

Your Daughter's Rules

This editorial is directed to the students' mothers on campus this weekend, or, more specifically, to the mothers of women in freshman dormitories.

In her column elsewhere on this page the president of the Associated Women Students explains the methods being followed by her group in the evaluating and changing of women's rules, or "standards" as she prefers to call them. It would be a good idea for you to read this column and think over her discussion of the situation.

If you've been following the activities of your daughter at the University very closely, you probably have heard earlier about the stir that has been raised over women's rules. It began sometime early last term when The Emerald began to wonder about some of the regulations which govern the freshman woman — particularly the how's and why's of these rules. We asked the administration questions about several of the restrictions placed on the women — such practices as:

- Checking the bed of every woman, every night (11 p.m. during the week, and 1:30 a.m. on weekends).
- Restricting to one the number of nights on which an average student may study in the library.
- Setting closing hours at 7:30 p.m. during the week.

These questions still have not been answered to our complete satisfaction. Whether or not there is unanimous opinion in favor of or against these rules isn't the entire question: we want to know on what sort of a philosophy these regulations are based and how they are determined, evaluated and revised, if at all.

And we feel that if there is a philosophy behind the establishment of such standards, certainly you, as interested mothers, should know what this philosophy is — because this is the question of what you expect the University to do for your daughter.

Ask yourself a few questions about YOUR idea of what such a philosophy should be, or just what kind of a philosophy you followed before she got here. Did you encourage your daughter to accept responsibility in her work, at home and at school? What did you do to get her to keep her room in order? To get home from dates at a reasonable hour? To study her school homework? And how did your daughter respond to this treatment that you gave her as background? Did you send her down here believing that she was ready for something

beyond high school atmosphere? Or did you send her down here expecting the University to teach her the social graces and to make a social flower of her?

Did you make out that expensive tuition and room check as a down payment for a son-in-law, hoping that the time your daughter spends here would be profitable enough to catch a husband that would be better than anything back home?

Or did you send your daughter to the University to learn about society and the natural world about her, their laws and their problems? Did you want her to develop further her intellectual powers, her sense of responsibility and her personality?

These are essentially the same questions we asked your husbands, the Oregon Dads, when they were on the campus last February. And the issue hasn't been settled yet, despite assurances from the administration that this is just one of those "tempests in the teapots" that happen around here every spring.

This is more than a springtime diversion. Whether you agree with the present regulations or think that they should be more restrictive or think that they should be more lenient, this is something that should concern you.

What concerns us, and we think should certainly concern you, is the seeming lack of respect which the women show for the regulations. We feel that if there were a known philosophy behind these standards, the women would not try to avoid following the rules so much as is done WITHOUT CONCERN. If the women really DO have a part in the formation of their rules, as the administration has said, we don't think such a disrespect for them should exist.

Ask your daughter what she thinks about the rules that govern her in the dormitories, mother. Ask her why she has been "campused" at times, and if she felt she was justifiably restricted. Ask her if she ever tries to "get around" a rule that doesn't seem just right or if her roommates do.

Ask yourself what kind of a philosophy there seems to be behind these regulations and what kind there SHOULD be. And re-read the column by the AWS president on this page. Then decide with your daughter just what kinds of rules should govern the freshman women. It's important that you consider this seriously, mother. A whole new group of mothers and daughters are going to be affected by the kind of rules that we have in effect next fall.

thing but weren't quite sure just what it was.

