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People Who Live in Glass Houses...

Distinction between right and wrong becomes difficult to ascertain when the matter of life and death is brought in as a contending factor.

Considerable controversy was aroused recently when Walter A. Brown, president of the Boston Athletic Association, put the damper on a trio of Korean track stars.

"While American soldiers are fighting and dying in Korea," Brown asserted, "every Korean should be fighting to protect his country instead of training for marathons. As long as war continues there, we positively will not accept Korean entries for our race on April 19."

The three marathon runners, who can do nothing but bow before the slap, finished 1-2-3 last April in international competition with 131 thinclads.

Who is right? Who is wrong? Both factions have a pertinent argument, but either can be condemned.

American doughfoots slogging through bitter cold, and reddening the soil of Korea with their blood are quite enough to shame the Korean entry into submission.

On the other hand, what of the handling of American athletes in the last war. The United States was fighting for its existence then. The road to victory was uphill and the war effort taxed the strength and minds of the American people.

Yet, how many athletes were detained at various posts and bases almost solely for their prowess on the gridiron, or other fields of athletic endeavor? All branches of the service were guilty of such action. The great, almost fabulous service teams were no offsprings of coincidence.

Athletic skill is commendable, even admirable to a point, it is contemptible to hold a muscular and coordinated youth away from the scorching fire of war—only to sacrifice a "plain fellow."

Our treatment of athletes in the last war is still a glowing blackeye that the armed forces cannot refute even if they should blow themselves blue in the face shouting about "morale."

For America to pat the Korean runners on the head and say "it is wrong for you to run in these times," is quite unimpressive—since America's shiner is still showing.—S.F.

The 'Harmless' Prank—a Sober Reflection

The recent episode that resulted in members of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity being fired upon by police for participating in a campus prank when mistaken for burglars inspired the following pertinent comments by the Oregon State Barometer (Feb. 10 issue):

"The narrow aversion of a tragedy last Sunday morning in Eugene, resulting from a misguided fraternity 'prank,' can give cause for thought to us all.

"It doesn't detract from the gravity of the situation to blame the police for being 'trigger-happy.'

"Although an affair such as the U. of O. fraternity men's attempt to retaliate was contemplated and carried out with no malicious intent and no prospect of permanent dispossession of anything, the similarity of action to that of criminal entry is too close for comfort.

"Sororities certainly cannot be expected to investigate a suspected criminal action to discover whether or not it is merely a 'prank' before summoning the police, and with the ever present possibility and recurrence of campus robberies, the police cannot be expected to be impractically cautious in their handling of the suspected burglaries.

"It is the duty of the students to avoid such situations, or bear the consequences."

THE DAILY 'E'...

goes to Kappa Alpha Theta and Phi Gamma Delta, both of which got off to a good start for Dads' Day weekend by winning the annual letter contest.

THE OREGON LEMON...

to the living groups which entered the "Shack" before the proper time to secure Emeralds first so that it might win the same contest—fortunately, the ruse was discovered. (A lemon also goes to those groups which ignored the contest completely and failed to pick up the papers when available.)

On Restriction in SU

Piano Room Open to Students Again

The piano room in the Student Union again is available to students today.

It's been closed since Friday last—but students may gain admittance as of this morning by picking up the key at the main desk in the lobby and leaving their identification cards as temporary deposits.

Student Union Director Dick Williams took this action Wednesday as a result of a letter sent to the Emerald severely criticizing his closing the room.

Plans for keeping the room shut until the middle of next week were wisely abandoned.

Why was the room closed?

Because, as the letter says (it was written by Daniel Yuzon, a sophomore from Honolulu), it was "misused."

Williams, it develops, discovered some partying going on in the room, and decided to close it for a week and a half in order to formulate plans for preventing a similar occurrence.

The strict action we feel was unjustified on two counts:

(1) It is unnecessary to close up a room to make plans for setting up proper controls—it could remain open and the new policy invoked when decided upon.

(2) A week and a half is an unnecessarily long time to make such preparations.

Williams, aware of the double responsibility of protecting the students' interests both by way of preventing abuse of the Union and by allowing students to receive the maximum benefits of its fa-



Sky's The Limit

By Sam Fidman

Response to the call for student attendance at Executive Council meetings was nil. Perhaps that is due to the fact that Oregon students are completely satisfied with the status quo. All well and good.

The trenchant remarks that can be heard from every quarter of this fair campus might simply be the result of that splendid old American tradition, griping.

It might be pointed out that the habit of attending Executive Council meetings, at least once in a while, could prove valuable under the next regime. The new constitution provides for a marked enlargement of the powers of the Senate (the new name for the expanded Executive Council).

Where there is power there is action; where there is action, there is effect; where there is effect, there cannot but be multiple repercussions.

Presently the right to attend Executive Council meetings is a certainty. What if that right were to be removed? What then? Would the student body sit idly by and ignore the potential evils of such a move? Very likely this student body would do just that.

Where the fault for this apathy toward student government resides cannot readily be ferreted out. Most likely it belongs to the era when power was removed from the hands of student government, for justifiable reasons, and transferred to other groups.

However, that very apathy has nourished the existing situation and unless that slumbering giant, campus opinion, is aroused and effectively applied where necessary, there is little likelihood of a desirable change.

Personal impressions of the Council, after just one sitting, are that it is composed of honest, and for the most part, capable individuals. Also, there is the possibility that both the Council and the students-at-large would benefit from an aroused student interest—and packed galleries.



Hollywood Has Its Day: 'Oscar' Plans '51 Debut

By Don Smith

On March 22, Hollywood's elite will gather together in the Pantages theater and see some of its number get blessed with "Oscar," the award of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences for excellence. All attention is being directed to it now.

It looks like a battle between the cast and crew of "All About Eve," the picture getting fourteen nominations, including two for best supporting actress.

But Hollywood people are sentimental, and "Sunset Boulevard," a film about Hollywood people, looks like it has an inside track for some of the awards. "All About

Eve," you see, was not about Hollywood at all, but about Broadway.

Gloria Swanson, a sentimental favorite, is out for her first Oscar, after her dramatic comeback in "Sunset Boulevard."

William Holden, Louis Calhern, Jose Ferrer, James Stewart, and Spencer Tracy are the nominees for best actor award; with Ferrer and his portrayal of Cyrano de Bergerac heavily favored by critics.

But his characterization may not meet with the approval of the 1800 voting members of the academy, which have pulled surprises before.

This Is Oregon



"Aw, Fellas, you-all air only kidding," said the honest cotton-picker hopefully.