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Laws and Lives...

The return of the "fill 'er up" phrase to the vocabulary of Americans has brought a great increase in the number of cars operated by students. Take a glance at Kincaid between 11th and 13th some morning, and you'll find that the jalopy, the smooth convertible, and the practical coupe or sedan are back in force.

With the greater number of cars comes an increased traffic hazard in the University district. Thirteenth and other campus thoroughfares are also main arteries of city traffic. Eventually, Oregon officials hope to close these streets to heavy traffic and make them strictly campus lanes. Other colleges, such as Oregon State and the University of Washington, already have these restricted areas. It is only a long-run solution to a problem which will grow steadily worse as new cars roll off the assembly lines and more students have their own cars.

But the situation has to be taken care of immediately. "Squirreling" may be an outdated word, but the trick of rounding corners at high speed on two wheels is by no means a forgotten art. College students are rather notorious for their sensational driving.

Unless there is cooperation between students, townspeople, and law enforcement officials, Oregon's byways will become paths populated only by the quick and the dead.

The danger is accentuated when classes are changing and students are rushing from one building to another. Part of the responsibility for making the streets safe is on their shoulders. Portland's vivid signs reading "Pedestrian Killed Here" remind us that accidents cost the lives of thousands of persons every year. As long as such a volume of traffic is routed through this district, students must observe the same safety rules as they would in the downtown areas.

Honorable Honoraries...

The Ore-nter lists about 25 national honor societies on the Oregon campus, but very little is heard of any activity being sponsored by these organizations throughout the year. Are they really worthwhile?

For years the honoraries have been criticized because too many of them apparently offer little to the member except an impressive pin and an expensive initiation fee. The fees are often a pretty stiff price to pay for such a return.

Those who are in favor of continuing the honor societies say that membership is an aid in finding a job. But we doubt if two or three Greek letters are security for full employment for anyone.

Last year it was suggested that the student government take over some supervision of Oregon's honoraries. Under the plan, the honoraries would have to maintain an active program throughout the year to stay on the campus.

Some of them have exhibited a real interest in their fields of study. The Spanish honorary, for instance, is co-sponsor of Spanish language movies three or four times each year. In addition, at their meetings and get-togethers, members have the opportunity to cultivate conversational Spanish, learn folk songs, and study some of the different customs of the Spanish-speaking countries.

Other honoraries hold professional meetings with guest speakers who are experts in that particular line of study or work. And some of them do provide a bridge between the profession and the University department or school. So it isn't a lack of material to work with but a lack of enterprise in starting a program.

It seems likely that if the honoraries had some goal to work for under an ASUO-sponsored plan, they would get up a worthwhile schedule of activities. Their members usually have been carefully selected and are leaders in their fields of study. And they have faculty advisors or graduate members who can help.

Oregon has room for more scholastic endeavor of this sort, but it's up to the individual organizations to foster it.

IF A BUDDY MEET A BUDDY

By Carolyn Romtvedt

News of the former University fellows concerns mostly their returning to civilian life or transfers after returning from overseas.

Dan Mahoney, Phi Delt, a former captain in the air corps for three and one-half years is now at the law school. Other Phi Delt who have returned to campus life and the law school are **Jim Griswold**, who was a captain in the eighth air force of the Pacific area and **Bill Bernard** of the merchant marine.

Ted Harmon, Theta Chi was back home waiting to be transferred to the Marine communications in San Francisco.

Ensign Chuck Powers, Alpha Tau Omega was in to see Dean Onthank yesterday. He brought his wife **Dorothy Engel**, Alpha Phi, with him.

Navy Lieutenant Hal Morgan, Phi Delt stopped in Eugene this summer on his way to San Francisco where he is with the Navy communication service.

Major George Mackin, Phi Delt, who was with the Hell's Angels flying squadron in England is now visiting Eugene. He expects to be out of the service in two weeks.

Doug David, Phi Delt, was married in Portland Saturday to **Katherine Zimmerman**, Pi Phi.

Major Frank Nash, A.T.O., celebrated the end of the war in the little town of Januza up the east coast of Okinawa. He reported seeing Manila, now in shambles but still giving signs of a beautiful peace-time city.

Marine Lieut. Paul Jackson, who was a star in basketball and known in campus circles as J.J., with his wife, Anne, has been visiting on the way to San Francisco.

On his way to Texas and a probable transfer overseas, **Lieutenant Gordon Childs**, Theta Chi and his wife, the former Lora Case, Pi Phi stopped in Eugene recently.

Lieut. (J.G.) Bud Vandeneinde, Alpha Tau Omega, whose father is president of the Oregon Dads, is on leave in Salem and Portland and plans to return to campus togs soon.

Phi Delt **Don Kirsch**, recently discharged is now coaching basketball and baseball at Hillsboro high school.

Lieut. George Olsen, Phi Delt and his wife Dorothy, Gamma Phi, were in town the other day. He has been in Germany and will go to South Carolina for further service.

