

Responsible Student Body Needed for Conduct Code

The University Student Conduct Code presumes that the student body is composed of mature and responsible individuals. The whole philosophy of the Code is based on this presumption.

The implementation of the Code, since the program is only entering its third year, is still in the experimental stage, and during the past two years many important procedural improvements have been made. However, the structure of the system, while subject to change at times, has been fairly rigid.

For example, Associate Dean of Students Francis B. Nickerson co-ordinates the activities and functions of the various groups and committees that are involved in discharging the Code.

Nickerson has been in this capacity since the Code was approved. He serves as executive secretary of the Student Conduct Committee, and the entire University discipline program is handled through his office.

Conduct Committee

The Student Conduct Committee, composed of four faculty and three student members, is the policy-making body of the Code. The Committee, however, may take original jurisdiction in any case, and serves as a court of appeal from the Student Court. Wendell Basye, professor of law, is chairman of the committee.

The Court is composed of five student and two faculty members. The chairman is usually a third-year law student. The Student Court hears cases involving the more serious offenses allegedly committed by a student, or group of students. A court prosecutor presents the evidence against the student or group; the accused may hire a professional lawyer to defend him, and there are always various Law School students willing to defend a student. It is wise to seek some sort of legal aid if you are accused of violating the Code.

The minor courts, totaling six during the 1964-65 school year, are the busiest in terms of number of cases heard because they deal with the less important alleged violations. Dick Rapp will serve as the advisor to the minor courts for the upcoming year. Five students constitute a minor court.

Traffic Court

Traffic court, consisting of five students, recommends changes to the Campus Planning Committee about the use of cars on campus, and hears the cases of students who may appeal their parking citations received on campus.

Various sanctions may be issued by the different judicial bodies; but only the Conduct Committee and Student Court can suspend or expel a student. Even more important, however, is the fact that, according to the Code: "No sanction or other disciplinary action shall be imposed on a student by or in the name of the University except in accordance with the Code." This means that students have a "right to a fair trial."

Serious Violations

The most serious violations, with their accompanying punishments are listed below:

Expulsion or suspension from the University or any lesser sanction may result from commission of any of these next offenses: academic cheating and plagiarism; furnishing false information to the University with the intent to deceive; forgery, alteration, or misuse of University documents, records, or identification cards; physical abuse of another person in the University community;

Malicious destruction, damage or misuse of University property, including library materials, or of private property on the campus; theft (although, students will not usually be punished for an off-campus crime); vandalism or kidnapping committed on other campuses; participation in hazing; lewd or indecent conduct; two or more lesser offenses.

Lesser Offenses

Disciplinary probation of any lesser sanction may result from the commission of any of the following offenses:

Possession, consumption, or furnishing of alcoholic beverages on University owned or controlled property (except in married student housing), in University-related housing for single students, or at University-affiliated or supervised functions; disorderly conduct; raiding of University-affiliated living organizations; violation of closing hour restrictions; violation of visiting hour

rules; violation of any University rule approved by the Student Conduct Committee, with such punishments set.

The above rules relate only to individual students and do not apply to group offenses.

At the present time, the group offense situation is very confused. Some groups, such as the fraternities and sororities, are allowed to judge one another, and what happens to them is seldom publicly divulged.

There are other trouble spots, either actual or potential, but the Student Conduct Committee has been attempting to iron them out and will continue to do so. Other areas that bear watching center around closing hours—University President Flemming is pledged to removing closing hours for sophomores and juniors in the future; end-of-the-term difficulty in the dormitories; lack of equality in carrying out the functions of the Code in respect to where a student lives. In other words, dorm students are under more supervision than Greeks and therefore, are more likely to get caught violating the Code.

However, the biggest problem and the hardest to tackle stems from the indifference shown by the members of the student body. Unless the students know and understand the Code, the system will not work.

