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On Smoking

While many of the nation's smokers are at least considering the idea of quitting, here at Oregon a good many of the freshman men and women are giving cigarettes a whirl for the first time. And many "now and then" high school smokers now find themselves for the first time able to indulge in the "vice" as much as they please.

After the American Cancer Society report of last June, it might be wise for all of Oregon's potential smokers to reconsider the pros and cons of smoking. Is it worth it? One of the more graphic sentences in the Cancer report stated:

"A total of 3002 deaths occurred among men with a history of regular cigarette smoking. If they had died at the same rate as men who never smoked, then only 1980 would have died. In other words, 1022 additional deaths (52 per cent more than expected) occurred among men with a history of regular cigarette smoking."

While the greatest danger in smoking appears to be lung cancer, the report indicated that smokers have a higher death rate from cancer in other places than the lungs and also from heart disease.

In other words giving in to smoking might mean giving up five to ten years of life. Is it worth it?

Ask somebody who smokes. He will probably say it's a dirty habit and he wishes he didn't, but now he has the habit and it's too much trouble to stop. Most smokers talk about quitting; few do. The habit, craving, dependency on tobacco is too much for most smokers... short of doctor's orders.

The ironic part of the grip that tobacco can get on a person is that this grip is pretty much a manufactured one. The first cigarette with its hot, harsh, choking smoke is no pleasure. No craving fulfilled there. But after a few tries smoking becomes tolerable and then it becomes a type of pleasure.

The craving is there now, and fulfilling it brings a type of pleasure. A pleasure derived by satisfying a manufactured craving.

Cigarettes aren't all bad; if they were there wouldn't be any problem. Especially at sophisticated Oregon they are an asset. Cigarettes are confidence. Walk into a crowded, strange room. You can't just stand there and look dumb; so you light a smoke and confidentially blow the match out with that first breath of smoke.

On a date he offers you a cigarette, you offer her a cigarette and the night is off on sound footing. You can discuss the various merits of each others brand—king sized, filters, snap open pack, etc. You can joke about lung cancer and how long you expect to live. It's jolly.

Coffee without cigarettes, bridge without cigarettes, beer without cigarettes, finals without cigarettes... Oh, Oregon, wilt thou be the same! Is it worth it?

It's easy to fall into the short-range swing of things at school and flow with the current... down the channel of least resistance.

But cancer's a slow killer, one of the nastiest diseases there is. And, who knows, you might have use for those five or ten years at the end of the line. Maybe it is worth it.—(D.L.)

The Forgotten Cabinet

Ever hear of the ASUO cabinet? Probably not, for the body has not functioned on the Oregon campus for at least two years.

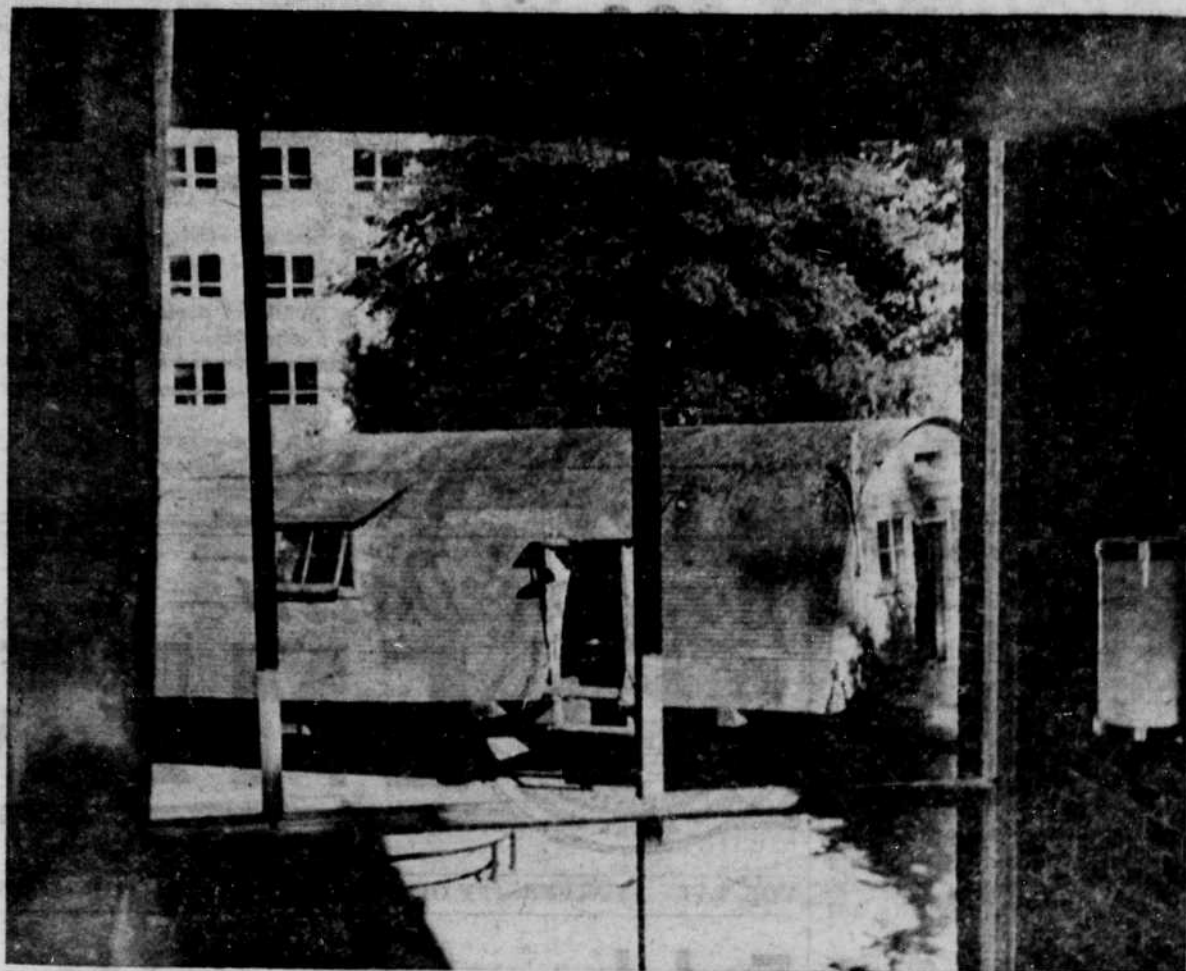
Definite provisions for a cabinet are included in the ASUO constitution. Members of the cabinet include the ASUO president and vice-president and the eight non-elective ASUO officers.

