

'Hell Week' Gradually Disappearing, Report Of Dean Biggs Shows

Fraternities Rule Against Rough Action

Beautiful Formal Ritual More Significant Is Majority Idea

Officials Send Questions To Old Classes

"Hell week," the period of pre-initiation which often involves rough physical and trying mental strain on the candidate for membership in social fraternities, has practically been abolished at the University, and is rapidly being done away with all over the country," said Hugh Biggs, assistant dean of men. Dean Biggs made the study for the inter-fraternity council here, which has already passed resolutions condemning rough pre-initiating tactics.

Old Idea Said Wrong
In earlier days "hell week" was considered essential by Greek letter fraternities. The rough treatment made the candidate appreciate his organization more, members thought, and it also gave them an opportunity to try out the endurance and courage of the neophyte. By contrast the beautiful formal initiation then seemed more significant, Dean Biggs announced.

Leading fraternities everywhere have abolished practically all forms of the pre-initiation because they feel it endangers physical and mental health, and often awakens the opposite feelings than those desired in the candidate. It is now believed that the importance of the fraternity can be impressed on those being initiated without physical violence, and without dangers of rough play, the report pointed out.

Questionnaires Sent
In making the survey, Dean Biggs sent questionnaires to fraternity men representing all years back to 1900, when the first fraternity came to this campus. He asked those answering to state what the original purpose of "hell week" was, whether or not they knew of serious accidents happening to initiates during this period, and whether or not the period is as severe now as it once was. Answers to the first were rather vague, and many who answered the second question listed serious accidents that happened during this time. Practically all those answering noted a lessening of severity in pre-initiations.

Present Trend Good
The present trend at the University is entirely away from the rough form, and toward constructive ideas, the survey states. In place of seven days of pre-initiation

Three Students Now In Infirmary With Smallpox, Is Report

ALTHOUGH approximately 800 students have been vaccinated, Edward Bloom, the third to take down with smallpox, and move to the infirmary annex, was a member of the remaining unvaccinated class. Other students on the campus who were taken under the care of the health service, although escaping the feared disease are: Allan Scaveil, mumps; Raymond Whiteside, Margaret Litscher, Edwin Pulos, Fred C. MacDonald, and Dessel Helfrich, all of whom are afflicted with colds.

Musical Treats On Winter Term Program Ready

Dr. Von Hoogstraten Will Appear With Portland Orchestra Jan. 20

Famous Organist Listed For This Month

Snow is not the only thing which January brings to Eugene in abundance. There is also to be an unusually heavy "fall of fine music entertainment for the month, with the outstanding "flurry" the appearance at McArthur court next Monday, January 20, of the Portland symphonic orchestra of which Willem von Hoogstraten, noted musician, is conductor.

First on the calendar is the appearance of the University orchestra, with Rex Underwood as conductor, this coming Sunday afternoon, January 19, at 4 o'clock vesper services. Their program includes Beethoven's famous overture to "Egmont."

On Tuesday evening at 7:15 o'clock the school of music Tuesday music hours will be resumed, with six students appearing in voice, piano, organ and violin selections. Thursday evening, January 23, the opera class of Madame Rose McGrew, will present scenes from Gounod's opera "Faust" with Kenneth Rodurin and Cecil Coss taking the roles of Faust and Marguerite.

There will be the regular Sunday afternoon music program Sunday, January 26 and the following Tuesday, January 28, the noted New York organist, Lynnwood Farnam, will appear in concert.

The University symphonic choir, directed by John Stark Evans, will be the "soloists" with the Portland symphonic orchestra next Monday, singing two short choruses from Wagner's "Meistersinger."

EXPANSION OF RESEARCH IN UNIVERSITY SHOWN BY DR. HALL

THE expansion of research in the University of Oregon to cover phases of foreign trade, education, various fields of science, social science, business and other important lines is dealt with in the report which Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, president of the University, submitted to the state board of higher education at its meeting last week-end.

