

History of 'Pasteboard Palace' May Have Had Civil War Start

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The Pasteboard Palace, or, if you wish, the Cardboard Castle, is vacant for the first time in many years. The few who know how many years Veterans Dorm has existed won't date themselves by telling.

Rumor has it that Vets Dorm originally served as General Lee's headquarters during the Civil War and was moved to Oregon by carpetbaggers. It was sold, they say, to the University on the black market.

At Valley Forge

Another rumor claims that Vets was Washington's headquarters at Valley Forge while another says that it was the cow barn at Mount Vernon. Whatever its history before it came to the University, Vets has had a turbulent history here.

One well-known story relates how a prankster tossed a firecracker into one of the toilets last fall. The porcelain bowl disintegrated with a roar.

Favorite Sport

Pushing a fist through the thin walls of the hallways is said to have been a favorite sport for years. The material used in the walls, has long been a source of conjecture on campus.

One recent occupant said that pushing a fist through a Vets wall is impossible. "The walls are plywood," he said, "It won't work. I know. I still have scars on my fists to prove it."

An Intercom

A novel communications system was used in the dorm. Someone found that the ventilators could be used as an intercom if one climbed on a chair and spoke directly into it. This was too much trouble. A much easier way of contacting a friend was simply yelling down the hall.

Another testimony to the functional quality of the dorm was the entry into one's room when the key was forgotten. One merely took several steps back and walked forward ignoring the door.

Assembled in 1947

Actually the building was assembled here in 1947—A.D., that is. It was originally two sections. Housing, in enrollment peak after World War II was about 700. When Earl Dorm was built, one section was torn down, leaving the 360 capacity dorm that students know today.

The present dorm was remodeled, substituting plywood for the softer pressed board in the halls. This accounts for the bruised knuckles of this year's frosh.

Although the two new dorms don't offer such a fine view of sorority windows and tennis courts as Vets did, the novelty of semi-soundproof rooms, sturdy floors and well-decorated interiors seems to appeal to the dorm dwellers.

Cosmo Club Students Go Latin-American For Friday Shin-dig

Cosmopolitan Club's Latin American students will present a public program Friday at 8 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Congregational Church, 23rd and Potter.

The Latin American evening will include a group discussion and musical entertainment. The evening will feature a South American band and a Calypso group from Corvallis. After the program, there will be refreshments and dancing.

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SECTION ONE of the Vets dormitory units was torn down several years ago to make room for the new tennis courts. The remaining units of the dormitory have recently been vacated.

Campus Briefs

- Gamma Delta, Lutheran University Fellowship will hold a supper, fellowship vespers and a movie at the Grace Lutheran Church lounge (17th and Hilyard St.) Sunday at 5:30 p.m. All University students are invited to attend.
- The Ski Club is offering a new service. Those seeking rides for ski trips should put their names in the Ski Riders Book at the SU main desk. Those who have cars and want gas money should also put their name in the book. The information needed is: rider or ride, the ski area, day, time, phone number, and address.
- Orides will have the first of two open meetings Monday at 7:30 p.m. on the third floor of Gerlinger Hall. All interested town girls are welcome.
- An organizational meeting for all students interested in working for radio station KWAX will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in Villard Hall Rm. 306. All interested students are urged to attend.
- Make-up registration pictures will be taken in room 22 in the library, Thursday, January 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. New students who did not have their pictures taken during registration, and students who received cards advising them to have retakes, should do so.
- Auditions for KWAX engineers will be held Saturday, 9 a.m. through 11. All prospective engineers must attend this audition.
- ASUO Millrace Committee will meet Jan. 16 in the Student Union at 4 p.m.
- Campus radio station KWAX is now broadcasting Monday through Friday from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. A complete broadcast schedule will be released soon.
- The movie, "Championship Skiing," will be featured at the Ski Club meeting Thursday evening at 6:30 in the SU. Room number will be posted. The ski team will meet after the movie.

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HOUSE SPEAKER SAM RAYBURN of Texas licks the last crumbs of cake and icing from his fingers at his birthday at the National Democratic Women's Club in Washington. The veteran Democrat is 76 years old. (AP Wirephoto).

Seniors Appointed To AFROTC Staff

Four senior class Air Force ROTC students have been appointed to the cadet staff of the AFROTC detachment here. The appointments are for winter term.

New wing commander is Col. Thomas C. Moreland. Under him are Col. W. T. Carothers, inspecting officer; Lt. Col. M. L. Spears, personnel officer, and Maj. T. J. Timmons, Jr., operations officer.

Campus Calendar

Friday, Jan. 10

7:30 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Noon Ger T61 110 SU
3:30 Homecg Dance Ch 213 SU
4:00 Fri at 4 Fishbowl SU
Women's Bowling 214 SU
Swedish Students 315 SU
6:00 Yeomen Formal Init Gerl 3rd Flr
7:00 Korean Stu Clb 315 SU
7:30 Koffee Klatch Dadrm SU
9:00 Fishbowl Mixer

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