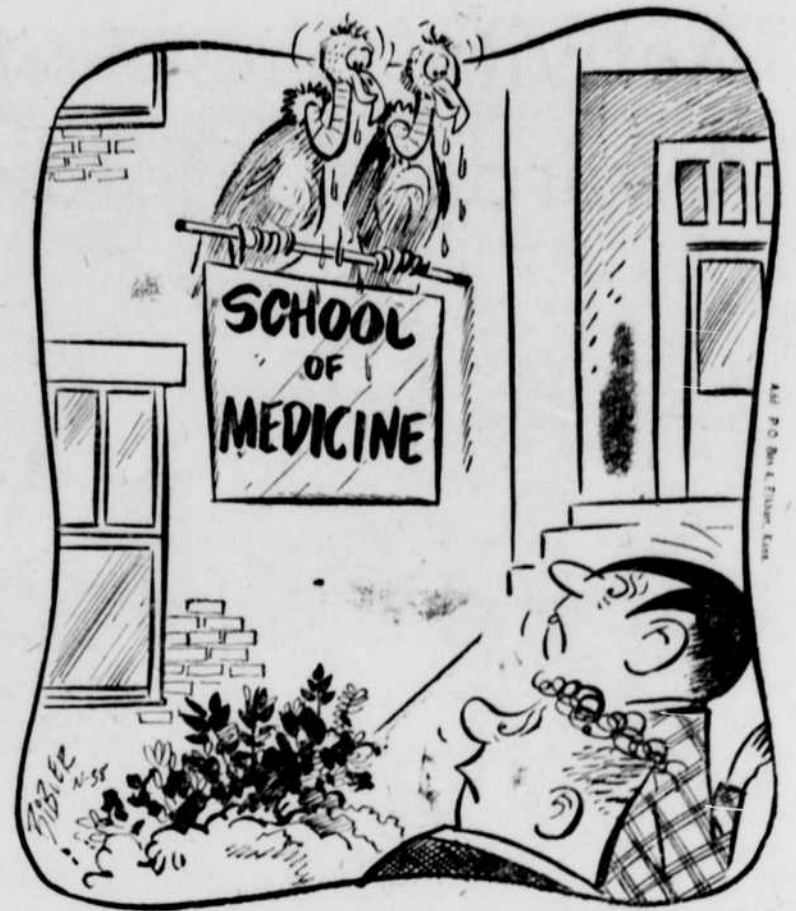
But it wasn't anything to worry about, Mom. No need to inquire about our night life or too much studying, or to bring out the bottle of vitamin pills. We haven't been rioting and picnicking 'til all hours of the morning, we haven't been driving ourselves for a four-point, and we haven't come down with the dreaded "mono."

The only thing that's the matter with us (and with 5,000 others) is too much Junior Week. Why were we dragging? Maybe it's the 40 hours we put in on the float and all-campus sing practice this week. The blood-shot eyes? Well, we'll get around to sleeping next week. The worried look? We're on at least a dozen committees, and we're missing two meetings right now.

But the funny thing is, we LIKE to run ourselves ragged like this — at least once a year — because of the wealth of traditions and memories that work creates. So look around, Mom. Before you is the biggest weekend the University of Oregon can put together.

As for us, we think we'll crawl onto a float and sleep for a week.

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Sue Walcott

AWS Working to Eliminate Dorm Life Dissatisfaction

Hi Mothers! I'd like to direct this article to you and let you know about the changes made this year in women's regulations. Some of you, especially with freshman daughters, have no doubt heard that some women, mainly those in the dormitory system, were unhappy with the regulations that governed them.

This matter came about because the freshman women were dissatisfied with the number of nights they could study at the library and the 11 p.m. bed check. Some of the women brought out these facts and made the campus quite conscious of their dissatisfaction with such regulations. For a while there was a big contro-

versy over these rules, and because of this the matter was brought before the AWS Legislature.

The legislature then started looking into the matter, and the members felt that all women's standards should be investigated. Because of this feeling, a committee was set up to find from where all the standards regulating women students had come, and to revise these standards so as to establish rules that were better set up for mature college women.

This committee has been working since the first of spring term, and they have gathered all these regulations together and have started revision of them. Rewriting women's standards is not an easy task. Some people have conflicting ideas as to what a mature, intelligent woman can do in regulating her own time and setting her own goals.

The committee has taken all the suggestions given to them, has discussed them thoroughly, and will present a compilation of the standards they think are applicable to college women.

This list will be presented to a joint meeting of Heads of Houses (composed of the presidents of each woman's living organization) and the AWS Legislature. At this meeting, the standards suggested will meet discussion and criticism. Those standards meeting the approval of the members present at the joint meeting will then be sent to the Student Affairs Committee or the Office of Student Affairs (as the case may be) for final approval.

This has been the procedure for revising women's standards this year, and in any future years, suggestions will go before Heads of Houses and the AWS Legislature. Any changes the groups think are meritorious will then be adopted, and the new standard will go into effect the following fall term.

The Associated Women Students cabinet and legislature feel that by bringing out such problems as women's standards, the women of the University of Oregon can help themselves to become mature people who will think intelligently and make important decisions wisely.

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The Biggest Weekend

Maybe we seemed to drag just a little bit when we met you this morning, Mom. Maybe our eyes were the slightest bit blood-shot and perhaps we had a worried air about us, like we were supposed to be doing some-

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