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Hi Dad!

Welcome to the Oregon campus, Dad! We hope you enjoy your brief stay on the campus. Students have been busy planning and working for this weekend for quite some time.

On the schedule for the weekend are two basketball games, the Dads' Day luncheon, a business meeting of the Dads' club, and a barbershop quartet contest.

Members of living organizations have been busy building signs to help roll out the welcome mat.

We hope you'll have a chance to look around the campus, meet some of our instructors and get a glimpse of 1955 campus life.

If it's your first visit as an Oregon Dad, you'll have a lot to see. If you're an old-timer, you'll probably want to spend some time revisiting old favorite spots.

Those of you who spent your own college days here will be amazed to see how the campus has grown.

However you spend the day, Dad, we're glad to have you here and we hope you'll enjoy your stay.

Groundwork Laid

The groundwork has been laid. Chairmen have been chosen and the initial financing has been arranged. Definite preparation for the Canoe Fete should begin.

Much time and effort have gone into the planning of the Fete and there is now a sound basis on which to make commitments.

Much of the credit for the work accomplished should go to Bob Schooling and Jim Light, co-chairmen of the steering committee for the event. Schooling and Light have spent many hours contacting students and faculty members for ideas and suggestions, and the results they have produced are well worth commendation. Many others have worked on plans for the Fete but these two deserve special mention.

A large job is still ahead for the steering committee and committee chairmen. They must develop a large organization which can handle all of the details of such an event, plan an outstanding program and sell the idea to townspeople and the people of the state. A selling job hardly seems necessary on the part of the University student.

The Campus is waiting to see Oregon's 1955 Canoe Fete. Many students are willing and waiting to work for it.

The groundwork has been laid—the rest is up to us. Let's make it a good one.

—(P.K.)

Footnotes

Add to the list of projects—designed-to-annoy people the opening of fire hydrants and the cackling drivers who speed through the ensuing sheets of water to splash students.

Rigid Requirements For Dates Outlined

By Sam Frear
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Every now and then a girl has to swallow her pride and break Miss Emily Post's rigid rules of ettakett and aggressively seek male companionship. This is frequently done around here when she has a go-between to be aggressive for her.

And consequently, for oh-so-many reasons, a men's organization will get a call and a timid voice will ask for the social chairman. Pity this poor individual. The caller is asking him "if some fellow over there would like a date for the dance this Saturday."



Naturally, the maleless girl is "awfully cute" and all the other "girls just love her.")

The social chairman is cautious but being a sociable, social chairman he says he will

is no Miss Solar System candidate, he proudly bellows, "Holy cow, Joe. Me go out with that pig? What are you trying to do to me?"

Well, this guy probably hasn't had a date since the last Duck Preview weekend when some high school senior (girl) felt sorry for him. To listen to most of these guys sans girl-friends, you'd think they were a Clark Gable or (ugh) a Tony Curtis. Some sort of a greek god with a Charles Atlas build and a crew cut.

They usually picture themselves as woman killers of the first degree. To hear them talk, only a Elizabeth Taylor or (ugh) a Marilyn Monroe is good enough for them.

Well, just about 99 per cent of these guys have got some awful sad news coming. If they are good looking and woman killers, they sure have it well disguised. Really well hidden.

Most of these guys should jump—literally leap—when the old social chairman comes around and asks, "Hey, you want a date?"

No, they ain't gonna get stuck with no beast and so the social chairman trots back to the phone and sadly informs the aggressive go-between that "all the fellows over here already have dates for the dance."

Yeah, they've got dates. With their roommates.

And some Friday and Saturday nights, the two of them have a red hot game of gin rummy over a bottle of warm coca-cola.

check. He shouldn't bother. The first guy he asks will answer, "Uh-uh, Joe. I ain't gonna get stuck with no pig. I gotta know what she looks like first."

Or if they don't want to know what she looks like they want to know if she's short or tall, if she drinks, or whether she likes to neck, if she's built, or whether she has a car.