Important studies completed during the year included a financial study on borrowing rates of municipalities of Oregon which revealed the fact that Oregon municipal bonds offer a fertile field for investment of outside capital; a study on "financial and operating standards for Oregon retail concerns," which gives retailers and others a standard measuring stick for proper performance; a survey on hardwood industries which is expected to prove a real stimulus to wood manufacturing of the Northwest; a survey of the butter and cheese market for Oregon, and several important school surveys.

Research projects now in progress or in prospect include a crime survey of the state, which is expected to result in a great deal of valuable material; an intensive study on the industrial development of Oregon; a study of exports through Pacific coast ports to Pacific basin countries; a plumbing cost survey; a study on Oregon's exportable surplus; a study of the reorganization of Lane county public schools; and many others in various fields.

Lack of funds has hindered the University in its research as well as in its building programs. At present it is able to devote less than 1 per cent of its income to research, whereas the average amount is 5 per cent.

The program for this year's research is already under way, and faculty men are cooperating in every way so that the work may be carried out. Much of the work is being done by graduate students working for advance degrees.

State Women Organize at Recent Meet

Permanent Group Thought To Strengthen Work Of Girl Students

HAVE SESSION HERE

W. A. A.'s Represented at Week-end Conference of Oregon Fair Sex

A permanent organization, intended to strengthen activities of associated women students of the state was effected when officers of the colleges and normal schools of Oregon met here in conference Saturday afternoon, with University of Oregon league council as hosts.

Work of athletic associations were discussed at the session by delegates from those organizations jointly with associated students and later in separate sessions.

Grace C. Associated Women's student president at Oregon State was chosen president of the new statewide group, Dorothy Kirk, secretary of the U. of O. league, was named vice president, to take up executive duties with Miss Colborne's graduation in June, and Patsy Thompson, of Ashland Normal school, was elected secretary.

Corvallis was set for the January, 1931, conference, when a constitution, to be drawn up this year by U. of O. council officers will be presented.

Helen Peters, president of the league on this campus, acted as chairman of the Saturday afternoon session when representatives from Ashland normal, Pacific university, Willamette university, Oregon State and U. of O. sat together, discussing problems confronting associated women's organizations. The Big Sister movement, finance problems, loan funds, social gatherings, foreign scholar funds, mass meetings and organization problems were taken up. Leaders from the various organizations agreed that the importance of women's associations in college life is increasing. They regarded the organization which the Eugene league has encouraged as a fine means of keeping in touch with new developments and methods in the work of associated women.

Mahalah Kurtz, president of W. A. A. here, was in charge of that branch of the meeting. The conference not only marked the formation of a state organization but the beginning of the Associated Women Students of Pacific university. With Pacific dean of women, Mrs. Violet Bowlby Chessman, present, representatives of the college made plans for the new organization. Willamette representatives were encouraged to create such an organization on their campus. Other schools represented already have organizations.

A banquet at the Eugene hotel in the evening completed the entertainment for the visiting college women. Seated at the table were Miss Alice Holt, dean of women at the University of California; Mrs. Chessman, from Pacific; Mrs. Virginia Judy Esterly, dean of women here; Mrs. Hazel Prutsman Schering, associated dean here, the visiting delegates and members of the University of Oregon league council.

Cold? Think of the Frozen Black Sea And the Icy Po Back in Year 401 A.D. Campus Fun in Tobogganing, Skiing

IS IT snow? You bet, five inches of it all over the ground—something that hasn't been seen on the University campus for years and years. Yes, sir, something to slide around in. A bunch of the fellows have been having a big time tobogganing and skiing on the Municipal golf links. Everyone has been sliding along behind automobiles on sleds and other things, and enjoying Oregon's weather change to beat the band.

Was there ever such a winter as this one?

And the answer to that is: You should have been spending the winter of 1468 in Flanders. Why, it was so cold they cut the wine ration for the soldiers with a hatchet!

