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## Happy Dads' Day

Welcome to Oregon, Dads . . . and Granddads!  
 Remember the first time you came to the campus for Dads' Day, in '43? President Erb made the speeches, and the Ducks played the Beavers in the Igloo—and won, 50-35. Your son was a freshman then . . .  
 Remember how proud he was of the campus . . . how he insisted on introducing you to all those people whose names you couldn't remember . . . how he kept talking about that special girl . . . how young he was?  
 Remember how worried you were about the war? And he didn't want you to know he was thinking about it too. Most of his fraternity brothers were already gone; both of you knew it wouldn't be long. And, actually, it wasn't a very happy Dads' Day because it might have been the last . . .  
 Now you're back again—you've been looking forward to this weekend. You haven't seen much of your son since he came back and married that special girl.  
 He's a sophomore now . . . and he's no longer young. He's in a hurry to get out of school, to find a permanent home for his family, to work, to live. But he's even more proud of the campus than before; he still wants you to meet all the new friends he's made. He wants to drag you down to Taylor's or the Side . . . just to recapture for you the collegiate spirit he hasn't quite been able to find in himself.  
 He's so proud of you, Granddad. Ever since his own baby was born he's begun to understand how you have felt all those years. He wants you to feel now that this time the treat's on him—he wants to show you that this is a happy Dads' Day.

## Union Now

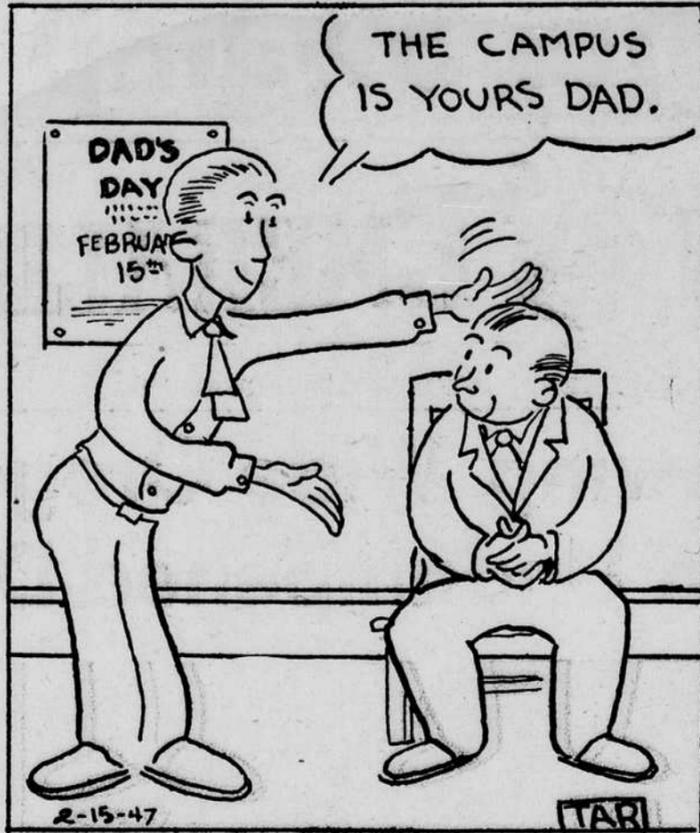
Educational Activities Manager Dick Williams is going east for a conference on student unions spring term. We hope he can take some definite plans with him.  
 A long cherished hope of succeeding generations of Webfoots, the memorial union building is beginning to take on more than just dream-like aspects.  
 The ground is staked out, the plans are approved, the students, their fathers, and alumni have pledged their time and money. Now to raise the rest of the money and get the corner stone in place.  
 Building materials are still short but Eugene is getting a new suburban saloon and the business buildings are going up in time to get in on the fat market. We can probably shake loose enough nails and mortar to do the job.  
 It has been 24 years since John MacGregor headed the first student union committee. In that time a lot of Webfoots have graduated and among them are the union's strongest friends.  
 The next few months will see a great deal of progress toward the Erb Memorial Union. This is to remind all of us that 1947 is the year for making dreams come true.

