

## Webfoots, Grimness and Civil War

Tomorrow at Corvallis: the game that can turn a disappointing season into a good one.

For Oregon's hard-luck Webfoots, limping with a 3-5 record, this year's Civil War battle with the Beavers will also be a battle against themselves.

The Ducks will have to overcome the frustrating knowledge that they've been a better team—really—than most of the teams they've met this year. They won't be able to do much brooding about those five losses, or about the unsolicited "something" that has kept them from operating at full tilt except against Oklahoma and USC.

They won't be able to think of much of anything, except Tommy Prothro's Beavers.

Traditional football games, like political trends and women's styles, have a way of changing spectacularly. Compare this season's Civil War with last year's: then Oregon and Oregon State were both riding the crest of an unparalleled season. Oregon was

a shoo-in for the Rose Bowl, and the two outfits were after the PCC championship.

There's no Rose Bowl in sight for either club this year, nor is the PCC's last title at stake. But for both teams, and particularly for Oregon, there is the matter of self-satisfaction, and great football games have been played for that cause.

Oregon has made a tradition of being a team of "positive" surprises—pulling upsets and near-upsets with regularity. This year, they've turned in some "negative" surprises—call them disappointments if you like—and nobody is more conscious of this situation than they are.

The Ducks will be out to do Saturday what they think they were capable of doing throughout the season. So don't be surprised if they look grim all afternoon long. Don't be too surprised to holler if they find themselves in time to upend OSC, either.

## "We Betcha . . ."

The campus seems to be taking on the appearance of a Calcutta Pool in its preparation for the upcoming UO-OSC civil war grid clash.

A myriad of side bets are pending on the outcome of Saturday's game:

Student body presidents Titus and McKennon have agreed that the loser will don a hobo outfit and hitch-hike the 40 miles from the winning school to his own campus. Also the loser will sing and record the opposing school's fight song in an open assembly at the winning school. The recording will be played at OSC's "Friday Variety" or "Friday at Four." We understand that neither participant poses a serious threat to the Met's baritone Robert Merrill.

The OSC rally squad issued a challenge to their Webfoot cohorts Tuesday: the yell dukes of the winning school will give "hair

cuts" to the losing dukes, and the rally girls from both sides will compete in a pre-game 440-yard sprint around the OSC track. (See Oregon's answer on page one.)

Some fraternities bet "skins" with their OSC counter-parts. Depending on the game's outcome the fraternity of the losing school presents a sheet of leather (skin), with the game score, date, and chapter name to the fraternity of the winning school.

After the singing, haircutting, sprinting, etc. . . is over it should be a profitable day for all concerned on our old camp.

As any gambler will tell you, OSC, "never bet more than you can afford to lose."

## Footnotes

Headline from the Oregon State Barometer:

Jr. Prom Queen  
Scores on TV

Those Aggies . . . can't they show any discretion?

## Bud Titus

### Surplus Activities: Homecoming Contests, Derby, Fete Need Changing or Eliminating

In each of the past three years the ASUO Senate has set up a committee to evaluate activities, and their various worths. Although their reports have found some activities lacking, any actual elimination or any substantial change in activities has never been achieved on this campus.

But Wednesday, November 19, the Student Union Board unanimously eliminated the Hello Dance from its list of sponsored activities, because it had failed to accomplish its purpose, i.e. to provide an opportunity for freshmen to get acquainted, and because it was "just another social function" in an already over-burdened New Student week.

In view of this recent action of the Board, I think it timely and appropriate to discuss three other activities that ought to meet a similar death as did the Hello Dance or ought to be changed substantially. These are the Bunion Derby, the Homecoming sign contest, and the Canoe Fete float contest.

These three events have two common characteristics: 1) they involve "house competition"; and 2) this in turn necessarily involves compulsory "house functions." These events are time-consuming; and this time spent is not a voluntary

commitment on the part of the individual student.

The reason for the compulsory aspect of these activities, I think, stems from the fact that they are competitive, and moreover this element of competition creates what I would call a "negative philosophy" on behalf of the living organizations who participate. Why do we go to the Bunion Derby? Why do we build Homecoming signs and Canoe Fete floats?

