

**PAINT, COOK,**

# Co-op Students Share Chores, Save Money

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Like to paint a house? Or are you better at whipping up a fruit salad, mowing a lawn or maybe washing dishes? These may sound like rather unusual occupations for the average college student, but are simply part of the routine to the over 125 University students who live in co-operative housing.

"Co-ops" got their start on the Oregon campus 17 years ago when a group of men students decided to share expenses by renting a house and hiring a cook. Thus Canard club was born, and joined in 1935 by Campbell club. These men's co-ops reduced costs by such resourceful measures as doing all the manual labor themselves, even to the buying and butchering of whole steers. During the midst of

the depression the average board and room at either of the men's co-ops was only 15 dollars.

**Two Phi Betes**  
University employment secretary Janet Smith was the incentive behind the first women's co-op which began in 1936 with 12 occupants. Miss Smith moved in as house mother to occupy a former boardinghouse across from Gerlinger hall on the present site of the Student Union. Out of those twelve women came the highest grades on campus and two Phi Beta Kappas, beginning a tradition of scholarship which has remained as an important part of co-op living.

In the fall of 1937 women's co-op members increased in number and began Hilyard house, which had several locations until its disbanding in 1947. One year later saw the establishment of Highland house.

The gratitude and admiration of George Rebec, former dean of the University graduate school was responsible for the establishment of the most recent co-op in 1947, Rebec house. One of his outstanding students who made the top grades in law school was Betty Brown, first president of Rebec house.

**Cook and Housemother**  
Co-ops were founded on the co-operative principles of the Rochdale community in England. The co-ed council is the governing body for the three women's houses, with Campbell club a self-governing co-op. A cook and housemother are hired for each woman's house, with a manager to do the buying for all three. Providing advice and counsel in legal matters is the board of trustees, including C. G. Howard, professor of law, Golda Wickham, dean of women and Karl Onthank, associate director of student affairs.

Any girl or boy is eligible for membership at any of the four co-ops. There is a probation period of one term before a student can become a full member.

**Icy Water**  
Part of co-op living is, of course, the sharing of duties and students have had to contend with such items as balky and smoky furnaces, hot water heaters that ran icy cold, and temperamental plumbing. Each member has approximately four hours of work per week, with all jobs being perfected to be done in the shortest time possible. Sawdust provides heat for the co-ops, and it is often a race to get it shoveled inside before the rains begin.

Co-op students have relatively more freedom in respect to activities before closing hours and do everything possible on the honor system. Most of these students are able to help out expenses by part-time jobs from clerking in stores to babysitting, while still maintaining a high GPA.

## Red Cross Sets Ski Safety Talk

A talk on ski conditions in the local area, demonstrations and a movie on ski safety will be held today in Chapman 207 as part of a ski safety program sponsored by the Red Cross board.

Dolph Janes, president of the Tri-Pass Ski club of Eugene will be on hand to tell of ski possibilities and skiing conditions as they exist this winter, according to Carol Huggins, special events chairman.

Two student skiers will give demonstrations of ski technique and a film on ski safety will be shown, she said.

# Rebellion in 1940 Interrupted Dad's Sign Contest Tradition

The Dad's Day sign contest, now considered an almost traditional part of the dad's celebration, was not always in evidence on the University of Oregon campus.

In 1940, house presidents and managers rose up in refusal to have living organizations make welcome signs for the Oregon dads. The house leaders said that they were being coerced and oppressed when asked to do the signs without consulting the houses first, according to a story in the Jan. 10, 1940, Emerald.

John Cavanagh, Dad's Day chairman, that year, said plans, as in the past, had been made for signs. It was his belief that the signs helped create better spirit and added to the attractiveness of the campus during the weekend. "However," Cavanagh said, "the committee has no intention of going against the student body."

Cavanagh ordered a poll of campus living organizations to deter-

mine the exact campus feeling. The poll was taken by Kwama, sophomore women's honorary, and Skull and Dagger, sophomore women's honorary.

Among the protests registered against the sign contest was that the signs were too expensive, that it was difficult to get members of the houses to cooperate in building the signs, that it might rain and that the houses were asked to make signs for almost every campus activity, the Emerald story said.

Cavanagh said that he was in favor of the signs because of the tradition of the displays and because it gives the campus a "definite sparkle."

Further protest against the signs came from the 1940 Inter-

Fraternity Council and when the honoraries polled the students, an overwhelming "no" vote was recorded.

Cavanagh said that the signs would be dropped from the weekend and some other method of decorating the campus would be found. The other method proved to be colorful posters spread around the campus and signs welcoming the dads erected by the Eugene city park department.

When the results of the poll were announced, campus leaders expressed the fear in the Emerald that the "sign revolt" would spread to other campus celebrations, but apparently their fears were ungrounded as the "revolt" failed to spread.

