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—A Day at the Zoo—

Moosela Dreams of Lover As Chi Zebra Sisters Sing

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Once upon a time in the far West, after the Indians and b'ars had been muscled out, Chi Zebra chapter of The Best Damned Sorority North of Biloxi built a chapter house. The chapter house looked like the Parthenon would have looked if the Parthenon had had red shutters and a fire escape.

It was built next to a slough full of evil brown water. This slough was a Campus Tradition and an Alumni Memory, and was accumulating a salt content rivaling that of the



Dead Sea. Across the slough from the Chi Zebra house was a fraternity house full of ardent youths held back only by the brackish waters and rotten boards in the only connecting bridge.

Upon this physical set-up was imposed the figure of Moosela, a Chi Zebra pledge. About the only thing that could be said about Moosela's appearance was that when you looked someplace hoping something was there, it wasn't. Moosela had about as much personality as you can have without having yourself confused with a night crawler; and her IQ was latent, and then some.

Nevertheless, Chi Zebra had reached out from behind its white pillars and pledged Moosela. As the house president had said: "We don't pledge for looks. We don't pledge for personality. We don't pledge for activities. Sister, we pledge for MONEY." And Moosela, it must be revealed, was loaded with coin upon which the sovereign had placed a stamp and declared to be Legal Tender.

For a time nothing happened at the sorority which wouldn't have happened if Moosela hadn't been there, except that everyone ate better. Moosela sat around tendering her legal tender to the house manager, and everyone grew to love her. Then one night the Chi Zebras carted out all the furniture, hung the white pillars with crepe paper, and declared it to be a House Dance.

The night was full of magic and what the orchestra tried to convince the dancers was music. Moosela, swathed in gold lame, was attended by one of the ardent members from the fraternity across Memory Slough. How she got the date, no one knew; but there was a nasty rumor abroad that Some Men Can be Bought.

Whether this escort was one of those men or not is immaterial; he began to feel, very shortly, that if he could be bought, his price hadn't been named yet. Moosela was a dancer in the same way a circus elephant is a dancer, only faster and more imaginative. For the first time in his young life, her escort realized that there is a place in the fox trot where your partner jumps up and down three times, jerks you off your feet in some sort of a judo move, and then impales you upon a chandelier.

Between getting down off the chandelier and avoiding being jumped on, Moosela's partner spent a very busy evening. But Moosela observed none of this. In the windy passages of her mind a light was kindling, and the

light is what in the higher animals is known as Love.

It was perhaps unfortunate that just at the moment the flamed lept from infatuation into devotion, one of the chandeliers failed to impale the fraternity man, and he rather neatly broke out a window and landed in the Slough.

Moosela arrived at the water's edge just in time to see True Love floating slowly westward down the Slough. He waved languidly, it was reported, then drifted around the bend.

Thereafter, Moosela's life was a waiting kind of life. She was sure that somewhere he had drifted to shore, and would come back, or at least call. Every night at dinner the sisters sang his fraternity song to Moosela, and she would giggle and hide her face in her napkin.

She spent her nights embroidering pillow-cases which said "MOOSELA AND _____" she had never gotten his name. In the daytime she occasionally dragged the Slough with a big net.

He never came back. Someone said he had drifted out to sea and been torpedoed during the war. Someone else heard that he had gotten plugged up in the pipe which constituted the Slough's outlet. Moosela never believed these rumors, even when the current in the Slough completely stopped shortly after his disappearance.

There were other house dances. There were other ardent young men who could be bought. But Moosela walked alone, dragging her net, change jingling.

After the three millionth dinner at which the fraternity song had been sung and Moosela had giggled into the dessert, she died of old age. They dried her and put her on the mantel between the scholarship cup and a picture of the founders.

The irony of the whole thing was, that three days after she died, he drifted back to shore right next to the Chi Zebra house. They found out that his name was Jim.

Other Sports Get Notice

Baseball and track take the spotlight during spring term, but there are a couple of other varsity sports which deserve notice. When we're looking for games to watch let's not discount golf and tennis.