The immediate and most-often-heard reply to these questions is not "because we like to" or "because there is such and such a purpose." Rather, because we have to.

Granted the Bunion Derby has a purpose, to raise scholarship money. But this goal could be accomplished by merely asking for donations from the students on campus. So the Bunion Derby cannot be justified only as a scholarship-raising activity. It necessarily must be a voluntary activity and a night of fun.

One does not attend the Bunion Derby because he wants to; one attends this "rat-race" because he HAS to. A sizeable majority would back me up in my further stating that the Derby is not "fun"; and therefore it lacks substantial reason

to be considered as a worthy event.

In view of the over-all consideration of the Derby, and not merely the narrow mercenary one, it ought not to be continued in light of the fact that it can only be justified as a scholarship raising event.

The ASUO Cabinet has recommended to the AWS legislature to make the Derby a function with no required participation. It could serve as both a scholarship project and as a freshman "mixer".

The purpose of the Homecoming sign contest is to further alumni relations and to convey the Homecoming theme. Lately these signs have served mainly as an attraction to Eugene townspeople, not alumni. And although there have been some excellent signs in recent years, the many poor ones have been just as significant.

Studies are neglected, classes are skipped, and Homecoming itself is dreaded, because of the time that MUST be spent in building a sign that could win the prized trophy.

Because it does not fulfil its purpose and because of the amount of required time, sign contest ought to be eliminated. Perhaps a committee of "sign enthusiasts" could be formed

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## Bandages for Black Bandits



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

## Letters to the Editor

### Emerald Editor:

I have been reading the "Letters to the Editor" column with sincere interest for the past week on the discussion of the seating arrangement at the football games. Although the letters are very good, then tend to be somewhat one-sided, as all of the letters thus far are from the anti-fraternity league. The fraternities methods of roping off sections in the football stadium by the underclassmen in order to reserve a seat for their big brothers when they arrive, seems to be looked down upon by the majority of the other students who are not in a fraternity.

Unfortunately, this anti-fraternity league, who are writing all of the letters, will, I presume, soon stop unless the fraternities write letters in reply explaining why they MUST reserve certain sections. Maybe they hope that the anti-fraternity leaguers will shut up is the reason for the fraternity silence. But I'm sure they have a reason and with a little prodding they would be glad, if just given a chance, to tell the Emerald readers why. Come on boys! Grab those dull little pencils, use your sharp little heads and start those letters going.

I don't particularly care how this controversy(sic) turns out. I just like arguments. Actually I don't really care whether the fraternities tell me where I can sit, because people have been telling me what to do all of my life.

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### Emerald Editor:

In reflecting on the recent election, I was struck by one over-riding theme found in almost every candidate's pronouncements i.e., "I am for economy and tax cutting." Needless to say this was not accompanied

with specific proposals. Such a statement, though, has obvious voter appeal, unfortunately stemming from voter, as well as, candidate ignorance of the relationships of ones tax bill to the services it (the tax dollar) provides.

People complain loudly about the taxes they pay, especially at the state and local levels. Yet what would happen if one day our much "burdened" and "long suffering" citizen awoke to find himself without sewage disposal, police or fire protection—without the health service or public schools, or garbage disposal—who would clean the streets, repair and maintain the highways?

If the "average" taxpayer isn't aware of it, I will in very simple language state that these services COST MONEY. THIS MONEY AND YOUR TAXES ARE ONE-IN-THE-SAME.

I know this sounds redundant, but after hearing so many of our "leaders" calling on the one hand for tax reduction and on the other for increased services, the first grade approach seems most appropriate.

As our society becomes more complex, present and new services will have to be expanded and created. These will cost money. This means taxes must increase or our society will stagnate.

When one considers that the average cost of our total government (including the military) amounts to about 25% and the state and local to less than 5% of the "average" taxpayers income, these are really the most productive dollars we spend. If anyone doubts this, think what it would cost the individual to provide, just, the mentioned services for himself, if that was even possible.

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