

# Oregon Daily EMERALD

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## A Plea for Less Confusion

Open rushing for men has begun. For the next four weeks the great majority of the frosh men who did not participate in rush week will be fed, entertained, and "refreshed" at Max's. Since the quotas of most fraternities remain unfilled because of an extremely small number of men going through rush week, open rushing takes on a new complexion.

Many fraternities have found it necessary to carry on an expensive rush program which may closely resemble four straight rush weeks. Ironically enough, a large number of those men who will spend their time rushing are the ones who didn't make their grades and should be spending their time at the books. Fraternity scholarship will also take a nose dive, and chapter expenses will be greatly increased.

Rush week last year was held during the middle of fall term and played havoc with midterms. If the "new" open rushing does the same thing, we hope IFC will limit the confusion to one rather than five weeks by finding a time for a fall term rush week next year that is far enough along to give the frosh a chance to look around, but before the fall term grades are out. —R. N.

## Sure Test for Pledges

Today we are doing our public service early. We have some very sound advice to offer to the various sorority houses on the campus. We are indebted to the atomic energy exhibit for this new insight in how to grade applicants for admission to the respective houses.

We've always thought that one of the criteria for admission to a house was plenty of good looks. We couldn't prove this point—maybe it's just folklore.

Anyway, assuming it's a valid assumption, here is a simple way to pass judgment on the newest prospect for membership in the Sisterhood.

Every house should buy one of those electric machines shown in the SU ballroom during the exhibit. The thing looks like an inverted lightbulb. It might well be used as a testing device during rush week.

In general, this electric gismo had something to do with catching or smashing atoms, but more specifically, it made a person's hair stand on end when he got hooked up in the circuit.

Sometimes everybody's hair stood on end; not just the person plugged in on the machine. The others who watched found out what some of the gals really looked like with their hair up.

If any woman can stand before the public eye (particularly the male public eye) and allow her hair to stream in the breeze at a 45 degree angle to its base—and still look beautiful—well, she should be pledged before she's even discharged by the operator.

Once or twice, we had to pinch ourselves to be sure we weren't in the chamber of horrors wax museum in Chicago. Incidentally, we took the test and looked just as repulsive as anyone else.—B. C.

## On the Air...

## Audience Gets Cash for Winning Questions

By Don Collin

Radio audience has chance to pick up some cash on KORE's "Reporter Roundup," Sat. at 6:30 p.m. Format for the show is to have newspaper and radio reporters fire questions at the guest (victim). Near end of broadcast three questions are asked from those submitted during the week by the radio audience. If your question is chosen, you're awarded a \$25 bond and a subscription to Collier's. This week's guest is Mike DiSalle.

**Weekend of Music:** The Met presents "Madame Butterfly" at 11 a.m. (KUGN, Sat.) with Dorothy Kirsten... N. Y. Philharmonic (KERG, Sun. 11:30 a.m.) features one of Tchaikovsky's violin concertos... KORE's "Symphonies for You" (Sat. 1:45 p.m.) presents Los Angeles Symphony Orchestra in the "Overture to the Magic Flute" and "Sorcerer's Apprentice"... Standard Hour (KUGN, Sun. 8:30 p.m.) has the same program.

Basketball on KASH 8 p.m. Fri. and Sat... Excerpts from

Bill Borcher's luncheon talk to Duck Club every Monday at 6:30 p.m. on KORE... Fights on KUGN (Fri. 7 p.m.) features heavyweights Coley Wallace and Aaron Wilson. It's a rematch of the Nov. 9 battle—one of the best of last year's fights.

Drew Pearson to tell of waste in military and civilian branches of government this Sunday (KUGN) at 8 p.m. University Explorer (KERG) discusses the "Birth of the Earth" Sun. at 10:15 a.m. People's Platform (KERG, Sun. 9 a.m.) debates "How Much Aid to Western Europe"... Frankie Laine, guest on Edgar Bergen show Sun. at 5 p.m., sings "The Day Isn't Long Enough" and "Jealousy"... KUGN's Mr. President (Edward Arnold) will dramatize how a candidate becomes the people's choice, Mon. at 7:30 p.m.

B. Mike (The Oregonian) gave his advice to U of O. students on the telephone situation in his column last Friday.

## Ignorance of Religion

Emerald Editor:

The Parliament of World Religions has aroused the interest of many people to the gross American ignorance of the varied religions. This cannot be blamed on the individuals, for religions are not taught in our schools. Nor can it be blamed on the churches, for most people do not attend church. If they did their curiosity would be aroused concerning at least one religion.

The nature of religions produces varying degrees of fanaticism, for to embrace any religion one must believe it is the truth and that anything contradictory is not the truth, as Mr. Minto so ably brought out, after much am-

bulating about the shrubbery, when asked if a person could be a Hindu and a Moslem at the same time, replying "If a person is a Jew he is a Jew, if he is a Moslem he is a Moslem."

Many would advocate the acceptance, as a religion, of the world-bettering philosophies of the different religions. This is fine but does not offer a personal goal, reward, or punishment as an incentive to follow. As long as human beings are imperfect, hungry, greedy, and dying there will be religions to soothe their desires, whether they be Islam, Christianity, atheism or one of the thousands of others.

