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A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATED WOMEN STUDENTS

To the Freshmen Women of the Class of 1932:

We congratulate you on your decision to come to college. College work is not easy. Your coming proves that you are unafraid of work.

We hope you will love Oregon State and work hard for her. If you do, your college life will mean twice as much to you after graduation and you will always think of your Alma Mater as the place where you spent the happiest hours of your youth.

We are glad to have you as a member of our own organization of Associated Women Students. We want you to enjoy it and work with us to help the organization grow. Our aim is to make more attractive the spare minutes of the college year by planning many "good times," and to awaken school spirit in uninterested girls. We will help you to become acquainted more quickly than you could alone. We want

you to realize that it is a freshman girl's first duty to make acquaintances, for it gives her a broad background for her career on through college days.

A timely warning is worth much. Never get behind in your studies because of too many activities. Either study or activity alone, however, makes one narrow. Plan your week's schedule so as to keep a balance between your study, activity, and play.

With the memories of "freshman girl days" fresh in mind, we wish you the very best of luck in your new venture. We will try to help you make it successful.

—Grace Colborne, President.

Dear Freshman Girl:

This little booklet is compiled by the Associated Women Students of Oregon State. As you will soon be one of them, this becomes your own book. You will be part of a very splendid family, the members of which are scattered over the entire world. Come prepared to work hard and to play just enough to be able to work a bit harder so that your stay here will result in making you an intelligent woman trained in body, mind and soul to do your part in this big new world that is offering to women the best opportunities for happiness in its entire history.

—K. W. Jameson,
Dean of Women.

Traditions

THE women students of Oregon State live in halls of residence or sorority houses except those who work in private families or those living at home.

To live in large groups it is necessary to observe uniform standards, thus eliminating friction and interference with the personal life of others.

In order to overcome the difficulties which naturally arise, students of Oregon State believe that certain courtesies are due each other. For this reason attention is called to the following established traditions.

Hours

A-1. **Hours to be observed.**

(a) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday—

Closing hour—10:00 p.m. (Women will leave the Library in time to reach home by this hour.)

Lights out—10:30 p.m.

(b) Friday, Saturday, and vacations, except evening before classes—

Closing hour—11:30 p.m.

Lights out—12:00 p.m.

Friday afternoon—callers 4:00 to 5:30.

Saturday afternoon—open to callers.

(c) Sunday—

Calling hours—2:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Lights out—10:30 p.m.

A-2. **Preceding holidays.**

The hours on evenings immediately preceding college holidays are the same as on Friday and Saturday nights.

A-3. **Social functions.**

Social functions close—11:00 p.m.

(With the exception of Junior Prom, Senior Reception, and Military Ball, which close at

12:00 p.m. if held on Friday or 11:45 p.m. if held on Saturday evening.)

A-4. **Upperclass privileges.**

Seniors and juniors may, with the permission of their housemothers, have one mid-week social engagement, but they will be in at the closing hour for week days.

A-5. **Freshman privileges.**

The week-end social engagements of freshman women are limited to one afternoon and two evening engagements.

A-6. **Telephone.**

After 7:30 on study nights the housemother is responsible for the telephone, calling the women only in cases of emergency.

A-7. **Register.**

Women leaving the house after 6:00 p.m. will register with the housemother and check off with her the time of return.

A-8. **Absence from meals.**

It is courteous to inform the housemother before being absent from meals.

SOCIAL

B-1. **Scheduling social events.**

(a) Social events involving men and women, except class and student body events, are scheduled with the Student Interests Committee through the office of the Dean of Women.

Fall-term events are scheduled within two weeks following registration day.

Winter-term events are scheduled two weeks before the close of fall term.

Spring-term events are scheduled two weeks before the close of winter term.

Due notice of definite dates for scheduling events is given in the Daily Barometer.

(b) Informal parties and dinners in residence halls and sorority houses, and dinners in fraternity houses, are scheduled with the Dean of Women.

B-2. **Chaperons.**

(a) After an event has been approved, chaperons are arranged for as follows:

Sunday dinner parties—one couple or faculty woman.

