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Homecoming Standard...

Homecoming was a new experience to most of us. We were accustomed to the big crowds on Junior Weekend, but Homecoming was something different. This is fall, and the time when college spirit reaches its maximum. The alums were here for reunions, for the first visit to the alma mater for some years.

The show and rally, the bonfire, the crowd at Hayward field for the game, the Homecoming dance, the clever signs—these ingredients made Homecoming a real success, and we hope the alums enjoyed it as much as the students.

The committee had a difficult task before them. To "revive" the Ducks in '45 required much careful planning and research. Most of the work was done behind the scenes before the important weekend, and it was done well. Standards for future Homecomings were set by this first postwar Homecoming.

The Smoking Lamp...

If there are any doubts about the ending of the cigarette shortage, a quick tour of the University library will convince anyone that the days of scarcity are over. Generous-sized cigarette stubs decorate the floors everywhere but in the study rooms themselves.

It isn't that the library isn't properly cleaned. The janitor makes several rounds daily just to keep the place fairly clean.

And no one is conducting a campaign to stop student smoking. There are smoking porches at either end of the second floor, and the front steps have been popular in the past with smokers.

Miss Clarice Krieg, acting librarian, says the main objection is to students' leaving the stubs around the building. Receptacles are provided on the front steps and smoking porches for this purpose.

Although the librarians say that smoking is not usually allowed in the library, they realize that the rule is hard to enforce in cold weather. They ask that students dispose of their cigarettes properly and not clutter up the library floors.

We are proud of our University library, and many of us consider it the most beautiful building on the campus. The librarians are asking us to observe the rules of courtesy to others in using a crowded campus center.

Oregon Christmas...

We're getting our Christmas spirit a little early. The season is always a little previous at the University. We want to share Christmas here with our friends before we go home to spend the real holiday with our families.

Preparations for celebrating the season were made even before Homecoming was past. Living organizations have arranged parties, music, and pageants, despite the study schedule. Students simultaneously check off the number of shopping days 'til Christmas and the studying time left before exams start.

It's an odd season at the University. The generosity and thoughtfulness of Christmas vie with the tenseness and frazzled nerves of exam week. Carols break into the quiet of study hall. Professors write a flourishing Merry Christmas on the board and distribute fat packets of mimeographed exam questions.

As usual, the Emerald chimes in early with its final edition of the term, the special Christmas issue.

Students find time, even with closed week restrictions, to decorate the traditional tree and hang mistletoe and holly in strategic spots.

Somehow the spirit spreads over the campus and takes hold. We get our Christmas bonus, a two-week vacation, and our grades usually don't arrive in time to spoil it.

Even with exams, rain, and end-of-the-term blues, it's Christmas at Oregon now.

Notes On Record

On the Classical Side...

By BETTY JANE BENNETT

One of the best things about Christmas is the great quantity of music pertaining to the festive spirit. Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" from the "Messiah" is one of the most enjoyable, especially as recorded by the Royal Choral society, with the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

This well-trained choir exhibits excellent tone quality and diction, and is admirably accompanied by the famous British symphony. Listen for the climax near the end of the record for a genuine thrill.

Another number that is outstanding in interpretation is Helen Traubel's recording of "Adeste Fideles," ("O Come All Ye Faithful"). This is Traubel in a new style—tender and pianissimo singing. On the other side is the immortal "Silent Night, Holy Night," also one of the best of this number.

"Christmas Carol"

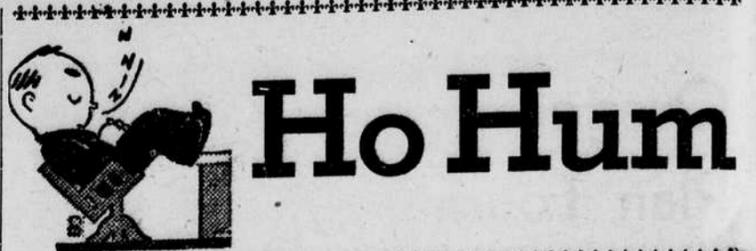
For those of you who can't imagine Christmas without Dickens, there is an excellent recording available of "A Christmas Carol."

Not so well known in this country as Lionel Barrymore's or Basil Rathbone's version, the adaptation of the English classic by Ernest Chappell is also outstanding. Chappell narrates, while Eustace Wyatt plays a good Scrooge, all to the accompaniment of Lew White's music.

Adding an international flavor to our list is the album entitled "Christmas Carols of Many Lands" recorded by the Vienna Choir Boys under the direction of Viktor Gombos with organ accompaniment. Included in this collection are "Angels We Have Heard on High," "Ayapo," "Noel," "Adeste Fideles," "Weinachtslied Aus Dem Vintschgau," "Es Hat Sich Halt," "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht," and "Maria Auf Dem Berge." These carols, representing France, the American Indian, Portugal, and Germany, are sung with rare feeling and authenticity by the excellently trained choir boys.

