

Not Enough Time

The "master list," says the standards committee of the AWS Legislature, is to be completed by May 21. And what is the purpose of the master list? It will be a compilation of all the women's rules in existence for study and investigation. And after the list has been completed, it will be possible to see about changing certain regulations.

Fine, AWS. We're glad to see you taking on responsibility and giving meaning to an organization that has too long been little more than a name in the yearbook. We like the methodical approach you're taking to gather background for this important study, and we approve of your desire to clarify existing rules and their overlaps before you do any final endorsing and deciding. But . . .

May 21 is a week from Tuesday; it's 13 days before the start of final exams. And it doesn't leave much time for investigation, consideration and recommendation of rule changes. Not enough time.

If you hope to get any action on women's rules before next spring term, you must act now. And the master list deadline does not leave enough time to get this action. There must be opportunity for recommen-

dations, particularly from freshman women, to be considered NOW if the master list is to have any meaning.

As for clarification of discrepancies, you might look to enforcement of the rules (or perhaps we should say respect shown for the present rules) if you want something to clarify.

If you are going to get rules — or standards — based on the philosophy that University women need not be protected from themselves, if you are going to get regulations that will allow realistic study programs, if you are going to get standards with meaning because they are student-endorsed, if you are going to get these hopes realized, then you must act before May 21.

There should be a master list of suggestions and recommendations to go alongside the master list of regulations so that the existing and proposed might be more meaningful, and efficiently, compared after May 21. Keep up the compiling of the rules so that they can be straightened around as they are. But get the suggestions ready also. Otherwise it will be too late to do anything with either master list as far as making the standards for next fall's dormitory freshmen realistic.

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Weekend Invasion

The locker-rooms beneath McArthur Court will be all but deserted this weekend, as four of Oregon's most colorful athletic teams leave Eugene for crucial engagements in the north. It's already been a satisfying year for Webfoot sports fans, but this weekend might really give them something to shout about.

Don Kirsch's baseball Ducks, riding the crest of their best year in a score of Northern Division seasons, can all but sew up the 1957 title this week. They play WSC, Idaho and Washington in a ten-day period, and just a better-than-average performance on the road could bring them back to Howe Field with the division flag flying.

On the cinders, only a heroic showing by Washington's Huskies can keep Bill Bowerman's tracksters from walking away with their fourth straight ND championship in Pullman. But their stiffest test comes next weekend in the PCC finale, when the "big boys" from the south descend potently on Hayward Field, and the Ducks will have to equal or better their best marks to finish above last year's fourth place showing.

Two other Oregon squads are a part of the invasion. Sid Milligan's unbeaten golfers exchange a pair of matches with WSC and Idaho, while Dick Williams' tennis

squad tries its luck with the same two teams. Both groups face Division playoffs at Pullman on May 24.

So the weekend should be a happy, hectic one for all good Ducks if the Oregon spring sports tradition continues. This winning business is a pleasant monotony.

Advance Applause

Junior Prom workers deserve an advanced pat on the back for two reasons: 1) The Prom was scheduled on a Saturday night, 2) Les Brown's top-flight band will play at the dance.

Last year the University was host to two big-name bands. Colorful Duke Ellington played to a sardine-packed crowd at Homecoming 1955. Jerry Fielding's band — nationally known and possessor of a smooth, swinging sound — performed at the Junior Prom.

There was only one thing wrong with the Junior Prom last year: it was on a Thursday night. A number of students were working on floats for the Canoe Fete. More sober souls found their study schedules didn't call for Thursday night dances. For some it was too hot — and they headed for the river.

This year Junior Week workers used their heads. They scheduled the Prom a week earlier and didn't try to cram all the events they could into three nights. They signed Les Brown — one of the best dance bands in the nation. Junior Week activities are well spread out. Students will now have time to take part in the whole works — from Les Brown to Canoe Fete to the All Campus Sing.

Footnotes—

Now, what's this we hear about up-campus living organizations banding together to offer a little competition to the Millrace? Something about reactivating the streetcar line running down to the University? That would be very picturesque, but have you ever heard a streetcar go by at 6 a.m. on a Sunday? Better think about rubber wheels for your streetcars, neighbors.

Coarse Course?



"It's all right, Dean Wickham—we're showing a movie."

Our Colleagues

Stanford Women Discuss Regulation Changes Too

(The University of Oregon is by no means the only institution in which women's regulations are being scrutinized for revision. The following is a reprint from the May 1, 1957 edition of the Stanford Daily article by-lined Anne Johnson and deals with the approach of the Stanford Women's Council in rule changes.—Ed.)

Women may accumulate 12 demerits before being suspended from school, under the proposed changes in women's social regulations. These changes are being discussed in the women's house meetings this week and next.

Under the new system, one demerit would be given for a late return of 30 minutes, an accumulation of five lockouts which total 30 minutes or less, any guest violation, a male guest in the residence after closing hours and late leaves in excess of the quota.

After a woman accumulated nine demerits, she would be asked to appear before Women's Council. At 12 demerits the Council would have the power to recommend suspension based on intent to deceive and willful disregard of social regulations.

At present a woman may be suspended after she has received five demerits. However, she may often receive only a third of a demerit, termed an offense, or an eighth of a demerit, a technical, for an infraction of the social regulations. This complicated system would be abolished under the new plan.

Senior and junior women would receive unlimited 2:30 a.m. late leaves under the proposed system. This is in contrast to the present quota which allots unlimited 1:30's and 20 2:30's to seniors and 40 1:30's and 15 2:30's to juniors.

The proposed change would keep the sophomore late leave limit at 40 but would make them all 2:30's instead of the present 30 1:30's and 10 2:30's.

The quota for first-quarter freshman women would remain the same at 20 1:30's and five 2:30's. Second and third-quarter freshman women would be given 29 1:30's and six 2:30's instead of the present 24 1:30's and six 2:30's . . .

Women's Council is still undecided whether or not the 15-minute bonus should be discontinued. Under the present bonus plan, a woman may be late three times during the quarter and not receive any demerit points if the total number of minutes late doesn't add up to more than 15 minutes.

As this is a complete change of the women's social regulations, the plan must be voted on as a whole, according to Women's Council . . .

(Note: In the same issue of the Daily, editorial comment on the proposal is made under the headline "Improving Social Regulations." Portions of this editorial follow.—Ed.)

An improvement has been proposed in the present women's social regulations and demerit system. The changes in the women's rules which have been presented for consideration are an improvement because they are a constructive attempt to iron out an accumulation of complaints made by the women students and because they are the result of much time and energy on the part of Women's Council and the Social Regulations Committee.

They are further an improvement because they help to eliminate many of the petty technicalities which exist under the present system. The new system is simpler, it is more reasonable and it should be more meaningful.

When the present system was set up, it too had meaning. However, during the past eight years additions, subtractions, alterations and interpretations have turned it into an impractical concept.

The present system, because it tends to antagonize many of the women under it, lends itself to misuse and intentional and unintentional cheating.

The new system doesn't pretend to be airtight against cheating. However, due to the fact that it is simpler, that the penalties are made to fit the acts and that the signout slip is more directly connected with the Fundamental Standard and the Honor Code, it does aim at being less antagonistic and more practical . . .

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