."

Presto!

Spring term will undoubtedly see great changes at the University. Things, though, are about as indefinite as Beckwith's gossip column. Will the army actually take over? Will the army reservists be left here on an active basis? The marines, according to Emerald dispatch, will be here at least until the end of spring term. And what about the navy?

As the term draws to a close, we find part of the campus still dabbling in collegiate matters as Keith Claycomb is called before the dean of men to help clear up the millracing episode of the recent coronation of the king of hearts. Millracing, you will remember, had been declared unlawful.

### Faculty Fad

And what's this we hear about the sponsor over at Omega hall getting lost in the country Monday night? Meanwhile, Dick Schultz, the boy with the California haircut, feels the full effect of the war as he picks up a demerit at yesterday's drill—for not having a haircut.

Alpha Chi Arliss Boone announced yesterday that she would be one of those who would not be back for spring term, but will remain at her home in Frisco. She plans to return next fall, how-

ever. Next fall—that's a laugh.

I wonder what this place will look like next fall? Here are some of the changes you might well expect: Girls will actually be working on the Emerald to put a paper out. Girls will actually be going into the Side to buy cokes. The graveyard will be a place for dead bodies.

But that's a long way off. While both kinds of us are still here—some of the characteristics of our campus will be yet alive. For instance, they're still picking queens, if they can find some girl who hasn't been a queen of something or who isn't tired of being a smiles girl, or a little colonel, or a paltry private, or a cover girl, or an uncover girl, or something. Latest of these cutie-choosing affairs is the Emerald-sponsored Bond Babe contest.

### First Come . . .

This time it's the fellows who do the nominating. Each house will stand back of some would-be queen, but each will be backing a different personality. Houses are asked to register with the Emerald business office at once, before some other organization chooses the same girl. For full details, have some housebrother read you the news account of the contest featured elsewhere in the paper.

Incidentally, there will be only a couple more issues of the Emerald this term. It is getting close to phinal time. Some of the best people take phinals, and, on the other hand, Emerald workers take phinals, too. That's phinale.