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Our Part

Two gleaming new crosswalks will go into service on campus today. We hope they'll get a lot of use by University students.

City Traffic Engineer Lee Kies made an important point when he stated that "College students crossing Thirteenth have been fair game for cars..." in explaining the purpose of the crosswalks.

Still more important, after they've raced through the crosswalks into the lap of a waiting policeman a few times, those who use East 13th as a speedway will probably begin to slow down. The crosswalks for use during class hours will probably be as great a step forward in traffic safety as the red lights for between classes were.

Both steps have been taken over the protests of "irate citizens," who say "let the college kids take their chances the same as anybody else." But the city hasn't seen it that way—they've bent over backwards to help make the University's streets safe.

Consideration by a city council of the problem of a fellow who has ten minutes to make it from Commonwealth to ROTC or PE classes is a rare thing. We're lucky to be in a city which goes out of its way for the college.

Let's show that we deserve this consideration by doing our part and making use of the new crosswalks. They're there for our own good.

Women's Manifesto

Women unite! Throw away your water buckets and hoses! Throw off the shackles of a half-drowned afternoon. This may be the day. If it is, you may live to rue it—if you're not drowned on Carson 3.

This is the season for lettermen to run amuck. Lettermen and all other supposedly red-blooded men who live for the chance to inspect the nether-nether regions of Carson hall. But this year it may be different.

The good clean—and wet—fun this year may result in appearance before a rather critical body known as the disciplinary committee. It seems that such good, wet fun has gotten out of hand during the past few years, with the resulting damages to persons and property.

Last year the Order of O and the student

affairs office reached an agreement: the traditions violators were to present themselves outside of the dormitory for escort to the dunking grounds.

This year the lettermen are turning the names of the violators back to the living organizations, with those groups to take charge of the violators. Perhaps this will clear the situation.

We do hope so, for the administration is looking to the students themselves to control the situation. We should be able to accept that responsibility—even if it is spring term and almost Junior Weekend.—(S.R.)

Something to See

If you haven't seen it, you should.

The Junior Weekend souvenir program, printed on slick paper, contains a listing of all the events scheduled for the weekend, the Canoe Fete and All-campus Sing programs and several interesting stories on the weekend's history.

Not only will the program serve as a handy reference during the weekend, it will be a worthwhile addition to anyone's souvenirs.

The program, edited by Sally Ryan, junior in journalism, will be on sale for the remainder of the week at the Student Union, Co-op and the First National Bank, downtown. It will also be sold at all of the events this weekend.

We're glad the Junior Weekend committee and the Canoe Fete steering committee decided to publish the book this year. It was needed and this year's program was a good beginning.—(P.K.)

Footnotes

It's banquet season again, and if you've really played the role of activity hound, you can get three or four free meals, not to mention traditional picnics held by several campus groups.

Signs of spring — the umbrellas are up at the SU, people are sipping cokes on the rocks by the river, and the sprinklers are sprinkling people again.

We join the Junior Weekend committee and others in keeping their fingers crossed about the weather. It's been good for so long that it seems impossible for it to last three more days.

College Capers...

From Coast to Coast

By Elliot Carlson
Emerald Columnist

SEVERAL COLLEGIATE newspapers across the United States are quarreling over which one of their "scandal sheets" is the oldest. The Dartmouth student newspaper has inscribed on its nameplate that it is "The Oldest College Newspaper In America," having been established in 1839.

The Miami Student retorted saying their paper was the oldest college "sheet," since it was started in 1826. To add to the confusion Grinnell College in Iowa came out saying their paper was the oldest west of the Mississippi.

If these papers had in quality what they have in senility they might have something to quarrel over.

APATHY DEPT. Because only 13 petitions were received for the 24 student body offices at Stanford University, students were nominated rather than selected by petition—and 114 ended up in the political races.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY students, recently the victims of a bomb scare, almost panicked last week when they saw smoke pouring from a classroom window, according to the Willamette Collegian.

Not knowing what to expect the maintenance department rushed to the scene, threw open

the door, and discovered a broken radiator valve. The broken valve not only let steam out the window, but damaged the room as well.

The blackboard was so badly damaged that classes were cancelled. Too bad Oregon hasn't had any bomb scares.

THE IDAHO ARGONAUT reports that Idaho students went all out for campus cleanup day—1800 showed up.

The results of the cleanup were so good that the affair is now scheduled to become an annual event.

However, after the cleanup a picnic was held in which 4900 hot dogs were eaten and 100 gallons of lemonade consumed. It was reported that the picnic left the campus in worse condition than it was before the cleanup started.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON officials have announced that this year's spring sports rally will probably be the last because of lack of student support. Each year the Husky students supposedly gather to meet the coaches and hold a car parade.

But the only students who ever appear are the members of the rally squad.

Oregon hasn't yet reached THAT point in apathy—probably because we don't have a spring sports rally.

News Item



"Looks like an interesting news item, Professor Snarf—would you mind removing your shoe?"

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Issues Now Clearer Than in '45, Analyst Says as Meeting Nears

BY J. M. ROBERTS
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Doughty old Winston Churchill has finally won his point about a Big Four conference, now that it is too late for him to go.

Eisenhower, Bulganin, Eden and Faure are going to meet for an informal discussion of world problems—just what Churchill suggested two years ago.

It seemed certain that Russia would accept the three-power invitations extended Tuesday. Only Monday night Bulganin reiterated his desire for such a meeting, and Khrushchev, big wheel of the Soviet regime, seemed to put his seal of approval on it.

Richard Kasischke, Associated Press correspondent in Moscow, asked Khrushchev if it was a fact that he was really the works behind Bulganin, and got a laughing kiss-off. But when asked if the positions were such that he himself might have to attend a top-level conference, Khrushchev replied:

"If Bulganin goes, I do not

have to go to look over his shoulder."

Since the Western powers had telegraphed their punch over the week end, permitting stories about the prospective initiations to get out in advance, it seems obvious that both Bulganin and Khrushchev were talking against a background of fairly complete knowledge, even though the Allied notes were not delivered until Tuesday.

This will be the first meeting of chiefs of state of the two contesting blocs in ten years.

At that time, Churchill and then Attlee met with Truman and Stalin at Postdam to make arrangements for control of post-war Europe.

Since that time the Reds have grabbed China, Czechoslovakia, North Korea, Tibet and Northern Viet Nam. They have consolidated their grip on Eastern Europe. All the time they have fought their war for the minds of men, have attained a measure of affinity with India and

The Allies have fought a war to save South Korea, helped Greece save herself, protected Iran, Turkey, Formosa and West Germany. America helped stave off Internal Communist control in France and Italy. Fourteen nations formed the North Atlantic Treaty Organization which has just admitted a newly-independent West Germany. The United States has entered into mutual defense arrangements with 46 nations around the globe.

Cold war has threatened to turn into hot war on several occasions besides in Korea. Development of atomic weapons has made the world jittery lest it happen yet. The Allies, naively disarmed after 1945, now represent a terrific military force which they hope will eventually force the Reds to reconsider their self-imposed enmity for all the rest of the world.

The world has changed greatly since Potsdam, and the Allies, at least, now see the issues with a great deal more clarity.



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