Dancing parties at sorority house—housemother.

Dancing parties in rented halls (either on the campus or in town)—three couples.

Picnics—two couples.

(b) Chaperon cards will be signed by chaperons in person.

(c) Students may not act as chaperons.

(d) The chaperon card must be filed in the office of the Dean of Women by *Wednesday noon* preceding the week-end in which the event is to be held so that it may be acted upon by the Social Life Committee, which meets every Wednesday.

B-3. **Approved events.**

Women may attend only scheduled social events. Approved lists are sent each week-end to the housemothers.

B-4. **Fraternity houses.**

Women will not go to fraternity houses, except to attend scheduled social events.

SPORTS

C-1. **Canoeing.**

(a) A special swimming test is provided by the Physical Education department for those women who desire to participate in canoeing, after which a letter is written to the parents asking for their wish in the matter.

(b) The housemother will have a list of those who qualify.

GOING OUT OF TOWN

D-1. **Permission to leave town.**

A woman wishing to leave town:

1. Secures from the housemother cards with her signature.

2. Secures approval of the Dean of Women.

3. If the trip is not to her own home, the woman secures a letter of permission from home to show the housemother and to file in the office of the Dean of Women at the time the cards are signed.

4. Leaves one card in the office of the Dean of Women. Files the other with the housemother. (These are issued for each occasion.)

CHANGE OF RESIDENCE

E-1. **Permission to change residence.**

College women will not change residence without a written statement from the Dean of Women.

INITIATION

F-1. **Sororities.**

Sorority initiations are scheduled in the office of the Dean of Women.

Traditional Events

The Co-ed Ball is an annual event which is looked forward to by all campus women. The dance is given in the Women's Building and the Big Sisters and other upperclassmen, dressed like men or in other costume, escort the Little Sisters or freshman women. The purpose of the dance is to give the co-eds a better opportunity to become acquainted with each other, especially with freshman girls and those new on the campus. The Co-ed Ball is, no doubt, one of the dances longest to be remembered by the freshman co-ed.

Giocoso is an annual fun fest for women given by the women's physical education club. Competition between classes in stunts and relays makes it a jolly, well-remembered time.

The Women's Stunt Show, given each year, consists of acts put on at a local theater by women's living organizations. The acts are judged and awarded prizes on the basis of originality and finish.

Women's Day. "Every mother a guest and every girl a hostess!" That is the slogan for Women's Week-end on the campus every spring. The mothers of the co-eds are given a special invitation to visit the College at this time.

One of the most outstanding activities of the week-end is the special Convocation at which pledges to the many women's honoraries are announced. The program includes also a banquet and an annual May festival given in honor of the mothers.

When you leave for College, ask your mother to plan on a visit to the campus as your guest for Women's Week-end. The program is under the auspices of the Associated Women Students.

Women's Campus Organizations

The Associated Women Students is an organization of all the women registered at the College. It is a chapter of the National Federation of Associated Women Students which is represented by chapters in all large colleges and universities in the United States. The purpose of A. W. S. is to unify the work of all organized groups of women students.

The Women's Council, consisting of the secretary of the associated students, the president of A. W. S., the chairman of Spurs, the president of Greater Halls, president of Pan-Hellenic, vice-president of the senior class, vice-president of the junior class, and vice-president of the sophomore class, is a committee created to uphold the honor and traditions of Oregon State among all college women. It carries on activities which develop the spirit of fellowship and cooperation among women, and has the power to recommend penalties for the infringement of rules.

Spurs is a national organization of sophomore women. The local chapter seeks to foster the honor and traditions of Oregon State among incoming freshman girls.

The Y. W. C. A. purposes to aid in the Christian life of college women. Any woman student who wants help, or has help to give, can find room for both at "Y. W." headquarters. The Big Sister Committee under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A. is a group of older students organized to make the first college days of the freshman girl a little less trying.

The Home Economics Club is composed of the entire registration of the School of Home Economics. This club is one of the most active on the campus. Every student in Home Economics owes it her allegiance.

