

University Taboos in 1800's Include Saloons, Whistling

By Ronald Johnson

So you students think you have complaints concerning social restrictions and housing problems.

Why not look back about 75 years in University history and find the problems the students had to contend with in those days.

The "ten commandments" of University legislation in 1875 forbade, among other things, the visiting of saloons by students, leaving town without permission, and whistling and talking in school buildings.

SUPERVISION CLOSE

Extremely close supervision was exercised over the study habits of the students. In order to attend church functions, or even lectures in the evening, the students had to get faculty permission.

The theater was regarded by school officials as a "dangerous temptation," and authorized dancing was strictly tabooed. Dramatics and tennis could be indulged in, but not under the shield of the institution.

But in the fall of 1876 a major

revolution took place. The Laur-ean Society for men, and the Eutaxian for women came into existence, and they were officially recognized to the extent of legal incorporation entitling them to hold property on the campus.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Eutaxians met every Friday afternoon and the Laureans met that same evening. The high spot of the entire social program at the University took place whenever these groups held a joint meeting.

Members of Eutaxian were in complete harmony with the Victorian ideal of womanhood. They were sedate and literary and lovely. The women avoided all verbal controversies and violent issues during the club meetings.

The men, on the other hand, must have truly been the campus "rowdies." Among the unpardonable sins they committed were the throwing of peanut shells on the school floors, and failing to return directly to their rooms after the meetings.

SIMPLICITY STRESSED

There is no necessity to stress the fact that the keynote of University social life in the 1870's was simplicity, although one big affair each year was the welcoming of new students at an informal occasion known as the "walk-around."

So far as housing was concerned the University supplied no dormitories, and fraternity and sorority houses were yet to come.

Try to picture yourself walking from 10th and Willamette or from near the Southern Pacific railway station to class every day.

That's what many of those students did. These were the locations of three of the most famous boarding houses, the Underwood Castle, The Croner's, and Grandma Fitch's. These boarding homes formed the centers for informal student contacts.

In 1877, a number of small groups made up of students with little money combined their forces and constituted themselves a living organization which they called "The Bee Hive."

'Pliny the Middle' Says Local Weather 'Esthetic'

By HELEN JONES

"You remember Pliny the Younger and Pliny the Elder? Well, I'm the middle one," said Dr. Nolan P. (Pliny) Jacobson, new Religion Department head, when interviewed yesterday.

Dr. Jacobson arrived in Eugene New Year's Eve to serve as visiting professor of religion and acting department head during the absence of Dr. Paul B. Means, now studying in Singapore.

18 MONTHS TENURE

Dr. Jacobson comes to the University from Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Ala., where he taught philosophy. He expects to be here about 18 months.

After two years of pre-medical work at the University of Wisconsin, Dr. Jacobson started school at Emory College in Georgia. He received his bachelor of divinity there, earning his doctor of philosophy degree at the University of Chicago.

A veteran of the South Pacific war, Dr. Jacobson served as a naval chaplain for 21 months.

WEATHER LIKED

"I like this Oregon weather," declared Dr. Jacobson, "because it has an esthetic appeal, especially when you're on the inside looking out!"

Dr. Jacobson said he thought the main difference between the University and Huntingdon College to be the greater number of men. Huntingdon is a women's college. He claims that his Oregon students are very attractive and that he much prefers the co-educational system.

"Eugene people are very much like those with whom I grew up in Wisconsin," Dr. Jacobson stated. "They're the hale and hearty type." Because of this similarity he believes that he will feel very much at home here and says he is looking forward to his assignment.

A group of Europeans touring the United States reports that "Americans are too money minded." Isn't that usually the conclusion of "the poor relations"?

Forensics Group Plans Contests

The University of Oregon Forensics Club plans two speech contests during the remainder of this year, according to E. R. Nichols, faculty adviser.

The first will be held Feb. 25 at the College of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash., where students will try for honors in oratory and extemporaneous speaking. The topic of the debate to be held there is "Resolved: The United States should nationalize basic (non-agriculture) industries."

A spring term contest will be held at the College of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif.

Students interested in the Forensics club may contact Nichols in his Villard Hall office.

