

Something New in '55

There'll be a new men's dorm—but it won't be ready before 1955.

The dormitory, to be located facing John Straub, is included in present University planning for future construction. Physical plant men are already surveying the area, and hope to give the survey to the architects in a week.

Finances for the dorm will come from dorm bill proceeds, since state funds are not available, University Business Manager J. O. Lindstrom has explained. Lindstrom said the University would like to have the state legislature appropriate funds, but this does not seem to be its policy.

Although Susan Campbell and Hendricks Hall were financed by state taxes, John Straub and Carson Hall, the latest dormitory, were supported by dormitory proceeds.

Critics of deferred living have complained of an inadequate dormitory setup, and of a poor men's dorm physical setup—that is, the vets' dorms. (Eugene Fire Marshal Lester Barker says the vets' dorms fall below the minimum fire requirements of the city building code.)

Some of these critics say that freshman men, not allowed to live in a fraternity their first school year, are "relegated" to the vets' dorms.

A new men's dorm would do a lot to provide better dormitory facilities for freshman and upperclass men, but purely physical reasons prevent its being ready before fall term, 1955.

It will take about a year to complete preliminary and final plans and get necessary approval, Lindstrom said, and approximately 18 months to build the structure. (Plus the time in unforeseen delays which always seem to occur in large-scale construction projects.)

So it is hoped that the new men's dormitory will be ready by Sept. 1, 1955, but it won't be available earlier.

Lindstrom said preliminary plans should be submitted to the state board of higher education for approval by approximately May 1 of this year if everything goes as planned.

The new dormitory will have an estimated capacity of 300, and will cost about \$1,250,000, Lindstrom stated. Bonds will be paid off by dormitory receipts over a period of 30 years. And what of the vets' dorms?

It is possible that they will be torn down, I. I. Wright, physical plant superintendent, said. However, an expected increase in enrollment by 1955 will probably require their continued use as men's dorms, according to Lindstrom, unless the state should provide funds for dormitory facilities in addition to the dorm proceeds-supported new men's dormitory.—A. K.

Special Report on: Germany

Dusseldorf-Gerreheim, Germany
Feb. 8, 1953.

Ten million Germans have been driven from their homes in the former German territories east of the Oder-Neisse line, the Sude-tenland, the Soviet zone and Southeast Europe, since the war. And now the arrests, victimization, persecution and shortages in communist dominated East Germany are causing a great new wave of refugees to pour into West Berlin.

The influx, which is running at double the rate of last year, is seriously shaking the structure of the Federal Republic. The mounting wave of destitute humanity is adding to the already overcrowded condition in Western Germany, which ever since 1945 has had to support the ten million. Hundreds of

Excerpts from a letter to the Emerald from Gunther Barth, foreign student who attended the University last year.

thousands of them are miserably existing in mass camps.

The Jewish refugees coming to Berlin from communist anti-Semitism in East Berlin and East Germany report that the persecution closing in on them in the East is classic anti-Semitism. They don't feel they're being hunted only because of the Zionist question. They uniformly say that they are fleeing because they are certain the worst is coming. They believe the future for those who remain behind will be Soviet concentration camps.

The Soviet organized persecution of Jews in East Ger-

many gives a new angle to the arrest of the seven Nazi conspirators by the British occupation authorities recently.

As there is no official British report of the investigation published so far, there is much speculation about the reason for the arrests. One source says that the British high commissioner tried to warn former high ranking Nazis that the West is not willing to adopt Nazi practices, even if the East is adding now to its concentration camps the organized anti-Semitism.

Nevertheless, this explanation didn't abolish the rumor that the action was taken to paralyze the Near East activities of certain German export firms and their trade with Arab countries, especially Egypt. These companies had reestablished their old relations with the Arab world.

The College Crowd

Campus Headlines Elsewhere

By Rae Thomas

A fraternity man at the University of Oklahoma thinks you can carry this "tradition business" too far. He complained to a student court that after his pinning, fraternity brothers tossed him into a pool and assaulted and injured him. They said the dousing was a post-pinning tradition.

The student also complained that his "friends" took his clothes and left him in the pool. "I had to walk five blocks to the house in wet underwear," he said. "I was very embarrassed." Poor dear.

An enterprising student at Brigham Young is slowly stealing the library—page by page. This fellow takes a book of his choice, his little knife, and slices all the pages right out of its cover! Then he puts the empty cover back in its proper place and escapes with his unbound spoil!

A fraternity at the University of Michigan was fined \$500 and placed on social probation till June by a disciplinary committee recently. The fraternity appealed the amount of the fine but to no avail. In addition to the fine the president, vice president and so-

cial chairman were told to resign and members of the fraternity were warned that a more severe penalty would result if there were any further misconduct.

Although this fine is a steep one, it is not the largest ever handed out at Michigan. One House was fined \$2,000 and placed on social probation following a drinking party in 1950. Some party.

At University of Washington 350 fraternity pledges helped Seattle with its March of Dimes program. The Houses have a public service system aimed at raising public respect for fraternities. And it seems to work.

Last week, at Washington, big names included Louis Jordan, Stan Kenton and Nat King Cole. John Scott, noted foreign correspondent and Time assistant publisher spoke. And the Julliard String quartet gave a concert. No time for classes—obviously.

An Austin parked on the University of California campus had 18 minutes left on the meter.

Immediately behind the Austin and in the same section with the same 18 minutes on the meter, was another small foreign car. A few students watched when a

policeman arrived. They saw him look the situation over, shrug his shoulders and leave. The space had been paid for and was being occupied.