The Physical Education Club, to which any girl interested in sports is eligible, sponsors women's athletics on the campus. Winners of 50 points, given for achievement in athletics, are eligible for membership in the Women's Athletic Association.

The Women's Athletic Association sponsors women's athletic contests. It is very active on the campus and works in close harmony with similar associations in other colleges. Its members are chosen for achievement in athletics and outstanding character.

Wytomachee is a social organization for unaffiliated town girls. It is very successful in uniting the women who live in their own or private homes while attending college.

The Big Sister committee, sponsored by Y. W. C. A., is an organized group of students interested in helping the freshman girl find and fill her place on the campus.

By her friendship the Big Sister helps the Little Sister in her adjustment to the campus, school work, activities, and social life.

Honor Societies

Senior Honors are conferred by the College at graduation time upon those students who have maintained the highest scholastic standing in their respective schools. In addition, the various honor societies recognize distinction in scholarship and qualities of character and leadership.

Phi Kappa Phi, national scholastic honorary, is the final prize for achievement at Oregon State. Both men and women are elected. Members are chosen on the basis of outstanding scholastic attainment, campus activity, and strength of character.

Cap and Gown, local honorary for senior women, seeks as an organization to further a wholesome spirit of friendliness among Oregon State women. Girls chosen as members must have been leaders and helpful friends throughout their college lives.

Phi Chi Theta, national honorary in Commerce, chooses members on a basis of scholarship and leadership.

Omicron Nu is the national honorary in Home Economics. To be recognized as a leader and woman of character in as noble a profession as that of home economics is a much coveted honor.

Theta Sigma Phi, national honorary in journalism, chooses college women for membership who have achieved success in campus publication work, as newspaper correspondents, or as free-lance writers.

Delta Psi Kappa, national honorary in Physical Education, chooses members from among women athletes on a basis of grace, skill, and strength, and of desirable character attributes.

Rho Chi is a national honorary in Pharmacy for both men and women. Women members are indeed outstanding pharmacists.

Delta Sigma Rho, national honorary in forensics, also elects both men and women. Only especially successful varsity debaters or orators become members.

National Collegiate Players, honorary in dramatics, chooses underclassmen as well as upper-

classmen. Requisites are character and real dramatic ability.

Euterpe, local honorary in music, chooses girls who combine hard work and interest with true musical ability.

Kappa Delta Epsilon, honorary in education, in selecting members, considers scholarship and the attributes that will make a successful teacher. The girl who plans to teach considers election a recognition of characteristics she really desires.

CONSTITUTION of the Associated Women Students

Article I

Name

The name of this organization shall be "The Associated Women Students of Oregon State Agricultural College."

Article II

Object

The object of this organization shall be to further the educational, social and cultural aims of the women of this College.

a. To make possible the representation of all women, either directly or indirectly, in the organization.

b. To create a spirit of cooperation among the women as a whole and of those activities, organized or not organized, in which women participate.

c. To further the cooperation of women's activities with the purpose of the administration.

d. To maintain a general loan fund for women.

e. To create a spirit of cooperation among the women students with the Associated Women Students of Oregon State Agricultural College.

Article III

Membership

Section 1. All the women of the College shall automatically become members of this organization upon matriculation at the College.

Sec. 2. All alumnae and women who are members of the faculty shall be honorary members of the organization.

Article IV

Administration

Section 1. The officers of this organization shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and sergeant-at-arms.

Sec. 2. The governing body shall be the legislative council to consist of the following representatives: president of Associated Women Students, president of the Greater Halls, president of the Women's Athletic Association, president of

the Y. W. C. A., president of the Pan-Hellenic, president of the Down Town Girls' club, secretary of the Associated Women Students, chairman of Spurs, and one representative each from the Barometer, the Honor Committee, the point system, and the Home Economics club.