Sid Milligan's varsity golf team has done a top job this season, working into a position to take the dual meet championship for the sixth straight year. The golf men walked over Seattle last weekend to avenge their only dual competition loss in 1954.

The tennis squad, coached by Capt. Robert Laurence, has matched wins and losses in Northern Division competition this season with a 2-2 record. The webfooted angels of the courts have been beaten only by Oregon State and defending champion Washington. Oregon has won the only dual match championship that Washington hasn't copped. In 17 seasons Washington has won 16 championships.

The golf and tennis matches are something for which to watch. The next matches in both sports are scheduled for May 15 against Oregon State. How about a big turnout to show the cowards we back all our sports?

The big day for sports is May 22, a day to make up for lost time. Besides a Oregon-OSC baseball game in the afternoon there will be the Northern Division golf championships and the Northern Division tennis championships held here in Eugene. There will even be a football scrimmage to catch your attention. Sports will be king, even golf and tennis.—(R.M)

From History to Grammar

Would you like to spend as much as 10 hours a week teaching high school students about the American revolution or correct English usage? On top of your regular college courses that is.

A lot of prospective teachers on campus are doing that. And spending more time preparing lesson plans and doing extra-curricular activities in connection with their teaching.

The student teachers are often criticized. Some people go so far as to say they give their pupils only a "practice education." We disagree. We think they're doing an excellent job without any publicity.

These student teachers work hard—they're usually too busy for any extra-curricular activities during the term they teach. In fact they're usually too busy for most anything.

And without realizing it, the University has in these teachers an excellent public relations staff. They're popular with their students — some of them even more popular than the regular classroom teacher. And they have influence with these high school students they teach.

We know of at least two Eugene high school girls who have come to Oregon because one of their practice teachers was so enthusiastic over the school.

We've been guilty of laughing at "that cinch course. All you have to do is give high school kids a test once in awhile." We're sorry we did. It's hard work and these students are doing a lot to help increase Oregon's enrollment.—(J.W.)

This is a System?



"Oh, I wouldn't worry about passing this course—as long as I'm grading by the curve system."

SU Board to Elect New Officers Today

The Student Union board will elect officers for next year at its meeting today at 4 p. m. in the board room. Also on the agenda for the meeting are:

- Introduction of new board members
- Selection of public relations chairman
- Creative arts workshop discussion
- Directorate chairman's report
- Special events report
- Approval of personnel committee members

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Deadline for items for this column is at 4 p.m. the day prior to publication.

● The YWCA cabinet will meet at noon Wednesday in Gerlinger hall, according to Sally Stadelman, publicity chairman.

● The Order of the "O" will meet Wednesday noon at Sigma Chi, according to Doug Clement, president. Freshman traditions violators will be discussed.

● Alpha Delta Sigma will meet tonight at 7 in the Student Union, according to President Dick Carter.

● Sub-chairmen for the all-campus luncheon will meet at 4 p. m. today in the Student Union, according to Corky Horton and Marcia Hodgson, co-chairmen.

Kwamas Selling Life, Time, Fortune

Special student rate subscriptions to Time, Life, Fortune and an as yet unnamed sports magazine are now being sold by the members of Kwama, sophomore women's service honorary. Money obtained from the sale will go to scholarships awarded annually by the honorary.

One year student subscriptions to Time cost \$3, a saving of \$3; Life is \$4, a saving of \$2.75, and Fortune is \$7.50, \$2.50 under the regular price.

Faculty subscription rates are the same for Life and Fortune, with Time costing \$4.75.

The subscriptions are sold on a start now, pay later basis. They do not have to be paid for until after the subscriber has received the first issues.

Students and faculty members interested in subscribing to the magazines should contact any Kwama member.

Social Calendar

Wednesday Desserts
Campbell Club — Alpha Chi Omega
Phi Gamma Delta — Chi Omega

READ EMERALD CLASSIFIEDS

All-Campus Sing
Mac Court
May 15 8 p. m.
Admission 85c

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