A sample debate will be held Tuesday evening at 7:30 in Villard Hall at a meeting of the club on the nationalization of basic industries.



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Peaches are preserved in other places besides beauty parlors.

ASUO Petitions Ad Week Slates Graduates Offered California Work

Deadline for petitions for ASUO Executive Council positions is 5 p.m. today. Applications should be turned in to the ASUO office, Emerald Hall.

Four positions are open on the Council. Two were vacated by AGS representatives Phil Patterson, senior, and Bill Lance, junior, and two by United Students Association members, Anita Holmes, junior, and Ron Brown, sophomore.

Official candidates were chosen Wednesday afternoon by the Associated Greek Students. USA members are expected by the party to submit individual petitions.

The Executive Council will choose its new members at its first meeting of the term, Monday, Jan. 16.

Special interviews and addresses by Richard G. Montgomery, Portland-advertiser, will mark Advertising Recognition Week activities on the campus Friday and Saturday.

Montgomery will speak at a joint banquet of Alpha Delta Sigma and Gamma Alpha Chi, national advertising fraternities, Friday night. New members of both organizations will be honored at the banquet.

A roundtable discussion of advertising problems will be conducted by Montgomery Friday at 4 p.m. in Journalism 103. Any interested students may attend the meeting, R. D. Millican, assistant professor of advertising, said.

Montgomery, who is manager of Richard Montgomery and Associates, Portland advertising agency, was regional director of the OPA during World War II.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

- 12 noon—YWCA Sophomore Commission Cabinet headquarters. Plymouth Club luncheon, Congregational Church.
- 2-5 p.m.—Open house, Plymouth Club.
- 4 p.m.—YWCA House Committee, committee room.
- 7:30—Future Teachers of Oregon, 2 Education.

Married Life Talk Due by Author

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Army University in Florence, Italy. Experience as a coach and teacher in high school and as an instructor in college have united to round out the lecturer's background.

Lectures will be given each Tuesday evening beginning Jan. 17 and continuing for four weeks. Each program of the series will consist of a speech approximately one hour long and a discussion period following.

Tickets for the series are on sale at the Co-op.

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- Assistant managing editor: Bill Stanfield.
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Drama Meet Postponed

Today's scheduled meeting of the YWCA Drama Commission has been postponed until next Thursday at 4 p.m. At that time the group will tour the University Theater.

Rally Tryouts Delayed

Men's rally squad tryouts have been indefinitely postponed due to the fact that Yell King Jim Crismon is in the infirmary. Notice of the tryouts will be given later.

French Group to Meet

Members of Pi Delta Phi, French honor fraternity, will meet at 5 p.m. Friday in room 114, Friendly Hall, to elect new officers.

Social Calender

DINNERS:
Thursday—Kappa Kappa Gamma—Theta Chi—Gamma Phi Beta—Delta Upsilon—Pi Beta Phi—Pi Kappa Phi.

FIRESIDE:
Friday—Delta Upsilon.

HOUSE DANCES:
Saturday—Lambda Chi Alpha, Sherry Ross Hall (YMCA Bldg.) Campbell Club.

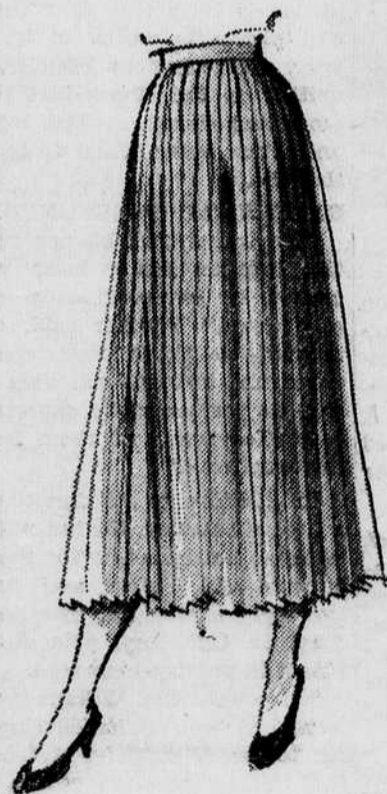
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