Touch of Whimsy

A whimsical touch is added by Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians in their recording called "Night Before Christmas." In this album, we have not only music, but such sound effects as Santa coming down the chimney, the galloping reindeer, and the squeals of delight from the children. The



Ho Hum

By ORIN HUSKY WEIR

What seemed to start out in the form of a gay and lively weekend most certainly changed to a romantic one as time slipped by. For instance take the case of a guy called George with a last name spelled Luoma who presented a ring with a glistening sparkler to Shirlee Dillard of Pi Phi.

G. Dunk Wimpres got all carried away and planted his Sig Ep jewelry on Dagmar Shanks. Gee, he sure kept his affections a secret a long time.

Leaving the ring and pin planters for a few moments, we'd like to bring up a party held at one of the local hotels where loads of kiddies including a guy who plays soccer or sumpin called Jake Leicht did his best to entertain everyone at the party. Still sputtering his affects from the good time Monday afternoon was Wormy, of football fame.

Grumbling about the fact that the news of his recent pin planting which affected a gal named Elaine Taylor, Elliott "I'm just a lil kid" Wilson has been very unhappy the past few days, for there is nothing he likes better than lots of publicity. Congratulations to these kids—we, along with 2000 other people, like em.

From the Tri-Delt house comes more ring throwing, and this time it's Lila Nevins who is now bound and determined to Herb "doormat haircut" Squires. Another gal sporting diamonds is Signe Eklund, the ring coming via Hal Larson.

Good night! The rate things are going this column will end it's career this Wednesday just announcing sweet nothings 'n such. Again we hit jewelry romance with Miriam Becke of Pi Phi sporting a pretty fourth-finger article that glistens which was

total effect is most interesting and well worth hearing.

Then there is always the "sweet" recording of Loretta Young in a story about a little boy whose halo kept slipping over his eyebrow. It is worth mentioning. We have mentioned it.

Stowkowski has outdone himself in a twelve-inch entitled "Russian Christmas Music." Many tunes are incorporated in this number whose reverse side is "Eine Feste Burg." The orchestral effects are typical Stowkowski but are effective in this recording.

Clips and Comments

By CARLEY HAYDEN

The University of Texas . . . prepared for fall exams with a column-long list of time, place, and date information for struggling scholars.

University of Kansas . . . Talented faculty members sold for fancy prices on the auction block, bringing \$645.50 to the WSSF.

University of Toronto . . . welcomed bikes, bridge, and blue jeans as features of "typical" college life, and they like it.

Queens university . . . noted 700 servicemen in the total registration figures.

University of Alabama . . . planned to activate advanced ROTC unit January 1.

Men Rebel

Male students on the campus of Queens university, where Sadie Hawkins' week is celebrated annually, have formed a club which may be unique.

The men in the WDWGABDY-MHA club have as their slogan, "We didn't want to go anyway, but dammit you might have asked."

Time for Change

From Quincy, Massachusetts, the United Press has reported that 27 years ago a high school sopho-

more decided that the Caesars messed up the calendar.

After his Latin teacher snapped, "Do you think you could make a better one?", the boy went home and thought up six calendars. Now one of his perpetual calendars is being discussed by congress.

Sorry, But . . .

Jack Bruce received a letter from the dean's office at the University of British Columbia this week informing him that he had failed his midterm examinations.

Bruce doesn't like failing examinations any more than the faculty and administration like to see him flunk, and he appreciates the dean's interest.

But Bruce is not attending the university this year.

picked out for her by Bill Shinn.

Of course then there is the story which concerns a guy Jack Ruble and Wanda Shaw. Guess Wanda had a bit of trouble with her gown Saturday eve and thus called upon Jack to plant his pin in place of a broken snap or facsimile. Came the end of the evening, and Wanda and dear Jack said goodnights, and up to this time neither seems to be too worried about sending or getting the pin back. Love works in strange ways, eh?

Celebrating the end of a week-end he can be very proud of being chairman of, Bill McLennon was all smiles at ye local dance Saturday with Carolyn Tyler. Tsk, tsk, some guys have all the luck.

Leave it to a group like Hal Bailey, Phyl Brugman, Bud Rossum, Selby Frame, Mary Palmer, Bill Ellison, Helen Hicks, and Jimmy Ellison to think of a place so novel as a potato chip palace 'n factory to hold a party. Guess that's the first time those lads have been in the chips for a long, long time.

Back on the campus and having a great time for his little self was likeable Fozzie Frederickson, who is now garbed in khaki—the lucky kid, and who incidentally went all out to show Averill Foster of Gamma Phi the time of her life.

Also making a welcome appearance was Lou Gillis who thrilled Florence Guthrie most Saturday evening.

Deane Bond was noticed at the dance doing the light fantastic ("fantastic" is the proper description, too) with Barbara Patterson. Where Jim Lund was no one dared ask after the splendid romance that was budding just a few days ago.

Locking forward to this day, namely Wednesday, with great anticipation has been Jeanne "I'm a lonesome woman" Krebs whose man will arrive in captain bars and all in San Francisco today after a long three years over there.

The world's longest regular non-stop railway run is that between London and Edinburgh, 393 3/4 miles, and the second from London to Carlisle, 293 miles, according to British Railways.

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