Or else the guy will get out his handy-trusty Oregana and find her picture. Upon finding out she

Ducks vs. Huskies?



"Boy you fouled him THAT time."

Letters to the Editor

Oregon Spirit

Emerald Editor:

Let's face it, the state of Oregon's spirit is poor; it is especially poor at the athletic contests. This condition, in my belief, is not due to the inability of the present rally members, but rather to the system which tradition has forced them to use. Changes can be made in the system which will help improve spirit — in particular, student spirit at athletic contests. For this reason, I address these proposals to the students in general and the rally board in particular.

First: abolish the selection of

feminine members to the rally squad. The purpose they serve is twofold: to arouse whistles and cheers of admiration for the assets of womanhood from the men and to arouse envious stares and remarks from the women. An athletic contest is just that—not a floor show. The women belong in the stands if they are not competing.

Second: select only one male as the yell leader. Student seating is such in both the football and basketball games that it is not necessary to have more than one leader to direct the cheering. The prob-

lem of timing and co-ordination between leaders in directing, the yells would then not be present. Also, the male section would tend to have more respect for one person who could do an effective job of yell leading. This last point is important in solving the spirit problem.

Third: use discretion in choosing the yells and instruct the students in how to yell so as to get the loudest and most spirit producing results. Yells should be selected which will allow the cheerers to produce loud, abrupt, staccato-type noises. This type of yell makes the most noise and is easiest to direct and bring out. For instance, when cheering for the ball-players at the beginning of the contest, don't stumble and mumble over a name, like Loscutt—rather come out with a loud RAH! The spirit producing noise is what we are after.

Fourth: (this pertains to basketball season) have the single yell leader seated somewhere in the first row of the MEN'S SIDE. After all the men are supposed to be the real "lusties" in the cheering, not the women. Again, the men would much rather see him sitting with them than with the women.

There are more suggestions, but I personally believe they would go a long way in inflating the deflated Oregon Spirit. If this plan was adopted and the yell leader selected on his ability to recognize the timing of yells so that the natural spontaneity of the students could be caught, then I think that the position of Yell King on this campus would once again gain the prestige it once carried. He would be looked on as having guts and ability and the men of Oregon would quit feeling like they were different if they yelled — Oregon spirit would be something to be proud of at any contest, well attended or not. And when the "Aggies" come over we would cram it right down their throats!"

Alex Byer

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Ike Outlines China Aim

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Stalemate has been the overwhelming pattern in the East-West conflict, and President Eisenhower referred to the word Wednesday as though it might fit his expectations with regard to Formosa.

Stalemate would mean a return to the situation of several months ago, with a lot of words but few bullets passing back and forth.

It would mean a ceasefire without any agreement on a ceasefire.

It would mean a recognition by Red China of the fact that pursuit of her intent to invade Formosa would involve payment of too high a price, the price of war with the United States.

It would mean recognition by Nationalist China that the United States will not support the Chiang Kai-Shek dream of an invasion of the mainland.

Both sides would lose by it. The Reds would lose face, in that they would be backing down from their promise to take Formosa. The West would lose much of the deterrent effect of Chiang Kai-Shek's poised forces, representing a threat to the Reds if

they deploy their troops for new military adventures, such as in Burma or Thailand.

Thus, in effect, stalemate would mean the avoidance of an immediate war threat while increasing the danger of later war threats.

This is a procedure which has become recurrent ever since the Berlin blockade and the fall of Czechoslovakia. There is little doubt that it is a consistent part of Communist policy. It began with the idea that it would encourage economic upheavals upon which the Communists could capitalize in their hope of world conquest, and continues as a part of both political and military strategy.

For instance, at this moment, although President Eisenhower reiterates his adherence to his plan to reduce the size of the Army, the Formosan situation is having an effect in Congress, where there is a strong tendency to keep up peak defense preparations despite the expense.

As the President contends, there is certainly no implication of appeasement in the search for a certain type of coexistence, or "two Chinas," as some refer to it.



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