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## Must Books Burn?

Why must we resort to the folly of past generations and ages? Why do we have to "burn" our books, like bridges behind us? Senator McCarthy didn't start something new when he purged the contents of our State Department's overseas libraries. He was continuing a destruction of books that began as far back as the Greek civilization.

We need not analyze the basic reasons for repetition of book-burnings. The important thing is to realize the consequences of such action. The early advances by McCarthy have already spread into unofficial, local vigilantes setting themselves up as censorship committees. Books, such as Robin Hood, that have no relationship to communism as we fear it today, have been demanded burned.

Hitler's book-burners of 1933 were careful, at least, to select only books whose content was objectionable. American book-burners have burned books on the basis of the author's political behavior, not on their content. Why should all of a man's writings be destroyed because he has been or is affiliated with some form of communism? Should not each of his writings be considered as to its own effect? And who should make the decisions?

It is a fact that many books banned by Hitler's storm-troopers are banned today in the United States. Why should such books as Thomas Mann's "The Magic Mountain," Tom Paine's "Selected Works," Albert Einstein's "Theory of Relativity" and Helen Keller's "Why I Became a Socialist" be twice committed to the fire?

Students, being in the process of absorbing knowledge, have a right to question book-burning. Here on campus an opinion has been offered in the form of a protest. Several members of Sigma hall recently formed a four-man group calling themselves "the committee." A number of hearings have been held by this group with the purpose of criticizing book-burning. Their motto is "Burn a book a day to keep the radicals away." So far they have concentrated upon burning magazines, but this is the type of joking that must be taken seriously.

This brings into the picture a famous English poet, John Milton, of whom at least Introduction to Literature students are familiar. Milton left his poetry long enough to write a journalistic essay, now about 300 years old, condemning the censorship of books. His essay, entitled "Areopagitica," claims a need for society to consider "vice with all her baits," so that evil can be distinguished from good.

"Knowledge and survey of vice is in this world so necessary to the constituting of human virtue and the scanning of error to the confirmation of truth, (that) how can we more safely, and with less danger, scout into the regions of sin more safely than by reading . . . and hearing all manner of reason."

We do not want to be weighted down with the burden of being able to learn only one side of every issue. Book-burning destroys the principle of freedom to read and judge for oneself. We should demand the right to read all that there is to read. Then, we can make our own decisions. (R.M.)

## Bells! Bells! Bells!



"I wish Snarf would seat this guy farther away from th' bell—He gets mad as heck when he's waked up suddenly."

# Campus Merry-Go-Round

by Mary Egan

Emerald Living Organizations Editor

### At Alpha Chi Omega . . .

Pinnings, engagements, and weddings have been revealed by the Alpha Chi's. They include the late fall term pinnings of Mary Whitaker to Carl Weidman, an Alpha Sigma Phi at Stanford, and Lucia Knepper to Walt Meihoff, Beta. A recent pinning is Robin Rummery to Ken Carnahan, Chi Psi.

The engagement of Rosemary Hampton to Gary Meredith, Chi Psi, was recently announced, as was the marriage of Sonia Fett to Dave Moore, Kappa Sig.

### At Alpha Delta Pi . . .

From the ADPi house, recently pinned were Myrla Thomas and Bob Dean, Campbell club, and Jackie Pond and Max Pierce, Chi Psi.

A bride-to-be is Mary Louise Hudson, who announced her engagement to Curt Bale, former Delta Sigma Phi at Oregon State now in Maryland with the Army. Joyie Balch also revealed her matrimonial plans to Don Van Buskirk, Sigma Nu.

### At Alpha Gamma Delta . . .

Wedding bells chimed for the following Alpha Gams: Gail Abbott to Max Ingerson, Phi Psi; Olga Eide to Michael Callahan, also a Phi Psi; Billie Harnden to Jim Monson and Fern Lyon to Joe Petestio, a graduate of the University of Portland.

The house has also been buzzing with news of the engagements and pinnings of Mary Baxter to Kappa Sig Ensign Dick Hanke, an Oregon grad of last spring who is now stationed in Athens, Georgia; Lorraine Fowler, to Al Bailey, a Sigma Nu; Roberta Matson to Jim Hutton; and Pat Rice to Bob Johnson, Phi Psi.

After Christmas an anchor was tied around the hearts of two Alpha Gams. Tammy Breese announced her engagement to Art Woodman, USN, now stationed in San Diego; and Marlene Dunk is wearing the 1953 miniature class ring of Annapolis graduate, Ensign Donald B. Smith. To complete the list is Betty Perkey, wearing the ring of Curt Wiberg, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, now enrolled at the University of Washington.

### At Alpha Omicron Pi . . .

Changing their names from Miss to Mrs. were AOPi's Felicia Holter, who married John Marshall, Chi Psi; Madge Barnes, who married Tom Bushman, SAE; and Ann Yeager, who wed Hap Taylor, Sigma Chi now at Fort Ord.

Engaged are Shirley Dunning and Dave Lenz, Theta Chi; Diana Starr and Dick Kesson, Theta Chi and Diane Gillespie and Gene Beauchamp, Phi Psi.

