

One to Remember

Hope you're not getting lost in the mud-dle of Homecoming activities, alums, for we're glad you made it back for the big weekend and we hope you have a fine time.

In the rush of busy-work and scheduled events, many of us don't get to meet as many of you as we would like to, but just the same we're pleased you could make it.

This year's Homecoming promises to be one to remember, for it's been a long time since Oregon went to the Rose Bowl, and our team means to win that PCC title outright today, for the first time in history. That we can do it by dumping our agricultural rivals makes the taste of victory even sweeter.

We appreciate your support, alums, for you've helped to build the University of Oregon into one of the finest academic institutions west of the Mississippi. Your continued backing in the years ahead will make it even better.

Welcome back alums! We're really glad you're here.

Don't Count us Out

No, alums, it doesn't look a bit like the good old days. And it must seem a bit hard to return to a campus like this. We didn't have an "O" on the Butte to paint for the first time in too long; our Victory Bell turned up missing the other day; orange and black geese appeared one morning. It just might not look good from all you've been reading.

But don't count us out yet. We haven't been spending all our time running around trying to make people wear Homecoming buttons or stay off the lawns. There's a bit of the old fight left yet, more than just that you'll see in our Oregon football steam-roller job this afternoon.

Remember the anxiety on the Aggie campus a couple weeks ago when our northern neighbors thought their Homecoming court wouldn't be around in time for Homecoming weekend? Or did you see the boys from Corvallis who came all the way to Eugene for special haircuts and scalp treatment? We haven't been too concerned with plans for Pasadena to forget the Beavers.

It may not look like the good old days, and television and Rose Bowl may have changed things a little bit. But if there is a slight delay in getting that "O" back up on the Butte, it's because we've been too busy finding windows for our Aggie visitors to wash. The spirit is still there.

Support is Needed

The dry zone—which bans the sale of beer and wine around the campus—is in danger of being scrapped. The Eugene city council has accepted the applications of four grocery stores within the zone for package beer

licenses. The applications now go to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission—which set up the dry zone in 1950 at the University's request—for final action.

The administration and The Emerald are asking that these applications be rejected. We appeal especially to you returning alumni for support.

The present student body is highly mobile, and the dry zone is too small to have a significant effect in curbing students' urges to buy packaged beer. We feel further that less alcohol is consumed by University students than by students on comparable campuses.

But the zone must be retained for the good of the University.

Oregon, as many of you alumni know, has the unfortunate and unwarranted reputation over the state as a party school, a "country club." This reputation, though no longer justified, would be confirmed once again in the public mind if the University does not strongly oppose all efforts to shrink or do away with the dry zone.

If the dry zone falls, the University would be saying to the citizens of Oregon—who pay for the University and send their children to it—that it is no longer trying to limit student drinking.

So, alumni, if you agree, why don't you let the OLCC know your feelings? The OLCC address is: 9201 S.E. McLoughlin Blvd., Portland.

But Bear in Mind...

Much as we welcome the alumni back for another fast-paced weekend, we'd like to add a few words we consider timely—particularly in view of the Ducks' outstanding football success this season.

We don't doubt that the reason some of you have been anxious for this weekend is to see this fine team in action against its oldest and generally toughest rival. To this we say amen.

But while you're here, we want to stress the fact that the University should and does offer much more for its undergraduates and alumni to be proud of than its football team.

We'd be going pretty far off the deep end to allow this Rose Bowl success to spoil our aims and real values, which has been known to happen in other areas of the Pacific coast.

We're justly proud of our football team, to be sure, but we're also proud of our academic program, our administration and faculty, our campus beauty, our Millrace, our other traditions and a hundred-and-one things apart from athletics.

So bear these things in mind when planning your next visit here (and we hope they are frequent), or a little "extra effort" for your University. We won't always have a Rose Bowl team to show off.

Footnotes

The Eugene City Council isn't the first to blow up Oregon's "dry zone." The weatherman never did respect it.

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Emerald correspondent (and Associate Editor) Bill Cook, on special assignment to Corvallis Friday, took an informal poll after Oregon State's yell king spoke to a huge rally. Cook asked 19 of the Beavers what their yell king's name was. Not one of them knew. (It's Bud Goodman, if anyone's interested.)

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So the Aggie geese are going to serve as Thanksgiving dinner at the local calaboose. That's all very charitable, but wouldn't they have gone over even better on the Straub menu?

Battered Beavers?



SPORTSCASTER: "IN SPITE OF INJURIES, FOLKS, OLE STATE FIGHTS BRAVELY ON WITH POLANSKY GOING IN FOR BEAVER—"

Dave Cass

University Comes of Age With Entrance Requirements

In a very important sense the University comes of age next year. At that time, along with the other institutions of higher learning in the state, it will initiate long needed entrance requirements for graduates of Oregon high schools. This will be a significant move for higher education, both in the University and for the potential student and his parents.

We might well ask, therefore, what this means for education at Oregon, and how we can reconcile such a step with the American ideal of education.

If they agree on no other point, Americans are vehemently democratic. It has always been held that a primary extension of this democratic creed is educational opportunity for all.

The fact that the inclusions in this "all" have varied with time and place and is variously defined even today in different sections does not alter the fact that this attitude on education is held generally by most Americans.

Is it not then undemocratic to restrict entrance into public colleges and universities? The answer, of course, is no. The heart of opposition to limiting enrollments according to ability lies in a corruption of the ideal of education. Education for all is not educational opportunity for all, particularly at the college level. As a matter of fact, the two are contradictory, as will be pointed out later.

The source of justification of entrance requirements lies in the nature of higher education itself. The aims and standards of college level education are such that not all are capable of benefitting to the same degree, if at all.

This becomes more and more apparent at a university such as Oregon, where there has been a progressive rise in the quality of education. It is almost a truism to say that an attempt to educate all who want a higher education means that

none get this education. Nevertheless, this is the case.

One might put this crudely in a sort of equation of benefit, balancing the costs of education (money, time and teaching talent) against the real benefits (those that can only be gained at college) accruing to the individual student.

Entrance requirements attempt to do this before the taxpayers' money is squandered, and not afterwards, as has been the case in the past.

An interesting study made by the Office of Admissions on the effects of next year's admission requirements, had they been in force in the fall of 1955, shows that such standards mainly affect those who would be dropped out of school in the first year anyway.

Without going into the detailed statistics of this report, I would merely point out that the attrition rate of the group that would have been disqualified in 1955 was twice that of the rest of their class. Of those that remained, for the most part their work was barely above the minimum.

It must be emphasized that minimum work is only barely satisfactory, and that quality education does not come from minimum work.

It is argued that the social benefit and prestige attached to the college education make it mandatory for success in later life. But the prestige of the degree arises from the education supposedly behind it; if the education is faulty, the prestige is that much less.

The degree then becomes a special union card, and little more. Furthermore, there is serious doubt that the main benefit of college is from its social aspects, and whether social grooming can only come from university attendance.

The answer might be to set up social clubs that are called universities and which give degrees in social affluence, but are in no way connected with real universities.

In reality, entrance requirements are beneficial to the student not suited for college work. The hurt and discouragement attendant with failure is a large

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