Duties of the Legislative Council:

a. This body shall be the means for greater representation of all women.

b. It shall be responsible, as a medium for advertising, to place before all representative activities any undertaking of interest to the women of the College.

c. It shall be democratic and shall further the spirit of democracy among women.

d. The powers of the individual organizations shall remain individual, and shall not be interfered with by this body.

e. This council, or any representative of it, if desirous of presenting a report, petition, grievance, criticism, or any business matter, may present a written statement of

the business to the secretary before the meeting.

f. It shall prevent duplication of work and meetings to the best of its ability.

g. It shall keep the interests of all women in mind always, making life at Oregon State bigger and better, and dividing the responsibility of the organization among all women.

h. The legislative council shall consider and discuss all questions appertaining to the objects and problems of the Associated Women Students, and all things concerning the women students or their problems in the College, these matters to be referred to the general body.

i. The legislative council shall also allow all bills and expenditures and suggest the character of entertainments.

SEC. 3. Requirements for office:

a. The president shall be chosen from the senior class and the vice-president from the junior class.

b. The secretary shall be chosen from the sophomore class.

c. The treasurer shall be chosen from the junior class.

d. The sergeant-at-arms shall be chosen from the junior class.

SEC. 4. Special elections shall be held for vacancies made by officers.

ARTICLE V

Duties of the Officers: The President

a. She shall preside at all assemblies of the Associated Women Students and at the meetings of the legislative council.

b. She may act as ex-officio member of all committees.

c. She shall devote her time to studying the problems of women and shall advise and construct plans for betterment of conditions.

d. She shall work in close cooperation with the vice-president, checking on her work.

e. She shall represent the women at the state or the interstate conference of college or state women when it is possible for her to do so.

f. She shall have the power to call special meetings.

g. She shall invite to the campus women speakers of national or state importance as authorized by the legislative council.

The Vice-president

a. She shall preside in the absence of the president.

b. She shall work in close cooperation with the president.

c. She shall attend the state or interstate conference for college or state women when it is impossible for the president to do so.

The Secretary

a. The secretary shall call the roll and read the minutes of the legislative council. At business assemblies she shall read the minutes of the last business assembly of women.

b. She shall manage the secretarial correspondence and keep the files and important papers for the association.

c. She shall call all members to their respective meetings.

d. She may appoint an assistant secretary to assist her.

e. She shall keep a scrap book as an illustrated example of the year's events, which shall be filed in the office of the Dean of Women.

The Treasurer

a. The treasurer shall manage the finances of the association.

b. She shall make out the yearly budget for the association.

c. She shall have her books audited at the close of her term of office.

d. She shall attend to the collection of dues.

e. She shall make an annual report of the year's finances.

The Sergeant-at-arms

a. She shall make all arrangements for meeting room and seating.

b. She shall keep order.

Article VI

Meetings

The meetings for the association shall be held as assemblies for all women, and shall be held at least once a term. Meetings shall be called only when the most interesting things can be presented to the women (speakers, artists, etc.). Meetings shall be considered regular when approved by the officers of the association.

Article VII

Elections

a. Nominations of officers shall take place at the last meeting of the second term.

b. The executive board shall appoint the nomination committee of five members, two of whom shall be from the executive board and three from outside that body. Two of the five shall be from the halls, two from the sororities, and one from the Down Town Girls' club.

c. Elections shall take place the second week of the third term, the time and place to be determined by the officers of the association.

d. Installation shall take place at the next regular meeting.

Article VIII

Amendments

Amendments to this constitution shall be proposed in writing at a regular meeting and shall be voted on at the next regular meeting. Two-thirds of all votes shall be required for adoption. Voting shall be by secret ballot.

Article IX

Loan Fund

A permanent loan fund shall be maintained to be lent by the Associated Women Students with the approval of the Dean of Women and the president.

By-laws

1. A quorum shall consist of fifty members.

2. A majority vote shall be required to carry all measures.

3. These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular meeting.

4. The meetings of the Associated Women Students shall be governed by "Robert's Rules of Order."

5. The following oath of office shall be used: "I do hereby solemnly promise, in the presence of these witnesses, to execute faithfully the requirements of this constitution, to uphold and maintain the dignity of the office to which I have been elected, and to perform to the best of my ability all the duties that devolve upon such an office."

6. If at any time it is deemed advisable to secure cooperation of men students, it shall be in the power of the chairman of the acting committee with the legislative council to make the necessary temporary appointments.