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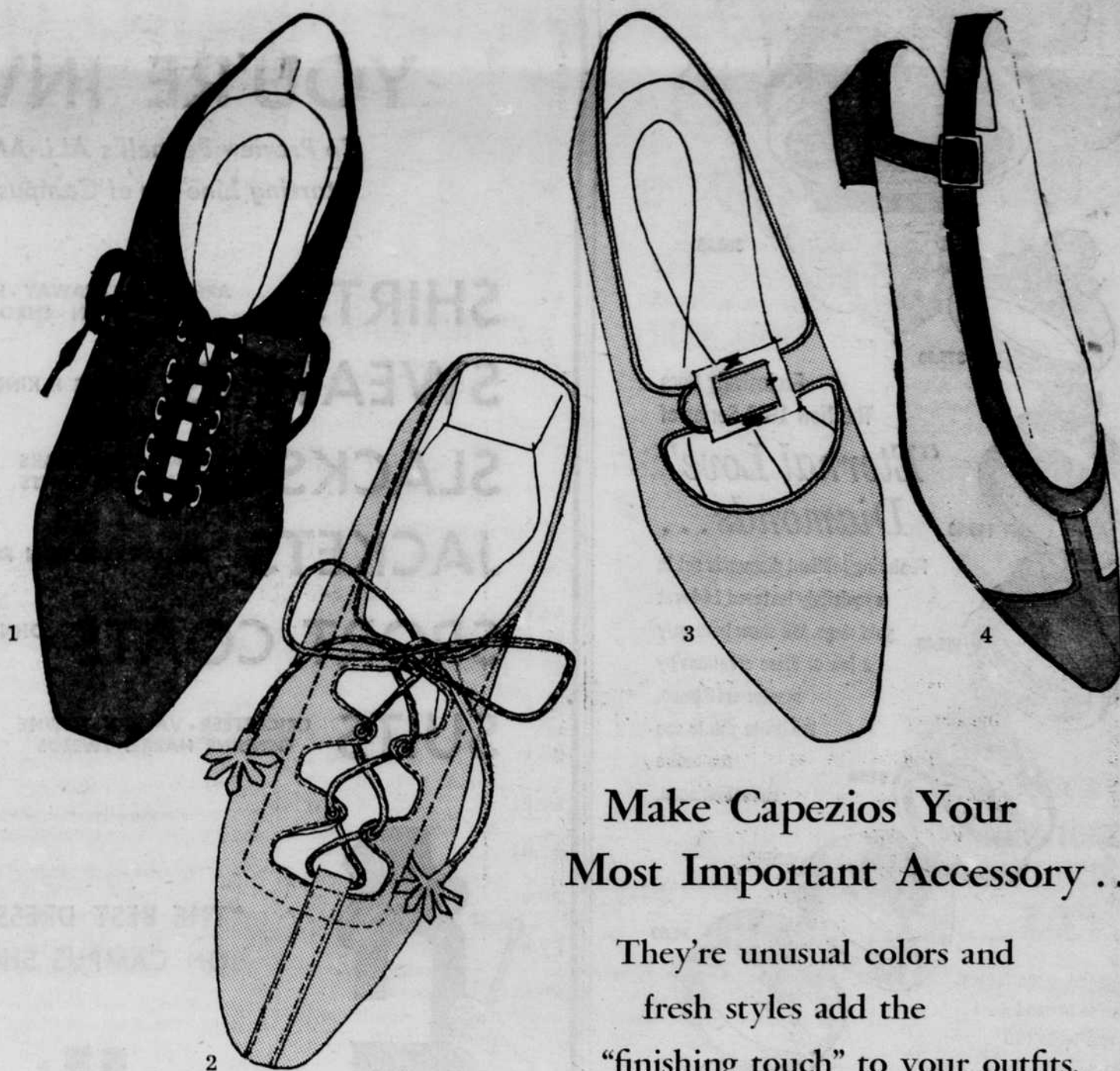
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English Prof Dies Sept. 1

Norman Hubert Oswald, assistant professor of English, died Sept. 1 in Eugene following a brief illness. He was 57.

Oswald, who had been on the University faculty since 1946, taught courses in satire and Shakespeare. He was the English department representative in the interdisciplinary program for the master's degree.

Oswald received his B.A. degree from Reed College and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of California, Berkeley. He taught at Berkeley before coming to Oregon.

A memorial fund for Oswald is in the care of Kester Svendsen, head of the English department.