Two University of Chicago students flunked a counterfeiting course last week. The two students and the wife of one of them were held by police who found 10 \$10 bills—some still wet, in one of the boy's room at his fraternity house. At the other's apartment they found a small printing press and bathroom walls splattered with green ink. The boys told the Secret Service Agent that they "needed money to complete their schooling."

Proof that college presidents don't read campus editions was given by Michigan's president who said at his send-off party: "I'm still amazed that anything so big as this could be planned with me on campus and not aware of it." The paper of the day before, carried three front page columns of party plans, and one inch headlines announcing "Surprise Party for Hannah".

A bookstore at Chicago sells used books by the pound. "Our annual clearance of miscellaneous used books. Broken sets, odd volumes, tag ends of private libraries, damaged volumes, items of obscure interest . . ." I own 15 pounds of obscure interest.

A little white mouse which has been missing for nearly three years from the Psych building at Minnesota has turned up as a big snow white rat in front of the place.

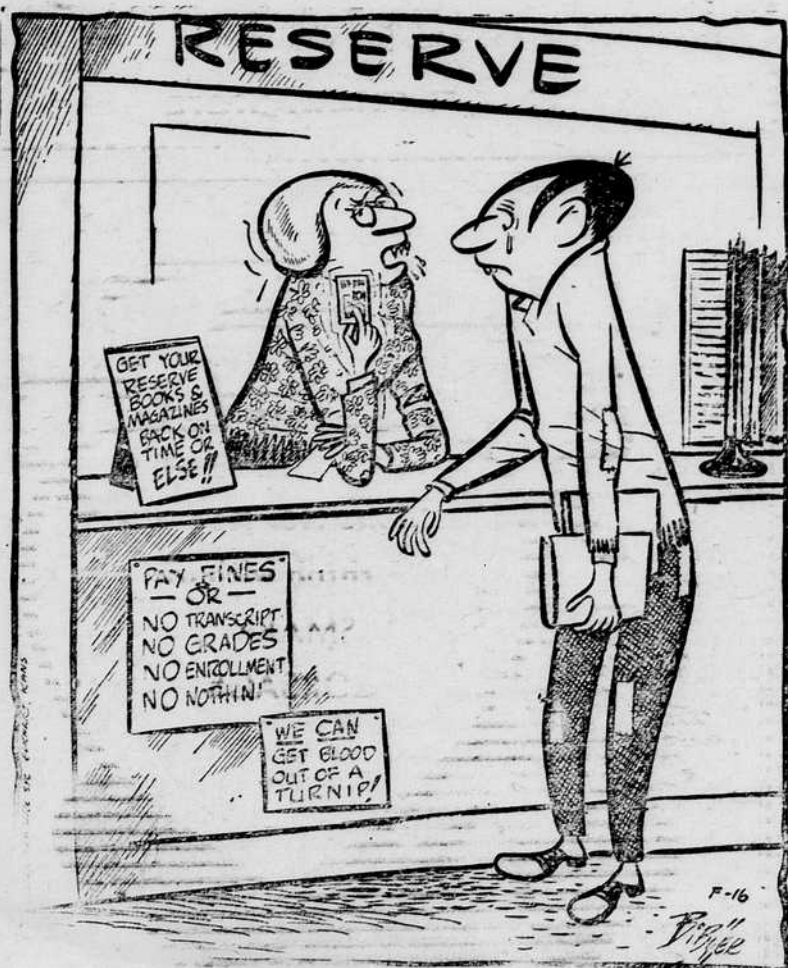
One of the grad students who claimed he discovered it said:

"This particular animal had been missing for nearly three years. At the time it was rumored the rat had left in protest against working conditions in the laboratory. We do not know why he came back. Perhaps he felt more able to protect his rights now, especially since he has grown so."

No one, however, could coax the animal to come into the building. No wonder.

The University of Washington Daily, in a romantic mood, chose its "ideal couple" on campus. The lucky duo consists of the guy who kicks points after touch-downs and the guy who holds the ball.

Goodbye, Ol' Breakage Fee



"Two days overdue means fifteen dollars—did you ever stop to think that some other student might like to read this June, 1908 issue too.?"

notes to the editor

As I read the account of Mortimer Adler's address in the Oregonian, Feb. 11, I was shocked at his viewpoint. Quote: ". . . all that man does is to make something out of something else by changing it in some way . . . art always and everywhere imitates nature."

And to the young artists everywhere I say, so long as you persist in imitating nature you are under Plato's condemnation of art. You are wasting your time.

Art, to be art, must express something of the mind and spirit of man himself, and it need not reproduce anything in nature at all. All the forms and mediums are merely vehicles used to express the mind's own conception of beauty and of order. This beauty and this order exist in the mind alone. It is a characteristic of the human mind. There is no beauty and there is no order in nature.

Let's get this through our

heads and stop imitating nature without knowing what our purpose is beyond imitation. Our purpose is to translate on canvas, paint, stone, music, etc. that concept of beauty, and that idea of order, which we have developed in our minds, if we have developed one.

E. Narro
Albany, Oregon

(We'll have to go out in the ugly forest and think this one over.)

SNERD PRESENTED BERGEN (or The Barnacle Who Described the Boat)

So few points ooshed into such a thick line, propped up verbal facade

Mortimer Adler the voice was heard,

the mind behind was Mortimer Snerd

(name withheld by request) (?)



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