The chilly blasts which have made sleeping porches unpopular in Eugene the past few days have caused a hunt through the records, bringing to light the following printed in 1839 in the Family magazine:

In A. D. 401 the Black sea was entirely frozen over. . . . The snow in some places drifted to the depth of 50 feet, and the ice was heaped in such quantities in the cities as to cause the walls to fall down.

In 860 the Adriatic was entirely frozen over. . . . In 1067 the cold was so intense that most of the travelers in Germany were frozen to death on the roads. Back in 1133 it was excessively cold in Italy; the Po was frozen from Cremona to the sea; the heaps of snow rendered the roads impassable; the wine casks burst, and trees split by the frost with immense noise.

In 1234 a pine forest was killed by frost at Ravenna. . . . while in 1344 all the rivers in Italy were frozen over. . . . In 1384 the winter was so severe that the Rhine and the Scheld were frozen, and even the sea at Venice. . . . as late as 1776

Winter Casualty Occurs When Girl Flung From Sled

Marian Musgrove Breaks Leg When Bobsled Crashes Car

Few Accidents Reported From Sleigh Parties

The first of casualties from winter fun occurred last night when Marian Musgrove, freshman from Portland and a member of Alpha Omicron Pi, was hurled into a parked automobile by the snap of a bob sled speeding behind an automobile around the corner of Thirteenth and Kincaid streets. Miss Musgrove suffered a broken leg and was immediately taken to the Pacific Christian hospital.

According to reports other members of the sleighing party escaped with only minor bruises, the sled being quite damaged. The identity of the driver was not learned, however, eye witnesses state that the automobile was traveling at an unreasonable speed. No other accidents of the snowy world have been reported, although many students were enjoying the heavy snow fall until late hours.

Tales of Worst Snows Told by Professors Say Climate Is Mild

WHILE Oregon students are reveling in the new fallen snow which in this country seems quite a young blizzard, University professors come to the front with the old saying "You ain't heard nothing yet."

"Have I had any experience with snow storms? Why, I was living in Minnesota during the famous blizzard of 1888, one of the two worst blizzards since the white men inhabited the Mississippi valley," was the comment of Harold S. Tuttle, school of education. During this storm the temperature hung around the zero mark but when it had abated it dropped to a mere 42 degrees below zero. Many people who strayed off the beaten path lost their lives during the blizzard.

"Next to our house the drifts were 15 feet deep. In one of these I dug a snow house as high as I

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Foster Chosen For Chairmanship Of Senior Ball

Annual Affair Scheduled For Evening of February 22

Eleanor Poorman Acting President of Class

Day Foster, senior in journalism, was yesterday named chairman of the Senior ball by Eleanor Poorman, president of the class. The dance will be given on February 22.

Foster was chairman of the high school conference directorate, is president of the board of directors of the University Co-op, and was pledged to Alpha Delta Sigma, national advertising honorary, last week.

Poorman Replaces Nelson
"After the splendid work Mr. Foster handled the high school conference, I consider him one of the most competent men on the campus and admirably fitted to put on the best senior ball in history," said Miss Poorman, who as vice-president of the senior class, has taken over the position of president left vacant by Carl Nelson. Mr. Nelson left at the first of fall term to attend the Army aviation school.

Foster will announce tomorrow the committees who will work with him.

To Be Busy
"I am very pleased with receiving this appointment," he said, "and I want to make the dance the most successful we have ever had. As the date is only a month away, we will be kept very busy from now until then."

A special meeting of the senior class has been called for 5 o'clock in Villard hall tomorrow afternoon, where further plans for the ball will be discussed, and it is important that everyone be there, according to Miss Poorman.

New Schedule Drawn up for Radio Contest

Doubling Up Necessary To Keep Time Limit Within Bounds of Term

BACHELORDON FIRST

Dates Drawn at Meeting of House Heads; Tuesday Start of Programs

Bachelordon will break the ice in the big Emerald-KORE radio contest, it was announced last night when Fred Norton, contest director, released the final schedule of programs, as drawn at a meeting of all house program directors in the Journalism building Friday.

