# **Cheerleaders rally for respectability** They risk taunts, work hard, and are out there to perform

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Ignoring the risks of being dubbed "airheads" and of being hit with ice cubes thrown by irate fans, 45 people tried out for the University rally squad this year.

The group of 45, six men and 39 women, was gradually reduced over four days by a panel of six judges who questioned the cheerleading candidates about their sports knowledge and judged their dance skills. When the tryouts finally concluded, seven women and three men were chosen for next year's squad.

Rally squad adviser and former University cheerleader Mike Maulding says the initial careful selection - and hard work during the season - pays off.

"I admit my bias," Maulding says, "but people who have seen all the Pac-10 rally squads rate Oregon's the best along with USC."

He says this is especially impressive when coupled with the fact that the University of Southern California squad has help from professional Hollywood choreographers.

"Our choreography comes from our talent, from the fact that we become very close friends and from camps that we attend," Maulding says.

In August, some University squad members will attend a National Cheerleading Association camp in Berkeley to learn the latest rally squad moves.

The summer also brings a rigorous training schedule. The squad will work out five days a week, seven hours a day. During the school year the squad practices for two hours three or four days a week, Maulding says

Despite the demanding schedule, people are attracted to the rally squad because of their love of sports and because the University squad emphasizes dance, he says.

"In the past we primarily did pyramids and gymnastics, but dance ability is now very important and these people love to dance," he says.

Returning cheerleader Nancy Loo, a journalism major, says she enjoys all aspects of cheerleading.

"I love to dance, I love to stay in shape and I love to perform," she says.

Loo says she also likes the public relations aspect of cheering. The squad members represent the University at parades and fashion shows, and appear for public service organizations such as the Lion's Club.

Architecture student Scott Miler, a second year rally member, says he doesn't mind being a free goodwill ambassador for



Like all University sports teams, the rally squad puts in long hours of practice and training before taking to the football field.

the University or all the hard work - as long as he gets to perform.

"Performing in front of thousands of people is a trip," Miler says.

Miler says one drawback to performing in the limelight is the danger of flying objects.

"You have to put up with ice cubes flying by your head because you're caught in the crossfire between the fans and the players and refs," he says.

Kym Easton, who is studying telecommunications, echoes Loo and Miler in her love of performing and dancing and finds the stereotype of the dumb blond cheerleader objectionable.

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'You can't really be an airhead or a dingbat because dancing takes a lot of time, work and dedication," Easton says.

Loo strongly agrees and says "I'm not blond, I'm not dumb and I have a higher GPA than most people I know."

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#### MEETINGS

WOMEN IN COMMUNICATIONS, INC. meets tonight at 7 p.m. at East Broadway Pizza for a dinner meeting. Officer elections for next year will be discussed. All members and interested students are encouraged to attend.

THE ASIAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION will meet this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. in the second floor lounge of Friendly Hall. All interested students and faculty are welcom

"ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEADERSHIP, FRIEND-SHIP AND SERVICE?" If so, there will be an open meeting for Alpha Phi Omega today in EMU Century Room A. All interested are wholeheartedly welcome.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST will hold its weekly meeting, Prime Time, tonight at 8:31 p.m. in 101 EMU. Campus Crusade for Christ is a nondenomination Christian organization. Everyone is welcome to

THE POLITICAL SCIENCE STUDENT UNION journal committee will meet tonight at 6:30 p.m. at the Emerald office in the library. Please be prompt. This is an impor-

ASKLEPIAD MEETING tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Chi Psi Fraternity. It is important that all members attend.

LECTURES "THE CAUSE AND CONTROL OF RAIN, TORNADOS AND PLATE TECHTONICS" is the title of a lecture to be given by Mr. Peterson, Monday, May 7, at 7 p.m. Call 726-8775 (evenings) for location. "TWO VIEWS OF CONTEMPORARY HUNGARIAN

FOLKLORE: THE VILLAGE MUSEUM AND THE URBAN DANCE REVIVAL" is the title of a slide-and-video lecture to be given by Profs. Zoltan Fejos and Peter Nieder muller tonight at 7:30 p.m. in 177 Lawrence.

