

## Oregon's Unsung Heroes Wage Endless War Against UO Dirt

By BETH BASLER

Unsung heroes of Oregon's campus are the janitors, who must wage a constant war against muddy tracks, candy wrappers, cigarette butts, and general mess left by 5000 hurrying students. If it is possible to judge from a representative group, they are, in spite of the endlessness of their job, a very happy and satisfied group of men.

Filling the Coke machine in the Co-op was R. L. Smith, janitor there, but he gladly paused for a visit. He has been with his job for eleven years, since the Co-op was in the old building. "It's all music to me," he commented when asked if he enjoyed his job, "although I do just about the same things over and over." Between every class Mr. Smith sweeps the floor, once a day the show cases and doors are washed, and the large front windows are washed at least once a week.

### Not So Bad...

"The students are never bad," he said, "They're just in here for a few minutes and want to visit and have a smoke." He doesn't even mind the cigarettes which are thrown on the floor, although he admits that he never feels like throwing them on other people's floors.

New ideas are the hobby of Charles L. Gesme, in the library. "I like to fool around with machinery and patents; handy-andy ideas and also easier ways to clean around the library," he explained.

"Our ambition is to keep the library clean," he said, and explained that it is gone over at least once a day. The main trouble he has is with people smoking inside the library, especially over the weekends when there is no one on duty to keep the floor cleaned.

Mr. Gesme does general upkeep work with the lights and heating also. He put in a plea for every one to be a little more careful, especially in wet weather, "for we have a nice building and like to keep it up," he finished, and went back to his task of vacuuming the browsing room.

### Deady Custodian

Industriously raking last fall's leaves around Deady hall was August Loquest, janitor of five years' standing. "No, it's not part of my job," he said, "but it needed doing, and I just got tired of seeing these leaves."

He explained that part of his strategy was to rake them now, and then the ground men would take them away with the rest of the leaves which they had already raked into piles: Mr. Loquest likes his job partly because of the "nice bunch" who people the oldest building on the Oregon campus.

When queried on the hobby

question, Mr. Loquest said, "I guess I'm a string collector." he saves every little piece he finds and adds it to a large ball of different colored pieces of string.

Lost and found articles are found in abundance around Deady. "Frantic kids come in thinking things are gone forever, but we usually find them," he said, smiling.

### Animal Life

Something of a naturalist, Mr. Loquest has a chance to view lots of animal life on the lower campus. He pointed out the squirrels' nests in the pin oak trees, and told of the large blue squirrel which used to winter near Deady. He told, also of the many birds in the evergreens, and the kitten who has come to live under the building.

On the domestic side, of course, are the gangs of dogs who romp over the campus, and once two sheep made their appearance in the lush grass. Probably thought they'd found sheep-heaven until they were rudely invited to leave.

## Hawaii Ready

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physiology have been written by Dr. Dean and published in scientific publications, including the Journal of the American Chemical Society, the Journal of Applied Physics, and the Journal of General Physiology.

### Dr. Dean Gets B.A.

Dr. Dean was graduated from the University of California with a B.A. degree in 1935. He was at the University of Cambridge (England) from October 1935 to January, 1937, working for a doctoral degree. He then engaged in study at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark, after which he returned to Cambridge to receive his doctorate.

He was research associate in chemistry at Stanford university and was engaged in two war projects concerned with aviation physiology and synthetic rubber.

After two-and-a-half years on the University of Hawaii faculty, Dr. Dean commences his duties at the University of Oregon this week.

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