Also just returned from Germany and being sent to South

Carolina is **Lieut. Bob Bloom**, Theta Chi.

From the USAT "Sea Cat," **Joe Callahan**, Alpha Tau Omega said in a recent letter that he is now in Europe on a shuttle bringing troops back. Europe doesn't look at all bad to him after living in a village where "Fuzzy-Wuzzies" predominated.

Theta Chi **Joe Wicks**, a corporal in the marines is now in Japan with the second marine division. Captain **Ken Boves**, Chi Psi graduate has just lately been sent to North Japan.

Lieut. Pat Cloud, Phi Delt, now in Long Beach California after serving in Germany will soon leave for South Carolina.

Awaiting a discharge at Fort Lewis, **Lieut. Larry Olson**, a Phi Delt from Portland, plans to re-

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All That Meat And No Seconds

By PAT KING

A surprising amount of human activity may be observed at what was once a comparatively quiet after-dinner hour. Students are seen scuttling toward the nearest grocery store and returning staggering under a load of groceries which is modestly referred to as "something for a little snack."

Milk, a drink being initiated by some of our older students, cheese, and crackers, fruit, and pastry goods are the favorites.

One co-ed sagely observed, "I'm gaining weight, and yet I'm starving to death."

This "snacking" has become a last resort for students who find that a supposedly-filling meal provides just enough strength to see them to the grocery store or restaurant where a happy supplement of a steak may be procured.

Meal-time is no longer a period of gay, youthful laughter. Ah that is past. The minute quantities of food are consumed in deadly earnest while fellow diners covertly eye each other's plate. Any thoughts of second helpings are extremely humorous for incredulous students find these can be even smaller than the original servings. (Ugly thought: The kitchen staff shows no signs of the prevailing food shortage. Hmmm.)

Words of wisdom to susceptible females: That isn't love burning brightly in his eyes—it's just hunger.

Hollywood Free Style...

Eugene has no newsreel theatre to offer short subjects of current interest without a Western thriller thrown in. But the University provides a movie series that features films very similar to those shown at such theaters.

Tonight at 7:30 in 207 Chapman hall the first of these movie nights will be held. On the program are a 45-minute film, "Conquest of the Air," a March of Time feature on "Russia at War," a Robert Benchley comedy, and a musical.

It's good variety entertainment, and it's free.

Movies deserve an important place at the University because they have proved their value as educational aids and as popular entertainment. More and more films are being produced to supplement classroom work and to make textbook material more real to the student. The armed services have employed movies to great advantage during the war.

Strangely enough the free movies did not draw the expected crowds last year. A regular group attended every week, along with a number who were especially interested in the film that night.

Too many people did not even realize the University sponsored such a program. This year the bill will be announced in the Emerald two days before the show.

Judging by tonight's schedule, the movies will be good. They are free. And they're right on the campus. If students are interested, the Oregon movie program can expand.

The Plot Sickness

By REX GUNN

Writers are conceited, asinine persons who think they have something that everybody else should know about.

Other people who are conceited and asinine keep their typewriters quiet and require research, but writers are not content with just being asinine, they write about it and then wonder how it got out.

To be a writer, one must also suffer. I have suffered, therefore I wish everyone else to suffer, therefore I write columns.

If you don't read my columns, you are illiterate. If you read it and don't like it, you are dumb, stupid and asinine. If you read it and like it, you are wonderful.

I always read and approve of everything I write, therefore I am wonderful. If you ever doubt this, just ask me. Huxley, Keats, Shakespeare, Thorne Smith, and and Willie Saroyan stink because I didn't write under those names.

If this confuses you, read my next one. It get's worse as the plot sickens.

Short months ago, men with gold buttons in lapels came upon the campus—green—grinned and pondered the worth of education.

They searched files . . . found courses . . . grunted approval at the U of O national rating . . . tops it is and was.

But, they said, (I'm not quoting them) we must not be too hasty—leave us powder all the angles . . . so they did.

There's good money on the coast . . . most any job you want. Labor's scarce . . . lots of men with college educations don't make dough. . . maybe we should learn trades.

Tied down, we've been, three . . . four years to a murderous routine that would curdle your . . . perhaps a year or two in the mountains.

Thus they thought . . . thought . . . and thought. One, however, had no qualms, no money either.

What makes you so sure? . . . they said . . . he grinned, superior like (you know and said: "I have never been confused.")

And he told them . . . all the reasons why we go U of O.

Omar Khayam didn't have as many reasons for getting drunk as this guy did for going collegiate.

But he lied. I know why he stayed.

The little blonde had big eyes. The man was mostly tweed sports coat. The blonde looked . . . looked harder . . . relaxed . . . sighed . . . said "Men."

Brother and sister, leave us face it, my home is here.

I must say your new boy friend is very shy."

"Well, he belongs to the Reserves."

REX

"FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS"

Gary Cooper

"The Town Went Wild"

HEILIG

"THE BODY SNATCHER"

Boris Karloff

"THE BRIGHTON STRANGLER"

John Loder, June Du Prez