

# + EMERALD EDITORIALS +

## Some Comfort

The editorial which we reprint below is directed at the few; the few fraternities which have realized that their "good acts make their University appear better to the public."

These fraternities have taken what we feel is an important step, but we're afraid that they aren't totally aware of this. Of the seven fraternities which have sponsored Help Week projects, several weren't quite sure just what they were. And several we know of also conduct a Hell Week, not necessarily restricted to the chapter house, as has been the unwritten law of the Interfraternity council.

Sigma Phi Epsilon and Alpha Tau Omega have been yearly leaders in the Help Week projects. The Sig Ep's have worked at Hendrick's park for the past two years, the ATO's at the Crippled Children's home. The Sigma Nu's, who were also involved in a Hell Week complaint, worked at the Pearl Buck school. Last year they built a fence around a part of the graveyard. The entire house of Delta Upsilon, pledges and members alike, helped the Lutherans clean up and move into their new church on E. 18th.

Three fraternities, Phi Delta Theta, Pi Kappa Phi and Sigma Chi, carried on "Help" projects last year, but are undecided on projects for this year. The Phi Del't's helped the Junior Service League at the Community Collection center; the Sigma Chi's cleared the land around the Crippled Children's school, and the Pi Kap's repaired toys at the Children's Hospital school.

Delta Tau Delta, which has previously had no community project, is planning one for next year.

Lest we be forgetting anyone, let us mention that Beta Theta Pi, Chi Psi, Kappa Sigma, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Kappa Sigma, Phi Sigma Kappa, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Alpha Mu, Tau Kappa Epsilon and Theta Chi have had no community projects.

The editorial below is not for them. (S.R.)

There appears a glimmering of hope that University students are letting themselves be mature. For years, this newspaper has printed reports of vandalism and outright destruction on the part of students going through the "pledge" routine. Other reports have told of inhuman treatment of pledges by upperclassmen who seem bent on depravity. One such report was that a pledge had been chained to a post in a field to spend the night in pouring rain. The boy, released by a farmer, was incoherent and in very poor condition.

Now, we hear that groups of pledges have turned "Hell Week" into "Help Week." Saturday morning, a group of initiates turned up at the Crippled Children's Hospital school to spend most of the day cleaning up, repairing and painting the school. Another group reported to Tex Matsler Thurs-

day and went to work clearing and burning brush at Hendricks park.

This is great. Perhaps it isn't as much fun for the upperclassmen who have heretofore racked their brains to think up devilment for the pledge. But these same upperclassmen must get a slight charge from the realization that these "good" acts make their University appear better to the public. And there just might be some comfort in the thought that an 18-year-old can be an adult.—Eugene Register-Guard.

## Fire-Eating Battle

A look at 1956 politics in Oregon shows that one safe prediction can be made for the state: residents will be treated to a red-hot fire-eating battle over the U.S. Senate seat now held by Wayne Morse. Everything points to it.

Although we are still in the dead of winter, 10 months away from the all-important general election, some politicking has already begun in the state. Wendell Wyatt, Republican state chairman, recently began stirring up opposition to Morse in speeches to county committees. They were too local to deserve much publicity, but the political ball was started rolling.

Wyatt charged that Morse has "one of the poorest records in the United States senate for effectiveness," using the percentage of bills introduced and later passed as a basis. His next slam was based on Morse's request for a pay raise for Congressmen in 1951, then a resistance to a bill giving them a \$7500 increase in 1955. He called the Senator a "hypocrite" for opposing the bill when supposedly he knew all along it would pass.

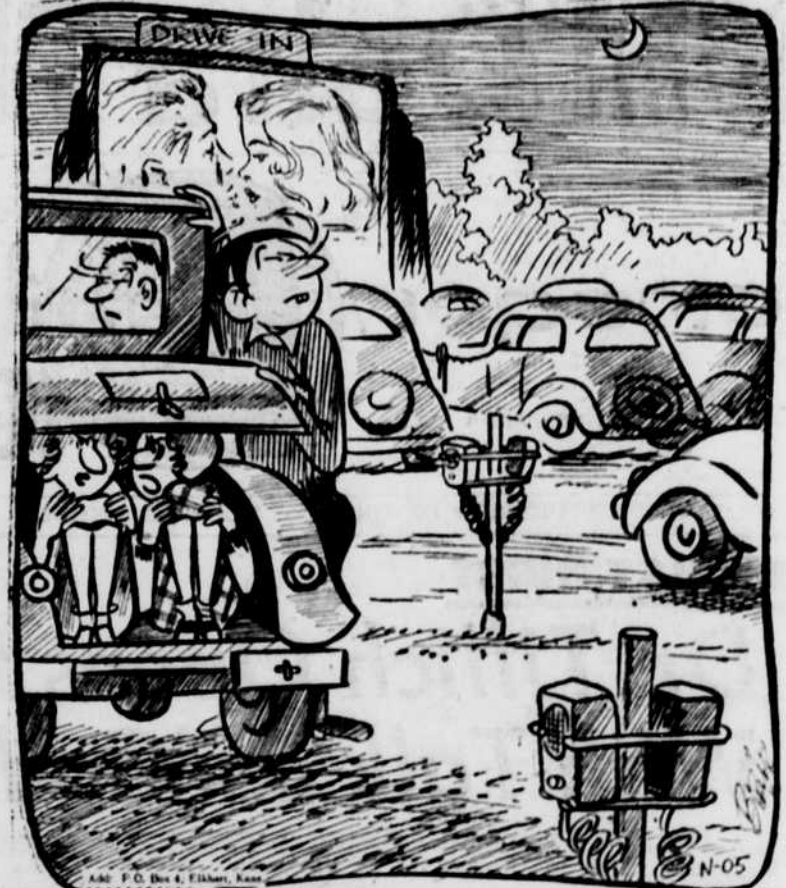
Now anybody who knows politics and government can pick out big holes in these arguments, but that is neither here nor there. It made good copy and, as we pointed out, helped get the ball rolling. The Republicans, despite outward optimism, know they are going to have to work like crazy to beat Morse, who maybe didn't lose as many votes as some people think by his party switch.