Abbie Andres accepted the pin of Dick Scott, Theta Xi at Oregon State. Jackie Myatt is wearing the pin of Max Schaffer, Sigma Nu graduate student.

### At Chi Omega . . .

Two Chi O's have joined the ranks of the betrothed. They are Allison LeRoux to Russ Sara, ATO and Barbara Thompson, freshman, to Craig Weatherford, D. U.

### At Delta Zeta . . .

From the DZ house come the announcements of the marriage of Sharon Anderson to Jim Wooden, Pi Kap; Boots Korn to David Ryan, Sigma Nu at the University of Nevada; Jacquie Larrios to Art Orlando and Joyce Langdon to Sig Ep Ed Tyler.

Additions to the "engaged set" are Pat Mullen and Bill Rock, and Joan Chandler and Earl Fowler, Lambda Chi, now stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Pinned recently were Judy Johnson to TKE Lee Tucker, and Margie Harris to Jim Puscas, SAE.

### At Gamma Phi Beta . . .

Eight Gamma Phi's recently were elected to hold house offices. They are Cathy Olson, chapter president; Margaret Ednie, house president; Edna Humiston, vice-president; Jo Hodler, recording secretary; Pat Marden, corresponding secretary; Pat Beard, treasurer; Sally MacIntyre, rushing chairman and Beth Ann Dicks, pledge trainer.

Transferring this term from the University of Washington was Nancy Murrow, who is engaged to John Gruelich, Phi Delt. Added to the list of engagements is that of Pat Haggerty to Don Sump, Alpha Gamma Rho at Oregon State.

Recent pinnings include Corkie Horton to Alan Oppliger, Sig Ep; Sally MacIntyre to Jerry Trask, Phi Psi, and Beth Ann Dicks to Joe Erkenbrecher, also a Phi Psi.

Pledge Nana Foss was married to Fred Looper, Chi Psi pledge, during the Christmas holidays.

### At Kappa Kappa Gamma . . .

From the Kappa house comes the news of the engagements of Dimpy Spaulding and Robert Morris, Chi Psi; Sue Riddlesbarger and John Farrel, Phi Delt, and Becky Fort and Craig Birstow, Beta.

Now joined in the ranks of the pinned are Janet Gustafson and Gene Lewis, Phi Delt, Jill Hutchings and Martin Brandenfels, Phi Delt, and pledge Judy Jean Pierce and Dick Bronovich, Sigma Chi.

### At Philadelphia House . . .

Ken Wallin and Harold Long were chosen president and vice-president respectively during special elections held recently.

### At Rebec House . . .

Judith Harris has announced her engagement to Douglas Lynd.

### At Sigma Alpha Mu . . .

Sigma Alpha Mus' wheel of activities have spun round and round, as two of the Sammys announced their engagements. Ted Rubenstein became engaged to Davia Saul of Portland last term, while Jerry Nudelman announced his engagement on Christmas Eve to Shirley Soble, Phi Sigma Sigma.

### At Sigma Kappa . . .

Rings and things seem to be occupying the minds of Sigma Kappa women, for these engagements have been announced since the Christmas holidays: Barbara Wilcox to Bob Kennedy, Delt now in the Army;

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## CAMPUS BRIEFS

● The Student Union movie committee will meet in the Student Union at 4 p. m. today, Barbara Wilcox, chairman, has announced.

● The petition deadline for the Women's Recreation association carnival chairmanships has been extended, according to Mary Jordan, president of the group. Petitions are due Monday at 5 p. m. at the cage in the women's locker room at Gerlinger hall.

● A "snow trip" will be sponsored by the Outing club of the Women's Recreation association on Feb. 7. Girls wishing to participate should meet today at 12:30 in the WRA room in Gerlinger hall, where more information on the trip will be available, according to Nina Edwards, Outing club president.

● Members of Orides will meet at noon today in the Student Union. All members are urged to attend.

## Campus Calendar

4:00 Movie Com 302 SU  
Fri at 4 Fishbowl SU  
7:45 SU Cof Hr Brs rm SU



LONGHAIRS . . . you who are deep in misty realms, surrounded by shadows and listening to the drip-drop of forgotten mountain streams. You can come out now—"Tawny" is here, ah, the girl you'll think of when you hear this music! . . . CAPITOL.

You're on a rushing, speeding train going far away into the night. You sit alone and listen to the roar of the train, the steady clackety-clack, the lonely whistle calling into the night. The train, speeding along on its destination . . . "RAIL DYNAMICS" . . . something new in 3-dimensional sound. A COOK LABORATORY RECORD.

Also coming in . . . the actual sounds of a birth of a baby. In case you're interested.

SPECIAL . . . imported from the Islands, Arthur Godfrey specials. UKELELES at \$2.98. Good little ukes. A bargain at \$2.98. You can't be a hit without a Uke. How would it sound? "Oh, Sweet Mama," dee la le dee "tree-top tall." (by the Mariners on Columbia)

### TOP FIVE HIT PARADE THIS WEEK:

1. O My Papa, Eddie Fisher;
2. Thats Amore, Dean Martin;
3. Rags to Riches, Tony Bennett;
4. Changing Partners, Pattie Page;
5. Stranger in Paradise, Tony Bennett.

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