

Gene Krupa Says:

Any Music Played Right Can Be Sold to Public

By Bud Hurst

A guy named Gene Krupa came to Albany Wednesday night, bringing with him eighteen men, one woman, a lot of good music and some very definite ideas. The men were all young, accomplished musicians, the woman was a striking blonde singer, the music was excellent and varied and the ideas were interesting to say the least.

Krupa is an interesting man to interview. The dispensation of noises that people like to hear and dance to is his life's work and he has it analyzed from every angle. Naturally the first question concerned the bop trend, what he thinks of it, and how he is incorporating it into his band.

Some Bop Men Load It on Too Thick

"Any kind of music," he said, "can be sold to people if it is presented properly. Some of the more ardent bop men load it on too thick and this explains the big trend to songs like 'Cruising Down the River.' Folks don't want to be rushed into something that they can't quite understand yet.

"What is bop?" we asked him, and he just smiled.

"How can I explain it," he replied, "when I'm not sure what it is myself? It is the newest form of jazz where the idea seems to be to get more chord changes into one bar. Every musician is bound to fall into it a little and pick up the phrases as they go along. We're content to let bop work its way into our band."

That way he thinks they can sell it gradually and not chase the old fans away. They will keep feeding "a good combination of jazz, swing and bop."

His Drumming Still Tops

In spite of the years he has spent in a strenuous business, Krupa looks quite young and retains all the bounce and enthusiasm of a man

Krupa Offers Idea to Colleges

A Friday night dance session, a Saturday afternoon concert, and naturally the prom date, all to the music of Gene Krupa.

An intermission chat with the drummer-band leader Wednesday night in Albany revealed this unorthodox plan that might bring a big name band to the campus.

"The college circuit comprises 60 per cent of our engagements for each year," Krupa stated. "In fact, we prefer them."

How would such a plan work?

"Friday night the kids would have a chance to 'dance up cool'—strictly danceable music," according to Krupa.

Anything goes, Krupa feels, during the afternoon concert. Band personnel would have a chance to show off. All types of music would be included; from concertos to bop.

Prom music would be a mixture.

"We usually make money for the University on a package deal of this sort," Krupa said. "Our dates at most of the southern schools are made in this fashion."

Oh yes, for the three dates, Mr. Krupa would take \$5,000.

in his early twenties. He shows it in his work too. The folks at Albany armory were treated to some of the most frantic drumming they could ever see in any band.

The whole band is very young and they were decked out with flowing bow ties in keeping with the bop tradition. The music was the same, however; the same smooth dance and swing stuff that brought their leader to the top.

The band's road schedule after it leaves Portland would make weaker men run for home. After a swing through Washington they go to Idaho and Montana where the army will fly them into Great Falls. After that comes a long jump to Texas and into New York by July 1. All this without a rest.

The band played one new tune Wednesday, an adaptation of a theme by Kabalesky, the contemporary Russian composer, which they recorded just before they left Hollywood. It's along the Sabre Dance line but much more fiery. As Krupa told us when he climbed back onto the stand, "It kicks, man. Watch for it."

For Men Only...

Official Oregon Ring Will Go on Sale in July

First set of the new official University of Oregon rings will be available in July, Alumni Director Les Anderson stated yesterday.

No examples of the rings are ready yet, but students who wish to order them now may be assured of July delivery, he stated.

The ring, which will bear an engraving of Deady hall on one shank and the University seal on the other, may be ordered in a variety of stone settings in either a silver or gold band.

This is the first time in Oregon's history that an official University ring came as a result of increasing demand by alumni and students.

Orders from the manufacturer,

L. G. Balfour, will be handled exclusively through the alumni office. Rings will be available in men's sizes only.

Prices are quoted in three settings; onyx, synthetic ruby, and tourmaline. Three initials and the class year will be engraved inside

free, and gold fraternity letters may be placed on the setting at a \$4 charge.

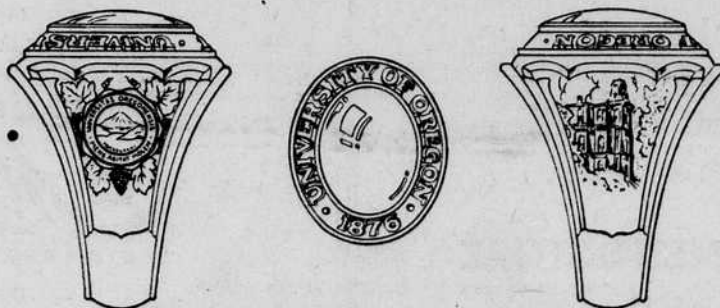
Deady hall was selected to appear on the ring because it is the oldest landmark on the campus; as Anderson says, "Deady once was the University of Oregon."

