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## CAMPUS COMMENT

### Columnist Sketches Student Actress' Life

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She stands in the wings. "She" is the bit player or the supporting actress or the lead or the stagehand or the property assistant or one of the many other people needed to put on the show. She stands in the wings and watches the action upon the stage. Sometimes she is a little breathless and sometimes a little sad. And sometimes she laughs (although she is living with the people on the stage. If a line is missed or a cue forgotten, she feels the embarrassment of it as much as the person in error. She stands in the wings, often smiling whimsically at her favorite scene although she has seen it so many times before. Through the whole run, though, she will never tire of watching the play. If she is a performer, she will not leave her place in the wings until moments before her entrance cue is given. And if she is part of the crew, she will not miss watching any part of the performance. At the end of each act she will stand offstage, critically listening to the applause, to analyze its temper and its volume. Is it enthusiastic or is it polite? It matters very greatly to her and she discusses it seriously,

for the audience's reaction is, in a way, her very reason for existence. And as she stands there in the wings, she will know that it was worth all of the time and all of the effort. She is no different from the thousands who have preceded her in this profession. But it is not yet a profession for her, for she is only a student doing this without pay or any kind of remuneration, except perhaps one—she has done a play. And here, in the University Theater, as in any Broadway theater or any country playhouse, closing night is very sad. She will cry or else come very near to it. And everyone will pretend to be so happy, (and yet nostalgia is very quick and they know that the play is done.) She will help to strike the scenery and laugh at the parody and be happy at the cast party. She will go on designing sets, and rehearsing, and learning, and trying out for parts, and doing all those things that must be done. She perhaps is aware that many students do not know of her work. She knows, but doesn't mind, that many fail to know of the midnight hours, the worry, the work, the frustrations, and the tiredness that are hers. She knows, but she doesn't mind, for her appreciation is where she wants it—in the applauding audience. And so she will go on in the empty days that follow the closing of her play with nothing to do but wait for the next one.



### Post Mortem

We viewed the announcement that Pi Kappa Phi is to close with mixed emotions; in some ways it appears to be nothing but an unhappy event, in others it may not be so bad.

The case in question appears to have been a case of bad timing since the group came on campus only shortly before the advent of deferred living, which may or may not be a bad thing, but which certainly weakens the competitive position of the smaller organizations.

We think the passing of a campus fraternity also points up another element in campus life—that the doctrine of the survival of the fittest can be applied to the great fraternal ratrace. Men's rushing, whether held fall or winter term, has always appeared to us as a jungle in which the small can only stand by while the large has its way.

There is another light in which to view the passing of a campus fraternity. It's too bad to see a potential source of housing for the expected enrollment increase of the next ten years vanish, but it may be that the Oregon campus cannot now support the large number of fraternities it currently has.

Certainly the precarious position of the house during the current school year described by the president of Pi Kappa Phi was not pleasant for the members of the group. Just as certainly, the "weak links" in the fraternity system have added little to that system and are just as well removed.

The door has been left open by Student Affairs for the fraternity's return to the campus in the future, so maybe this more or less pleasant thought should be the only one retained in the midst of an unfortunate situation.

### It's Up To Us

Now is a good time to start thinking about asking your high school friends down for Duck Preview. Many of them will be in Eugene for the state basketball tournament next week, and when you're taking a coffee break between finals, it would be a good idea to talk to your high school acquaintances about coming down next month and taking a look at the University.

For those whose alma maters won't be represented in the tourney, you might drop your high school friends a line this week

or try and see them during spring vacation.

Freshmen especially should try and get ahold of their high school friends. They should still have contacts in the high school.

Duck Preview, scheduled for April 22 and 23 this year, is when the University puts its best foot forward to show high school seniors from all over the state just what it does have to offer.

And as the state's leading liberal arts institution, the University has a lot to offer. We can't offer those planning to become engineers, agriculturalists, or foresters as much as the sister institutions, but in the liberal arts fields we've got considerably more to offer.

Take the time to write or visit your old friends. Remember, the quality of next year's freshman class depends to a large extent on our efforts this year.

### UO "Blue Book"

The ASUO senate at its last meeting gave unanimous approval to an ASUO "Blue Book," patterned in part after the Oregon Blue Book issued by the Secretary of State.

Distribution of the book will be to members of the senate, ASUO cabinet, presidents of living organizations, and other campus leaders. Secondly, and we believe more important, however, the booklet will also be available to individual interested students.

Included in the mimeographed booklet will be the constitutions, rules, and by-laws of "major campus governing groups," as well as financial accounts of those groups which receive funds from the Student Union and Educational Activities budget.

Accounts for the various campus weekends held the year before will also be included, as will the budgets of the various groups for the current school year.

The motion, authored and introduced by ASUO vice-president Hollis Ransom, included a provision for evaluation of the booklet at the end of winter term.

Responsibility for the booklet's publication will rest with the ASUO president. The motion passed by the senate calls for publication during the sixth week of Fall term.

The work will be a monumental undertaking, for the material to be gathered is voluminous and complex, but it should be a valuable addition to campus government in that it will provide ready access to this hitherto widely-scattered material.

## INTERPRETING THE NEWS

### German Political Crisis Is Threat To Rearmament Implementation

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The political crisis in Germany following Bundestag passage of the Saar treaty, an appendage of the whole plan for Western European Union, bodes ill for actual implementation of rearmament when the enabling measures come up.

The coalition cabinet through which Chancellor Adenauer exercises control has suddenly become very shaky as the result of divisions within minority parties during the voting. There is a chance Adenauer will lose the Free Democrats entirely, or enough of them to seriously damage his voting margin over the Socialists.

The Socialists threaten to obstruct by every means possible the implementation of the new treaties, trying to hold rearmament at bay while they hope some sort of negotiations with Russia might obviate the necessity for it.

The German government is in

a far more difficult position now than results in the United States when, after Congress has authorized some action, new opposition threatens to kill off the appropriations for it.

In addition to ordinary enabling measures, changes must also be made in the German constitution, and these will require a two-thirds vote. Of 465 votes, Adenauer received only 263 Sunday night on the Saar issue.

Rearmament itself is vastly more popular with the Bundestag members. It not only means a return to at least part of the power of a great nation, but also is accompanied by restoration of international autonomy which will come with the end of Allied occupation. Germany will become a partner rather than an associate on a leash, although vestigial controls will still be felt in some matters.

In fact, supporters of the idea of a complete economic and political association of the Western European nations feel that it

must be pursued more industriously than ever with creation of the military alliance.

The great political factor in establishment of the European Coal and Steel Community was its recognition of international control over the fundamental ability to make war.

The Cold War with Russia, however, serves to emphasize that new forms of conflict are constantly being developed. In fact, one of the great fears of France, in addition to her fears of received German military might, is that the steps which are now being taken will start Germany toward economic dominance.

That's why Paris insisted on cementing her economic relationship with the Saar before agreeing to the new alliance.

Adenauer agreed because he felt the progress being made toward greater unity was worth the sacrifice. If anything happens to him, Europe will have lost one of its greatest advocates of "one Europe."

### Enrollment Problem



"You're flunking J 451 because the next term offering of J 451 doesn't have enough student enrollment."



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