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Sue Ralston, Future Bridegroom Have First 'Pinning Anniversary'

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Emerald Reporter

"We had our first anniversary yesterday—of our pinning, that is," explained the Kappa Kappa Gamma junior in her well-known slow drawl.

Dark-haired Sue Ralston and blond Nick Collins met during winter term last year in psych class. "There are too many anniversaries to remember," she said, "so we just keep track of our pinning, April 10."

Their engagement was announced Saturday night before winter term final week. Miss Ralston's mother had just returned from Hawaii and brought with her leis of tropical flowers inscribed with "Sue and Nick" for each guest at the party. Her unusual engagement ring is a star sapphire with diamonds on either side.

Planning an August wedding, the two will then drive east to Quantico, Va., where Collins will enter the Marines as a second lieutenant. He is graduating this spring in psychology. She plans to complete her remaining year in elementary education later.

The wedding will take place in Oswego, Miss Ralston's home town. Her lake front home has given her much opportunity to swim and water ski, which are



SUE RALSTON is pictured above shopping for china in one of Eugene's downtown stores. (Photo by Kitty Fraser)

her favorite sports. As an underclassman Miss Ralston spent much time in Amphibians, women's swimming honorary, and working in the YWCA.

Her china pattern is Wedgewood "Wild Oats" and her silver Kirk's "Repousse." "We picked them out together, of course," she beamed.

Brides Still Stick To Old Traditions

A modern miss may use the techniques of being chased until she catches her man, but once the altar is in sight she gives way to tradition. Wedding customs historically date back to the caveman days and stem from common social practices as well as superstition.

Even if the prospective bride forsakes "something old, something new, something borrowed, and something blue," the bridesmaids and best man are standard equipment. Both of these aids originated in the marriage-by-capture days.

Because the future in-laws were not always anxious to have their daughters dragged off by the hair, the groom was accompanied on his daring mission by several of his good-fighting buddies.

Coyness Not New

If contemporary cuties think that coyness is a new invention, they might learn the story of bridesmaids. In by-gone days, young maidens would band together, as soon as they were sure that one of them had successfully planted the marriage bug. They would further hinder the anxious suitor and his cohorts by dressing alike.

Honeymoons also revert to the sneak attack days. The new groom simply wanted to keep his bride out of sight until her parents cooled down.

Another Woman's Trick

The origin of the bridal shower comes for the story of a poor miller's daughter, who wished to marry the son of a wealthy landowner. Her dowry was insufficient, so her girl friends, wanting to see her make the good catch, contributed something to it.

Certain sects have developed rituals unto themselves. For instance, a Jewish couple drinks wine from the same glass indicating their sharing of whatever life will bring. Afterwards the groom crushes the glass with his heel, as a reminder that the tragedy of the Jewish persecution must not be forgotten even in moments of joy.

Still Superstitions

Although social customs have contributed the most to the present-day marriage ceremony, superstitions are also still adhered to. Among the most common are "Happy is the bride the sun shines on" and "Bad luck is in store for the bride who sees the groom on her wedding day."

A more unusual one is that a bride will be lucky if she sees a toad, spider, dove, or lamb on the way to the church; but if she encounters a pig, she should go home and start out again.

Whisper to Mule

Finally, if a girl is interested in catching a husband, she might try the gypsy girl's trick of whispering the question into the ear of the longest-eared mule she could find.

Should the mule shake his head vigorously, the girl can count on marriage within one year; if he nods, she has reason to become a bit doubtful; but if he does not move, she had better take to raising cats.

Phi Theta Sets Petition Deadline

Deadline for submitting petitions for membership in Phi Theta Upsilon, junior women's honorary, has been set for April 20. The petitions may be turned in to Germaine LaMarche at Susan Campbell or to Sally Ryan at Carson 3.

Requirements for the sophomore women petitioners are the completions of a minimum of 80 hours at the end of winter term and a minimum grade point average winter term of 2.4 accumulative GPA.

All activities are to be listed in the order of importance. No pictures are to be submitted with the petitions.

Regular ASUO petition forms, available in the ASUO petition box in the SU, may be used.

Kwama Issues Petition Call

Petitions for Kwama, sophomore women's service honorary, will be accepted until April 22, according to Helen Ruth Johnson, president. They may be turned in to Miss Johnson or any other Kwama member.

Only freshmen women with a 2.00 GPA or above are eligible to petition. A picture must accompany each petition, as well as a list of activities. The standard ASUO petition blank may be used, but suggestions may be disregarded.

Women to Have WUS Car Wash

All faculty members, men students and townspeople are urged to participate in the annual World University Service-sponsored car wash, to be held Thursday afternoon from 1 to 5 p.m.

Women's houses will be paired to wash the cars. Each wash job will cost \$1, with the money to be contributed to the WUS fund.

Pi Beta Phi, Sigma Kappa and Zeta Tau Alpha are paired to

wash the cars in front of Sigma Kappa. Kappa Alpha Theta, Alpha Xi Delta and Chi Omega will wash cars at Chi Omega.

Delta Zeta and Delta Delta Delta will be at Delta Delta Delta, Alpha Phi and Gamma Phi Beta are paired, to wash cars at Gamma Phi Beta. Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Omicron Pi and Delta Gamma will be at Alpha Omicron Pi.

Amphibians Select Theme for Show

"Bon Voyage" will be theme for this year's water show given by members of Amphibians, women's swimming honorary.

Performances will be given April 27, 28 and 29, and will be at 8 p.m. in the men's pool. Tickets will be fifty cents each and will be on sale at the box office at the show, and from members of the sponsoring group.

Faith Johnston Judges Bon Marche Contest

Faith Johnston, assistant professor of home economics, was a judge Saturday, April 9, for the Bon Marche sew-it-yourself contest. Thirty-nine contestants modeled their outfits made with material purchased at the Bon Marche. First prize was a Pfaff sewing machine.

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