The Dad's Day sign contest re-appeared on campus in 1947, when the houses again made signs welcoming the dads to the University. Since then, as prior to 1940, the sign contest has been a traditional feature of Dad's Day.

## New Appointment To Personnel Post

Nancy Randolph, sophomore in liberal arts, has been appointed to the personnel committee of the SU. She will serve as secretary of the committee for the rest of the school year. She will replace Jo Chase, junior in sociology. Nancy was formerly a member of the SU music committee.

Her duties will include keeping records of all SU personnel up-to-date, and helping appoint new members to the SU committees.

Other members of the personnel committee are Andy Berwick, chairman; Merle Davis, interviews; Bob Ford, Who's Who in the SU editor; Joanne Maxfield, Program Staff manager; and Jack Nichols, interviews.

## Eugene Advisers Chosen For YWCA

Mrs. H. T. Gentle, has been elected president of the YWCA advisory board for the coming year. The board is composed of Eugene women who work with and advise the campus YWCA.

Other officers of the board are Mrs. Francis E. Dart, vice president; Mrs. Byron Waite, secretary, and Mrs. Paul B. Cole, treasurer. Five women were elected to the board for three terms. They were Mrs. William Barber, Mrs. Carl Wickland, Mrs. Grant Mortenson, Mrs. W. R. Hamilton and Laura Olson, counselor for women.

The function of the board is to aid in program planning, lend to continuity in the program, procure financial assistance and give consideration to the major issues of Christian faith in the college community.

## Bridal Fashions On Women's Day

A bridal fashion show will be the afternoon feature of Woman's Day, Feb. 20, to be held at Gerlinger hall at 4 p.m. Sponsored by AWS, the affair is under the general chairmanship of Sharon Brown, sophomore in art.

Bridal gowns of two types from Hart Larsen's will be shown, in addition to going-away suits and accessories. Also in the show will be honeymoon fashions. Models for the show will be about 10 girls from the campus, who have not yet been chosen, according to Miss Brown.

He may think  
All we do is play  
So show him it's  
The other way  
Dad's Day Feb. 6, 7, 8.

## Bridge Lessons Offered to Women By 'Y' Commission

Bridge lessons open to all women on campus will begin today at 3 p.m. in the Men's Lounge on the first floor of Gerlinger hall under the sponsorship of YWCA upperclass commission.

Women's living organizations have been asked to send in post-cards with the number of those interested in taking the lessons, according to Joan Cartozian, senior in foreign languages. She urged attendance at the first lesson because instruction will be provided in a series of three or four lessons, and it is important that no lesson be missed.

Instruction will be provided by two women of Eugene, Mrs. D. E. Tope and Mrs. Charles Kingsley. No charge will be made for the lessons.

## Honorary Calls For Manuscripts

Manuscripts will now be accepted from women interested in affiliating with Chi Delta Phi, national literary honorary, Pat Pollak, senior in liberal arts, vice president, has announced.

Interested women who have written short stories, plays, or poetry are welcome to attend meetings of the group, Miss Pollak said. They are asked first to submit a sample of their creative writing to Bernice Rise in the Student Union browsing room. Initiation of new members will be held in April.

A short story "Enjoyed Together" by Sue Lichty, senior in journalism, and a poem "Two Worlds" by Sally Hayden, junior in business, will be read and discussed at the next meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 10.

Chi Delta Phi is the national literary honorary for women interested in creative writing who maintain a high scholastic average in English and writing courses.

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## Prize Essays To Bring Cash

Prizes of \$50 each will be given for the two best essays submitted by a graduate and an undergraduate student respectively on the topic "Civil Rights as a Principle of Free Government," according to includes Glenn Starlin, assistant professor of speech, Howard Dean, assistant professor of political science, and R. W. Smith, assistant professor of history. All members are available for consultation regarding entries in this contest. An announcement by the Bennett price committee.

The essays may deal with any phase of this general topic, and may use an analytical, historical, or philosophical approach.

All entries must be submitted to the chairman, E. C. Robbins, Jr., instructor in economics, by April 13. The committee suggests that the essays be between 2500 and 3000 words.

The prizes are larger than usual since the contest has not been held for several years. The University was one of 25 colleges and universities to receive a grant from the will of Philo Sherman Bennett, the income from which was to be used as a prize for the best essay discussing the principles of free government.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Dr. Lamarr Budd and T. G. Marshall, personnel representatives of the General Electric Hanford works, will be on campus February 9 and 10 to interview interested seniors and masters degree candidates in chemistry, physics, and accounting.

Additional information and appointments for interviews may be obtained at the graduate placement office in Emerald hall.

The Portland civil service board announces an open competitive examination for police patrolmen. This job offers permanent appointment, salary increases and vacation and sick leave privileges. The monthly salary ranges from \$255 to \$313.

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