#### INTERVIEWS

INTERVIEWS Sign up at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday in Room 224 Hendricks Hall for the following recruiters: MAY 9 Port Angeles Public Schools (For teachers: Elementary&Read Specialist&Spec Ed&Home and family life&Sec Math&Sec Sci&Vocational-A mech&Carpen try) Group Meeting: 9 a.m., Rm. 108, EMU

May 9 VR Business Brokers - Group meeting only: 7 p.m., Rms 110-111, EMI (For selling businesses)

May 10 Hillsboro Union High School District 3JT (For Teachers: JH and SH Soc studies&JH and SH Math&CS&SH English&JH and SH Handicapped Learner&JH typing)

May 10 U.S. Comptroller of the Currency (For National Ba Examine SIGN UP FOR THE FOLLOWING RECRUITERS at 7:30

a.m. today in 244 Hendricks Hall

PLEASE SIGN UP IMMEDIATELY if interested in inter-

viewing with the following recruiters: Apr 30-May 2 Peace Corps recruiting Office (For Peace Corps Volunteer) Group Meeting: 4/30 12:30 p.m., Forum Room, EMU. Film: 4/30 3:30 p.m., Forum Room, EMU

April 30 Jefferson County School District (For Jr. High Teachers: Math/Eng/Counseling/Special Education)

May 1 Arthur Andersen & Company (For Winter '84 Accounting Internship)

May 1 Economics Lab (For Sales Trainee)

May 1-2 Electronic Data Systems Corporation (For Systems Engineering Development)

May 1 K mart Apparel (For Management Trainee Program) Group Meeting: 4/30 7-8:30 p.m., 108 EMU (Atten-

May 1-2 U.S. National Bank of Oregon (For Career

May 3,4 Tigard School District 23J (For Teachers: JH Band/JH & SH Eng/Math/Sci/Learning Specialist) Group

Meeting: 5/3 9-10 a.m., Room 12, Hendricks Hall ay 3 U .S. Air Force (For Pilot/Navigator/Meterology/Comm Electronics)

### MISCELLANEOUS

SOCIOLOGY MAJORS: The Peer Advisors are looking for new recruits for 1984-85. Receive 1-3 credits, counseling experience. Come to 709 PLC for more information or call 686-5012

THE CHEESE AND BUTTER DISTRIBUTION WILL BE HELD IN THE EMU May 1-2

"EFFECTIVE APPROACHES TO HEALTH CARE AND COST CONTAINMENT" is the title of a free seminar sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Personnel Management Association. The seminar will by held May 8 at the Valley River Inn. Registration materials are available in 209 Gilbert.

THE GRADUATE TEACHING FELLOWS FEDERA-TION is sponsoring two slide shows on the Labor Movement in Central America tonight from 7-9 p.m. in 101 EMU. Come and celebrate International Worker's Day

with us. Free of charge. THE HALF DAY ON THE JOB PROGRAM is being sponsored by the Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity Thursday, May 10. This annual program offers business students an opportunity to be matched with the field of their choice and receive hands on experience with applied management and operations. The students will spend the morning at the host business with a representative. The program will end at the Eugene Hilton with a luncheon banquet and a keynote speaker. Thirteen field choices are offered students and applications, available at the College of Business main office, are due today.

THE BAPTIST STUDENT UNION sponsors a free unch every Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m. at the Koinonia Center, 1414 Kincaid (across from PLC). Today's lunch will be served in the library. Everyone is invited

ASUO WOMEN'S SYMPOSIUM ACTIVITIES Women in Politics Internationally, 10 a.m., Forum Room

Politics of Upward Mobility, 11:30 a.m., 108 EMU Noon Gig, "Girls Like Us," Courtyard Feminization of poverty, noon, Forum Room Grassroots Organizing, 12:30, 101 EMU Gender Gap, 1:30 p.m., 108 EMU

Women and Alternative Media in Mexico, 2 p.m., Forum Room Sex Discrimination and the Law, 3 p.m., 108 EMU

Nuclear Annihilation will trivialize Feminism, 4:30 p.m., 101 EMU

Issues '84, 7 p.m., Dad's Room

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dance req. to interview) Development Training Program) May 2 Jay Jacobs, Inc. (For Management Trainee)