It is wrong to criticize another religion for its methods as long

as they are not antagonistic or injurious to others. Methods of propagation play an important part in many religions, and in some are very basic.

To accept a religion and study and follow it does not breed bigotry but rather tolerance and understanding. Those who more fully understand other religions are usually those who understand and follow their own. Bigotry is the product of ignorance rather than acceptance of faith.

Paul Weston

## Fuller Explanation

Emerald Editor:

I would like to know who was in charge of the editorial page on Jan. 30. Who was the person responsible for the article about Asia?

When I read it, I found the article utterly ridiculous (I was not the only one) and I wondered what the author was driving at. I happened to be the author of this article and I knew what was driving at. All the argument given in Kussia's favor, which appeared clearly in the typewritten copy given to the editor, disappeared miraculously when the article was published on Wednesday.

An article can be cut if too long, but if somebody should be asked about what to cut, it should be the author. For the benefit of the people who might want to know why I think the Soviet Union has a better chance than the United States in Asia, here is the part of the article which was left out:

"The action of the Soviet Union is much more judicious and circumspect; it is always done through Asiatic intermediaries. All the benefits are for Russia and Communism. Until now, it seemed that the mechanical evolution of Asia is going to be done through the help of the Soviet Union. Why? Because the conditions in which China and the whole of Asia has to do its mechanical revolution have the same aspect as the conditions in Russia were 50 years ago.

"It is the Russian prestige which has taken the lead of local nationalities; the Russian is a Euro-Asiatic and an Oriental, and therefore, is not considered as a member of the West. Furthermore, Asia is not worried about the same things as we are, like for example, individual liberty. The Asiatics have known so little of it that for them a Stalin is no worse than a Genghis Khan..."

Marc Delemme

(Ed. Note: Our apologies for the unjudicious omission.)

## The Atomic Age

# Senator Wants More for Atom, Less for Conventional Weapons

By Phil Johnson

The \$5.4 billion dollar budget submitted to Congress by President Truman contains increased expenditures for atomic weapons.

However, the increase is not nearly as great as Sen. Brien McMahon (D-Conn.), chairman of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy, has suggested.

Sen. McMahon proposed that annual atomic expenditures be increased to six billion dollars, but President Truman's budget provides for only 1.7 billion atomic energy dollars in the fiscal year 1952-53, in addition to five or six billion to be spent over a five-year period.

McMahon had also requested a 30 billion dollar decrease in conventional armaments expenditures, but the President's budget actually includes a large increase for these weapons.

A third suggestion by Sen. McMahon, an idea with great potentialities, also appears to be doomed to permanent pigeon-holing.

He proposed that American delegates to the United Nations inform the world that the United States is willing to provide the U.N. with a substantial portion of all money saved over a five-year period if international agreement is reached on "effective and enforceable disarmament and control" of weapons.

The control would include biological and chemical agents, atomic and hydrogen bombs and conventional armaments.

The money contributed to the U.N. would be used for "peaceful development of atomic energy, technical assistance to underdeveloped areas, and general economic aid and assistance to all

war-ravaged countries."

This offer would be an effective reply to recent Soviet "concessions" on the disarmament issue.

In the minds of certain so-called "neutral" peoples, it might well shift the burden of blame for the present world tension from the West to the East. Even the parading Egyptian mobs could hardly find fault with such a generous offer.

It is unlikely that the Soviet Union would agree to effective disarmament with unrestricted inspection. However, if they did agree, it would be a much better world. If they didn't, another psychological triumph would be won by the West.

A candidate for mythical "Farce of the Month" honors is the New York legal decision authorizing the digging up and reburial of one Harry C. Smith who expired last October.

It seems that Mr. Smith, who was assumed to be a pauper, was buried in a "potter's field." It was discovered three months later that Smith had been the owner of some \$500,000.

Consequently, Smith was brought back to the surface, moved to another grave and buried "in a manner more fitting to ownership of a half-million-dollar fortune."

Although the cost probably was not great, this is an example of the ridiculous waste of resources which daily occurs in the United States.

## Pledge Test?



"Just don't let an engineer stand you in front of a wind tunnel!"

Letters:

Dear Sir:

Walter Winchell (KUGN, Sun. 6 p.m.) got his revenge on Time mag last Sunday by correcting the history in an obituary notice... Wonder who told W. W. about the error. The New York Post story (in same issue) claims that Winchell doesn't read books, he merely demands "Tell me what's in it, don't make me read it." Bet he didn't take Hst. 103 either.

According to his broadcasts, it seems to me, that the "latterday" statesman could bring us out of the present mess if FDR was president, George Washington (of Valley Forge fame) his field general and W. W. his Sec. of State. G. D. I.

Dear Sir:

Could you indicate the theme of the Dinner Hour Concert? (KASH, Mon, thru Sat. 5 p.m.)

John Gamiles

Answer: "Twilight" It's a Capitol recording of specially arranged theme music for opening and closing a program. The artist is unknown.