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College Capers...

From Coast to Coast

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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA men were recently spurred to attempt a panty raid, led by the cry, "We need something for excitement around here." About 100 were in on the attempt.

Due to an anonymous phone call the girls were warned, and were prepared for the coming onslaught. With the doors and windows secured all the disappointed men could do was to ask the girls to obligingly throw their underwear to them. However, the girls had different ideas and, as a result, the men were only thrown water balloons which shattered the spirit of the male oppressors as well as the raid.

If the Gopher men could see the U. of O. males in action during Junior Weekend sometime, they might pick up a few valuable tips on the fine points of a well executed panty raid.

THE HARVARD LAMPOON, student humor monthly, recently voted "The Caine Mutiny" as the "best argument against naval ROTC," and decided "The Long Long Trailer" was the greatest waste of gas of the year.

They voted special "Roscoes" to Tony Curtis "whose mobile grease locks have titillated scores of bobby soxers," and to Grace Kelly "who easily earns the title Ironclad Virgin of 1954." a real issue here.

FOR YEARS MEN HAVE been adding conveniences to business to make work easier. The 19th centuries' Industrial Revolution is now being followed by a 20th century convenience revolution in sports, namely softball.

This movement took root at the University of Kansas when the seniors there challenged the faculty to a softball game. However, instead of playing in the customary fashion they boarded donkeys, and from there it was just a matter of what team had selected the most cooperative mules.

The seniors won when Francis, a hot-tempered faculty mule and also their star, was dismissed from the game for making an "ass" out of himself. (Ohhh, lucky this is my last column of the year).

A CONSERVATIVE MOVEMENT is sweeping Southern Methodist University. Although Bermuda shorts are considered "decent wearing apparel" by school officials, the dean of women has discouraged them as attire for dates.

The college paper quoted the dean as saying that Bermuda shorts are just another fad and that if girls were not allowed to come into dormitory living rooms in shorts, the rule should also apply to men.

Too bad Oregon weather will never permit the wearing or not wearing of Bermuda shorts to be the title Ironclad Virgin of 1954." a real issue here.

Now Is The Time

Rushing (the formal kind) is still a long way away.

That's one reason for bringing it up at this time. The people who will run next fall's rushing are probably busy with end-of-the-term activities, but plans will have to be made, or at least agreed upon, at these last meetings.

Repeated requests and suggestions for improved rushing have remained unacknowledged, but the matter deserves some serious thought.

Few will deny that last fall's rush week was a mess. Enough time has also passed so that the fallacy of early rushing helping the small houses can be viewed in the proper light.

First of all, students should have an opportunity to get to know the campus better than they possibly can in just one week before they're asked to make a decision which will effect their next four years.

Secondly, it's hard to get acquainted with the completely new classroom environment of college at the same time you're trying to get well enough acquainted with fraternities to be able to make a decision.

We don't possess the solution—but we are certain that rushing should be put off at least until the second week of Fall term, probably longer.

Any suggestion for a postponement of rushing (even a very short one) is naturally unpopular, especially with the top "big name" houses, but serious study would probably show that the fraternity system has as much to gain by later rushing as do the freshmen themselves.

The problem deserves some serious consideration—especially by IFC. And now is the time to give the problem this consideration.

Fall term will be too late.

Story of '55

"With the campus as a background, with the faculty as a guide, students of the University this year evolved a story of '55... that story is herein eternalized," says the prologue of the new, white-covered Oregana.

We've gotten only a glimpse of the gleaming new book, but that glimpse was

enough to convince us that our \$6.25 was well invested, better invested than Oregana purchase money has been in several years.

Editor Bob Southwell and his crew have turned out a type product. They've departed from tradition in several places, and have come up with some excellent physical improvements, organizational improvements, and the less tangible things that might come under the heading of "spirit-type" stuff.

Physical improvements include the shining white cover, thicker pages, the heavy divider pages (makes it easier to find your own picture), and some outstanding art work.

Something we've always liked and will get in this year's Oregana is alphabetical arrangement of seniors' pictures rather than arrangement by schools and departments. All honoraries are lumped together in one section—something which we believe is an improvement over the previous scattered arrangement.

The personalities section is large and inclusive, and a good job has been done of organizing student government activities into a section called "Student Administration."

Something else new is the narrative, chronological style used—sports, for instance, are included with the term during which they occur.

The "Campus in Retrospect" section, is something which will probably make even the least sentimental amongst us pause to reflect on his four years on the campus.

All in all, it's a good book, perhaps an outstanding book.

We're not trying to sell the book—that's not our job, but we do say in all sincerity that if you haven't ordered your book, you'd do well to be one of the first in line to get one of the 100-odd remaining Oreganas.

Whether you're a sentimentalist or not, it's a big story—the Story of '55.

Footnotes

We hope the fellow who took all of those pictures (he didn't work here) at the Thurgood Marshall assembly Tuesday got what he wanted. He certainly was busy (and disruptive) enough.

We have it on good authority that the steps of Fenton hall are great for midnight picnics, what with a water fountain sitting right near by to provide mix.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Russia's Recent Actions Are Just Maneuvering, Analyst Says

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A good many people are asking why Russia is being so tough in her relations with the allies at Berlin while attempting to spread so much sweetness and light elsewhere.

After the experiences of the last 10 years, few people are willing to make categorical estimates of why Russia does anything the way she does. Diplomats everywhere make it a point not to center their attention on any particular angle, lest they be distracted from others.

Secretary Dulles emphasized in his report to the nation, after his recent round of conferences in Europe, that he wasn't sure about Russia immediate objectives.

Two factors, at least, seem obvious in the Berlin situation.

One is that by getting her East German puppet government into a row with the West German Republic over the use and maintenance of highways, she is seeking to establish the Eastern gov-

ernment as a concrete entity, an equal entity, in future discussions of the reunification of Germany.

The other is an attempt to demonstrate to West Germany that, while Russia seems to be relaxing pressures in preparation for Big Four negotiations, everybody should remember that she is still in a position to cause a lot of trouble if she wishes.

It's a sort of warning that if her blandishments are spurned she is capable of revenge.

The Russians undoubtedly realize they are in an anomalous position. They threatened loudly, before plans for West German rearmament were ratified, that such action would foreclose the hope of a negotiated settlement of the German question.

Nevertheless negotiations looking toward a settlement continue even though the hope of concrete results is slim.

One curious thing is the quiet that has descended over Molotov after all the threatening noises he made prior to the establish-

ment of Western European Union.

He did carry the word to Vienna that Russia was interested in German neutralism, something the Western diplomats already had guessed, but it was not the same Molotov who a short time before had been predicting World War III if the allies persisted in West German rearmament.

At one point he seems to have gotten off the Khrushchev-Bulgarian track by agreeing with Dulles that the chiefs of state, at their meeting, might as well confine themselves to a relatively brief general discussion of issues upon which the foreign ministers might go to work.

The Kremlin now gives signs of wanting a lengthier and therefore more detailed discussion at the top.

Regardless of Russia's exact motives at any given point in all this discussion, signs appear more and more clearly through the fog that she is just maneuvering, rather than intending to produce concrete peaceful results.

Walking Wounded



"You know how fast he jumps into bed—well, last night we 'short-sheeted' him."



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