

Perfection Is Demanded

The mighty Homecoming activity machine—fall term's big "push"—has rolled into action. The ASUO senate two weeks ago named Kay Beatty and Dick Shaw chairmen of the event. Monday night, Miss Beatty and Shaw announced their selections for committee chairmen. Three committee chairmanships are still undecided.

As usual, University students will demand absolute perfection in the Homecoming lineup of events—it'll be somebody's fault if heavy rains ruin the bonfire. Mistakes will be made, of course, and it can only be hoped that next year's committee chain of command benefits by these mistakes.

No doubt, the best decision that's been made so far on Homecoming is the Senate's rejection of the float parade. Building both a Homecoming sign and float—plus planning and organizing regular living organization events—was simply asking too much of the students. Instead of "fun," it was plain old hard work, which has never been much of an attraction to college students.

So good luck to the planners and organizers of Homecoming for 1957. May they please everybody: students, alums, University officials, the fire marshall, city police, letters-to-the-editor writers — EVERYBODY. And one more thing, Homecoming chairmen: Let's Beat Oregon State.

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Sad Commentary

A disturbing announcement was buried on the front page of Monday's Emerald, hidden within a story headlined "Beards Begin Now for Whiskerino; Dance Set Oct. 26."

Nearly two weeks to cultivate a beard for the Sophomore Whiskerino! This is indeed a sad commentary on the virility of this year's sophomore men, who by tradition, must dispense with razors for a certain period before the annual all-campus dance.

We remember having only an eight-day period for beard-development before the Whiskerino, and previous soph classes evidently had even less time for sartorial sprouting. One extremely hirsute fellow we knew always boasted that he could raise a better chin of whiskers overnight than any callow sophomore could in a week, but his challenge was discredited a few years back when he turned up in a cage in the Primate Laboratory near Deady Hall.

We have it from a barbering friend that an average healthy whisker grows 1.3 millimeters per day. This figure, multiplied by the 12 days allowable for this year, equals 16 mm, or nearly two-thirds of an inch—about the average length of the beards of last year's sophomores, who had only eight days allowable growth.

This could be interpreted to mean that

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'Is Queen Elizabeth Really Necessary?' Asks Unenthusiastic British Subject

By ED CREAGH

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WASHINGTON (AP)—Is Queen Elizabeth really necessary?

This may sound like an un-called-for question, with that gracious young lady about to visit this one-time English colony. But it's not an American who has asked the question. It's one of Her Majesty's own British subjects—loyal, no doubt, but unenthusiastic.

"A royal soap opera," is what Malcolm Muggeridge calls the British royal family and their activities.

Muggeridge used to edit the humor magazine Punch. Since then he's become what a London paper describes as a "television idol." Some of the Queen's more fervent rooters describe him in other terms, not all of them printable.

Muggeridge's piece appears in the current Saturday Evening Post, an American publication. Advanced word of it—the title: "Does England Need a Queen?"—trickled over to London and the fat is in the fire. Staunch royalist circles are

asking? "Does England need a Muggeridge?"

Beneath the comic opera overtones, Muggeridge poses some serious questions—basically the same ones which have been asked in recent months by other critics of our royal visitors:

What is a king or queen supposed to be, anyhow, in this 20th century? In Elizabeth's case, a symbol of a nation and a commonwealth above politics? A sort of rallying point for the loyalties of duchesses and ditch-diggers alike, to say nothing of Australian loin-cloth wearers and respectable citizens of Kitchener, Ont.?

Muggeridge indicates he'd say yes to all of this. His point is that Elizabeth II isn't properly coached for her job. He argues as did young Lord Altrincham, who got punched in the snoot for saying it that the Queen is surrounded by stuffed shirts and fuddy-duddies.

And the results, says Muggeridge, is that the Queen sets criticized by her own class as "dowdy, frumpish and banal"—in other words, badly dressed

and something of a dope—instead of appearing as "a useful, unifying element in a society full of actual and potential discord."

Well, this is one for our former British kinfolk to settle and not for us.

We read of Elizabeth's fabulous jewels—the diamond and pearl circlet handed down from Queen Victoria, the Australian pendant opal set among 180 diamonds, and all the others. We remember her smart gowns—oh, let's got a bit British and call them "smashing"—on her previous visit here. The thousands of Americans who have met the young Queen have found her charming and gracious.

This writer, who has watched the Queen at fairly close range from Buckingham Palace to the White House, can testify she makes more sense than most of the young ladies you meet at public functions.

So it may or may not be that Muggeridge has been too hard on his Queen. But as a service to international relations it should

the men of 1960 are only two-thirds as manly as their junior counterparts, but then, these college kids are getting younger-looking every year.

To quote Monday's story: "The beard-growing contest will last two weeks to insure variety." Variety may be the spice of life, but the Whiskerino planners should not hide behind it as an excuse for their smooth cheeked sophomore classmates.