"This is a typical college ring," Anderson stated. "Many eastern schools have similar jewelry; for instance, Harvard and the U. S. naval academy."

Prices of available rings are as follows:

Stone	Sterling	10k Gold
Onyx	\$10.75	\$21.50
Onyx	12.75	23.50
Tourmaline	13.75	24.50

TOP AND SIDES of the new University of Oregon ring are shown above. On the left, the University seal, and on the right, Deady hall. First set of the official rings will be ready in July.



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Short 1950 Spring Vacation Protested By UO Students

Students Entertained At Banquet

Campus Officers Are Guests of Athletic Department at Dinner

Student officers and leaders were guests of the athletic department Wednesday night at a dinner given in the Eugene hotel.

Leo Harris, athletic director, explained the place and purpose of the athletic department in a University.

Harris introduced Art Litchman, director of the athletic news bureau, and Howard Lemons, athletic business manager. Litchman spoke about the trend of athletic news bureaus in big colleges and how they were able to help the teams and individual players gain recognition.

"The athletic department is in good financial shape this year," explained Lemons. "However, you don't have a bowl team each year." Football is the only sport that makes money so you must keep a close budget as it must carry the other sports, he concluded.

The dinner is held semi-annually to bring the athletic department and the students closer together and keep students informed of current policies and efforts, Harris concluded.

Oh! I've Got Plenty... Oops--An Hour Late

At least one Emerald worker missed a dinner last night—victim of daylight saving time. When Bill Lance prepared to leave the "shack" at 5:28 so he could get to his home in Albany for 6:30 dinner, some unkind soul reminded him that he had two minutes to make the 45 miles to Albany which is now on daylight saving time.

P. S. He didn't go.

Group Asks Schedule Repeal; Pre-Registration Recommended

Action of the University limiting spring vacation 1950 to four days is being protested by a number of Oregon students, who plan to present a petition to the administration in the near future.

The petition, which is circulating in campus living organizations, reads as follows:

"The undersigned do petition the administration of the University of Oregon for a repeal of the schedule as planned for the academic year of 1949-1950.

"We recommend that winter term final week be scheduled March 20 to March 24, and that spring vacation be held until April 3. We also recommend pre-registration."

As the schedule now stands, spring vacation will begin on Thursday, March 22, and extend through Sunday, March 25.

Corlita Vonderahe, a University student who has been active in the drive for petition-signers, explained the purpose of the appeal is to retain the longer and more beneficial vacation.

"We hope to change the vacation to a basis such as Oregon State operates on," said Miss Vonderahe. "In addition to the petition, we will submit a letter to the administration further explaining our ideas."

A petition will probably be posted in the Co-op later this week, in order that off-campus students may have an opportunity to sign.

Pledges to Battle In 'Tug of War'

Two teams of 30 pledges from four fraternities will battle it out this afternoon at 4:30 in a traditional tug of war at the rear of the Beta Pi house.

The fraternities are Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Chi vs. Alpha Tau Omega and the Beta Theta Pi. Each house will send 15 pledges to engage in what is intended to become an annual affair among the four organizations.

Last year's tussle, which was the first, was held in the Fiji lot.

Picnic Plotters Plan Play--Plus Potato Salad

By Etaoin Shrdlu

The sun will come out from behind a cloud for the 29th annual Emerald play day, unofficial and unreliable sources close to the Shack reported Thursday.

In fact the weather will be so warm, the sources disclosed, that the editors-in-chief of this Emerald fun edition have been sitting up nights testing samples of the Willamette river to see if the water will be cool enough to keep lemonade from getting a luke-warm flavor.

Any Shackrat, past or present, is invited to attend the annual event, being held for the twenty-ninth time again this spring. Meeting place is the Shack at 10 a.m. Transportation will be provided.

The editors-in-chief, Bobolee Brophy, June Goetze, Dianna Dye, and Barbara Heywood have been discussing the relative merits of weiners, potato salad, potato chips, and other picnic goodies intended to fill the gaps caused by softball, tiddly winks, bridge and other strenuous sports.

Financial Editor Phyllis Kohlmeier will collect fifty cents from each person attending as a cover charge and incidental supply fund.

Bill Yates, very special events editor, will not disclose what plans he has made for the day's entertainment, but has announced that all picnickers will take part in the day's fun.

Moot Court Trials To Start Tuesday

Actual conditions will be carried out in every detail in the annual moot court trials of the law school which begin next Tuesday night.

Third-year law students will serve as attorneys, witnesses and court officials for the seven trials, which will be held in the circuit court room of the Lane county court house. Orlando John Hollis, dean of the law school, will act as judge.

Purpose of the moot trials is to give third-year students in Trial Practice II practical experience in conducting a trial and preparing papers. These trials are open to all law students and to any other persons interested.