Lucky we go to Oregon Department: Think of the plumbing problem Oregon State will face if they follow this to its logical conclusion. We quote from a Barometer letter of February 6: "I suggest all former commissioned officers . . . should have February 28 set aside for them to register . . . Then on March 1 all former enlisted men should be allowed to register . . ."

If a man does not know to what port he is steering, no wind is favorable to him.—Seneca

The greatest truths are simplest; and so are the greatest men.—Hare

A nation owes its success, not so much to its strength in armaments, as to the amount of character in its citizens.



## VETERANS' FORUM

Any veteran who has not received his January 1947 subsistence allowance should contact Philip Lynch, contact representative, veterans administration, room 110, physical education building.  
 A thorough undercover survey by the field staff of the Disabled American Veterans has uncovered some disturbing conditions in veterans administration regional offices. Conditions are particularly bad, ("lousy" according to the DAV report) in the handling of Vet benefit checks.

Quietly, DAV officials turned over their findings to General Omar Bradley, Veterans Administration chief. General Bradley ordered immediate and drastic reforms—in both procedures and personnel. All this happened a little over a month ago and now the DAV is back on the job in an effort to learn whether the drastic overhaul ordered is in fact improving the situation.

**Survey Made**  
 DAV's field staff decided to make the survey late last year because of a growing flood of complaints. These complaints were mostly from vets in college and the just plain disabled that their benefit checks were weeks, yes, even months late. This large, well-trained field staff went to work at regional levels, without letting even VA regional managers in on their objectives. This of course was to eliminate any possibilities of a "cover-up" by VA officials.

While the check delays were blamed on lack of personnel in some instances the primary difficulty laid to "indifference and unconcern" on the part of many employees. DAV investigators found that some offices required two months to pay simple adjusted awards, two to three months to

pay benefits under public laws 16 and 346, and 90 days to get out monthly subsistence checks.

**Lack Efficiency**  
 The report went on to say, "... it is the consensus that it is not the lack of personnel . . . but rather the lack of efficient personnel that is responsible for the deplorable state of affairs. . . ." This statement would undoubtedly be readily seconded by most of the veterans on this campus.

Both the investigation and the VA's immediate reaction are a big feather in the cap of the DAV. The smallest of the original three vet groups, it was the first to win real action in a problem that has been plaguing veterans for months.

R. J. Gridley, training officer, veterans guidance center, has information available on foreign universities. He will be glad to advise with any veteran thinking about attending one of the many recommended foreign schools.

## OF ALL THINGS!

By LeJEUNE GRIFFITH  
**Manhattan manholes** — Manhattan has been getting a little variety in strikes lately with the picketing of open manholes by an A.F.L. electrical workers union. Men carrying the traditional cardboards have been marching in tight circles around open manholes, wherein laborers from a New York telegraph and subway company work.

Union spotters tour the city looking for open manholes. When one is spotted which has conduit repairers in it, the alarm goes back to union headquarters. The dispatcher there shouts "open manhole," and pickets scurry for signs and race madly to the scene, trying to get there before the manhole is closed. Occasionally the marching routine is broken by strikers yelling derogatory remarks at the workers below.

The occupational hazard of the strike — dizziness — is combated by walking slowly and changing the march from clock to counterclockwise.

**For collectors of sentences ending with prepositions:** "Why did you bring that book I don't like to read to be out of up for."

**Dog facts** — Scientists believe a dog's bark is an effort to imitate the human voice. Wild dogs, wolves, or other members of the canine family who never have heard human speech or the barking of other dogs never bark themselves.

**Here's That Man Again** — The Man Bilbo explained that his four bodyguards who accompanied him to the hospital were hired "to beat the hell out of anyone who tries to take my picture." A wonderful man is the senator, whose conversation retains the same old sparkle despite his current mouth trouble.



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