Up to You

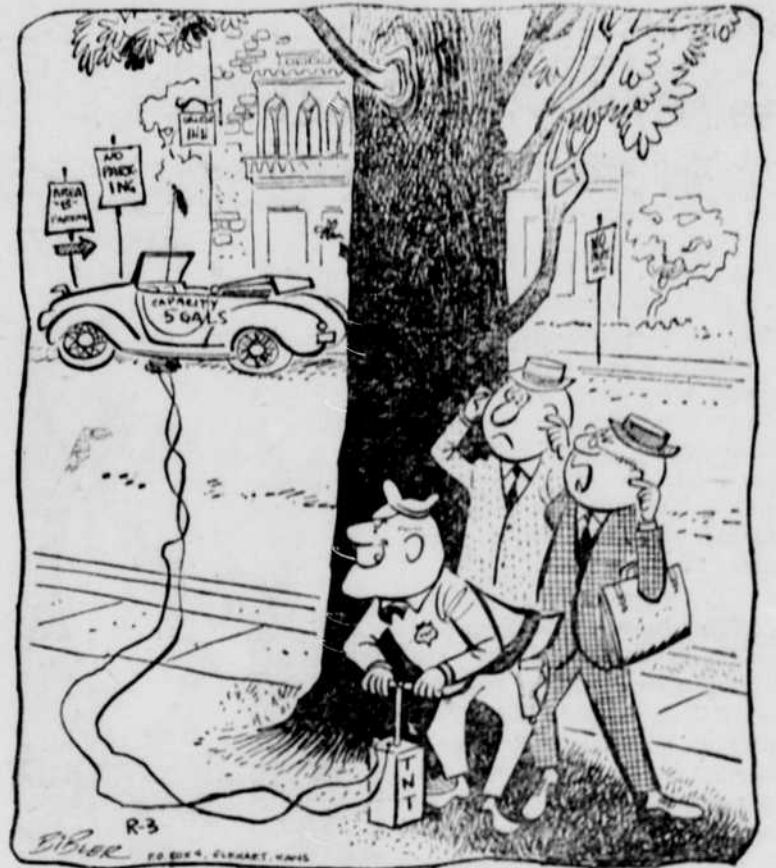
It's always nice, along about this time of the year, to sit back and count our blessings, especially the blessing of living in a relatively democratic atmosphere. This feeling is intensified when the news comes from the north that freshmen (Rooks) are about to "elect" their class officers at Oregon State.

The quotation marks are there on purpose, for little choice is left to the ignorant Rook. A screening committee prunes the petitioners down to three candidates for each office, leaving the Rook free to choose between three hand-picked politicians.

Freshmen, your elections will be coming up soon, but there won't be any screening committee to decide who is best qualified to lead you for the coming year. It'll be up to you.

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Wrong Sticker



"FIRST CAMPUS COP WE'VE HAD TO DO ANYTHING TO ELIMINATE THE PARKING PROBLEM."

Letters to the Editor

Emerald Editor:

Several articles appearing in issues of The Emerald during recent years have commented on the lack of spirit of the Oregon students during athletic events. There is no need to disturb the coals of these past articles which have attempted to explain or criticize, whatever the case may be, the lack of student participation; however, there are some points which seem worthy of attention.

Students and faculty who were fortunate enough to attend the Oregon vs. San Jose game Saturday saw a greatly improved Oregon rooting section that demonstrated an ability for enthusiasm, and a potential that should be developed. Oregon has a fine yell squad, and it certainly can use even more cooperation than in Saturday's game.

There is need of more coordination of the yells which are promoted. There were a great number of bring them out of the huddle type yells which distracted attention from playing action of the game. There were times when the yelling lagged at the Saturday game, but this was probably due to the fact that spectators were anxious to see what was happening on the playing field and not the cinder track. If the number of yells were cut down and yells were timed to huddle formations it would appear that more attention would be given to yells...

Despite what has been said about Oregon's spirit, I defend the students' pride in their school and team. Walk in any fraternity or sorority on campus and listen to the talk. Football discussions about Oregon's team take a back seat only to talk about women.

Walk into Maxie's after a

Muggeridge's critics, the pro-Labor party newspaper, The People. That journal predicts the Muggeridge piece will "shock America to its depth."

Nope. Most Americans won't pay much attention. Those who do will prefer to form their own opinion of Her Majesty, if they haven't formed it already. Most people already have, though. If you doubt it, try to wangle an invitation to any of the social functions being given for the Queen.

Sorry, the guest list has long since been filled—with Americans ready to cheer for an undowdy, frumpish, favorite female of theirs.

game and listen to the school spirit. I recall two years ago when the Ducks were host to San Jose and several San Jose men came rushing from the stands and attempted to pull out the goal posts, but they did not succeed, because most of the men in the Oregon section joined to protect their goal posts. No, I do not think it is fair to say that Oregon students do not possess spirit, because they have spirit. The problem faced by the Oregon yell leaders is to direct this simmered spirit of individual personalities into a unified cooperative yelling section. I believe this will be accomplished with the kind of progress we made last Saturday.

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Our Contemporaries

Viewing with alarm the nationally-publicized kissless decree at University of Michigan's Stockwell women's dormitory is Cornell University Daily Sun writer J. Kirk Sale.

Commenting on the dorm council 14-4 vote to stop "excessive osculation or cuddling" in or near the hall, Sale says:

"This is pretty startling stuff. This was not a resolution handed down by the university, nor an order from the president, nor a decision of the dormitory counselors. This was a completely voluntary decree passed by the students' own volition and without recommendations or orders from the Outside World..."

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