The Oregon Senate seat this year will likely be important nationally, as it was in 1954 when Neuberger's victory gave the Democrats a one-vote edge in the Senate. Republicans know this and are expected to send the state's top GOP figure, Governor Paul Patterson, against Morse.

To defeat Oregon's Morse, the Republicans will have to convince the people that he has not been good for the state over the past 12 years. They will have to show the voters that his adoption of the Democratic label has permanently branded him as unworthy of their confidence. These arguments they will have to put up against a long experience and the untouchable oratory talent of Morse.

But the final choice will be up to the people of Oregon, no matter how much the two sides smear each other. It ought to be a ding-dong battle.—(J.C.)

## Limited Funds?



"I THOUGHT YOU SAID FRATERNITY BOYS HAD MORE SPENDING MONEY?"

## THE LOOKING GLASS

# 'Chance Meeting' Affair Felt in Political Crisis

By Bob Davis  
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J. Arthur Rank has spun a modern Romeo and Juliet story by substituting the Monague and Capulet barrier to love with a phenomenon of the twentieth century, the cold war. The "Chance Meeting" title is of that of Anna and Ted who find themselves seated next to each other in a London theatre production of Swan Lake. The soulful Tschickowsky music hints at the stormy existence they are later to lead at hands of the suspicious participants in a world power struggle.

Anna is the daughter of an Iron Curtain foreign minister to England and Ted is a young Ivy League career officer in the United States foreign service. Their "chance meeting" touched off a love affair which was felt in the politics of two continents and grew to the proportions of an international crisis.

Love has little place in bureaucratic and security conscious foreign offices. When it was found that these unlikely lovers were seeing each other the conclusion was hastily reached that they were exchanging state secrets.

Odile Versios, the charming girl in "To Paris With Love," is wonderful as the girl who until she met Ted only knew of the bleakness and inhumanity

of living behind the Iron Curtain. She has that rare quality of extending physical beauty into something more wonderful and intangible through her expressions, vitality, smile, and all the things which make every person an individual. American audiences shall undoubtedly be seeing more of this talented actress.

Perhaps the timing is not always up to the usual Rank standard, but considered in all its aspects, "Chance Meeting" is well told. There are camera shots that linger too long and gaps of silence when the lovers just stare at each other, but these are really minor violations.

This film reminds me of "Love is a Many Splendored Thing." Both are the stories of two people grasping for love in the face of tremendous odds. "Chance Meeting" manages to tell its story in much more subtle standings. Its Swan Lake musical theme is to me indescribably expressive in comparison to a sound track full of "Love is a Many Splendored Thing" played at an ear breaking level.

"Chance Meeting" widens the margin of proof that it does not take a big budget, screen, or name to really make a big picture. It is playing with "The Lieutenant Wore Skirts" at the MacDonald.

# Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

As a veteran, I would like to suggest that all of us are not of the money grabbing sort that is spreading the petition for more educational benefits. Nor are we all in favor of this.

"We can't go to school without supplementary income" cry the poor veterans. This might impress someone until the question is asked, "What do they want, a completely free ride?" I don't quite swallow the idea that "suffering" for two or three years qualifies them to the key to Fort Knox. Then what about those going into the service now who will get no

educational benefits?

And the cries get pretty faint when we realize how many students are living solely on what the veterans call "supplementary income."

Yes, I suppose the costs of going to school have gone up and job opportunities and wage scales may be less favorable, but certainly this works of a hardship on those who haven't arbitrarily been chosen for a free education (and the Korean War period was arbitrarily ended.)

Well, why not get what you can exercising a little experiment in power politics and watch the politicians jump when

all the veterans mass behind some one program. And these days citizenship is (almost) judged on our ability to get something for nothing. So these veterans are being good citizens. If your conscience twinges just a little at this point, you might investigate a little. I won't prod farther.

In conclusion, I frankly feel sheepish whenever I get my check after considering how hard my roommate has worked for a check only half a big. Or is my oversensitive conscience just out of step with the times?

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