Three of these non-elective officers—public relations, athletic and social chairmen—are appointed by the ASUO president with the consent of the senate. The remaining five—Emerald editor, Student Union board chairman, AWS president, Co-op board chairman and director of student affairs—are ex-officio cabinet members.

According to the constitution, the cabinet is supposed to advise and assist the president in administering ASUO affairs and submit to the senate proposals designed to promote the objectives of the ASUO. These functions have been studiously ignored by the last two ASUO presidents.

Bob Summers, present ASUO president, has promised to restore the cabinet to its original position. He has called the first cabinet meeting for 3 p.m. today. The meeting should be interesting.

Old Shack Bows Out



MAKING WAY FOR PROGRESS, the old Emerald quonset hut is here shown through the stairwell windows of new Allen hall as it is towed off campus for storage at the physical plant. This particular Emerald Shack served as headquarters for the campus daily from the fall of 1947 to the spring of 1953. Last year the Emerald was temporarily located in a quonset next to Deady hall.

December 9 Date Set For Deferment Exams

If you haven't been in the Army and want to put it off for a few more years, then now is the time for action. Qualification tests enabling college student deferment from military service will be given in room 138 of Commonwealth Hall on Dec. 9. To take the test a student must

have completed or be completing one year of college work. The student must mail an application to take the exam which cannot be postmarked later than Nov. 23. Application blanks can be obtained at any selective service board office.

Passing the examination does not automatically assure draft deferment. A passing score on the test and a standing in the upper half of his class are requirements for the undergraduates that must be met for deferment consideration by the student's draft board.

On January 1 the requirements for graduate student deferment will change. After that date the student must stand in the upper one quarter of his class or obtain a score of 80 on the qualification test. Until January 1 a score of 75 or a standing in the upper half of his class are sufficient for deferment consideration. Application for graduate student deferment must be made to the registrant's local board.

Students who apply to take the qualification examination will receive official notification to do so. The examination is administered by University officials for the Selective Service System.

Coeds Meet Tonight

All sophomore women are invited to a fireside tonight at 6:15 at Alpha Chi Omega. The YWCA is sponsor of the get-together.

CLASSIFIEDS

Have apartment for two girls in exchange for 2 or 3 hours work on switchboard. Prefer music majors. Phone 5-8526. 10-15

Typewriter in good condition priced to sell. Come to Apt. 7, 260 W. 6th at 4 p.m. or after. 10-18

For Rent: Modern 2 bedroom house near University, grade school. Modern heat. Lease. Ph. 5-1297. tf

Lost: In or near Gerlinger Hall, Oct. 5th, Green Parker 51 fountain pen. Call ext. 482, Carson Hall. 10-7-tf

For Sale: Raleigh bicycle. Excellent condition. Fully equipped \$50. Phone 5-6209. R. Wilbanks. 10-11tf

Applicants for the management of the Webfoot Co-op Store will be interviewed at 8 p.m. 2160-4 Patterson Drive. 10-13

For sale: '38 Chevrolet 2 door \$65. Runs well. Phone 4-9530. 10-14

Lesch to Discuss Tragedy Factors

E. C. A. Lesch, professor of English, will speak in the Student Union browsing room Friday night on "Shakespeare and Tragedy."

He will discuss the factors that led up to the tragedies, and also examine tragedy as it appears in other writers, for comparison and contrast.

Lesch is a graduate of the University of Illinois where he received his bachelors and masters degrees, and Princeton where he received his Ph.D. He has been at Oregon since 1928.

The Friday night lecture will begin at 7:30, and coffee will be served during the intermission.

Lost, Found Items in SU

Where's my coat? Now what did I do with my books? My purse, what happened to it?

How many times have students asked these questions and what do they do to find their lost articles? The University has a lost and found service, according to Jean Bailey, head of the lost and found department.

Lost articles having values exceeding five dollars are listed as found in the Emerald classifieds and held for one year, or until claimed. Articles valued under five dollars are held for one year and, if not claimed, are donated to the AWS auction.

Students claim articles at the main desk in the SU. The student must identify his article and pay for the classified advertisement.

Since many lost books and notebooks are turned into the department, Miss Bailey advises students to mark their books and other articles clearly with identification.

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