Bachelordon's half-hour of radio entertainment will be broadcast at 8 p. m. on Tuesday, January 21, and will be followed on successive days by Hendricks hall and Sigma Pi Tau.

Rearrangement Made
Because of the unexpectedly large number of living groups which entered the contest at the last moment, Norton was forced to schedule two programs each night, starting with the second week of competition, in order that the contest might be finished before the end of the winter term.

Those houses which originally drew places on the second half of the schedule will be moved up to the first half, and will go on the air at 8:30, directly after the 8 o'clock program is finished.

New Groups Enter
Several groups which had not perviously signified their intention of participating sent representatives to the meeting in the Journalism building Friday, and were given places on the schedule. Among these were Delta Zeta, represented by Eleanor Wood; Delta Upsilon, Monte Leonard Wolf, Alpha Phi, Carolyn Haberlach, Sigma Chi, Bob Christian, Girls' Oregon club, Anne Bricknell; Independents, Herbert Doran.

Following is the schedule:
January 21—8, Bachelordon.
January 22—8, Hendricks hall.
January 23—8, Sigma Pi Tau.
January 28—8, Gamma Phi Beta; 8:30, Delta Delta Delta.
January 29—8, Alpha Xi Delta; 8:30, Alpha Delta Pi.
January 30—8, Chi Psi; 8:30, Phi Sigma Kappa.
February 4—8, Alpha Upsilon; 8:30, Alpha Tau Omega.
February 5—8, Sigma Kappa; 8:30, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.
February 6—8, Sigma Chi; 8:30, Delta Tau Delta.
February 11—8, Kappa Sigma; 8:30, Phi Delta Theta.
February 12—8, Sigma Nu; 8:30, Delta Zeta.
February 13—8, Delta Gamma; 8:30, Kappa Kappa Gamma.
February 18—8, Theta Chi; 8:30, Friendly hall.
February 19—8, Alpha Gamma Delta; 8:30, Zeta Tau Alpha.
February 20—8, Alpha Phi; 8:30, Delta Epsilon.
February 25—8, Susan Campbell; 8:30, Kappa Alpha Theta.
February 27—8, Girls' Oregon club; 8:30, Independents.
February 29—Alpha Omicron Pi.

College authorities who prevent student driving of automobiles should be told that 5,000,000 persons are injured annually in their homes.

Webfoot Five Noses In Ahead of Vandals To Score 40-37 Win

McArthur Roof Will Uphold Three Feet Of Snow; No Danger

THAT there is any danger from weight of snow on the roof of McArthur court was denied yesterday by A. P. McKenzie, superintendent of grounds, after an inspection of the building.

"The roof," said Mr. McKenzie, when asked about his inspection of McArthur court, "would hold a weight of three feet of snow; there is little more than two inches of snow on there now. I am, however, having the snow scraped off."

Junior Vodvil To Be Changed; New Plans To Be Made

Too Much Waste of Time, Expense Held Reasons For Discontinuance

Committee Will Be Named To Find Substitute

The Junior Vodvil of past years will be greatly revised if present plans for this year's revue go through, according to a statement made by Bill Whitely, president of the junior class, last night.

"Due to the many objections on the part of both students and faculty to the vodvil of the past two years, the junior class this year is going to make a move to modify the show," Whitely declared. "A committee will be appointed this week which will suggest a tentative plan to the class for a new feature to take the place of the regular show which is given a week before Junior Week-end. The expense involved, the amount of student time necessary to make it a success, the fact that it is no longer a part of Junior Week-end but is a separate event in itself, and general campus dissatisfaction with the show are among the objections which have been raised by those in favor of changing the vodvil."

After the appointment of the committee which will investigate the possible alternatives, their findings will be presented to the junior class for its approval, Whitely said.

LIBE WILL REMAIN OPEN IN EVENING

To accommodate students who are working on the Murray Warner essays, the Murray Warner library will be open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of this week and Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday of next week between the hours of 7 and 9 p. m.

RELATIONS WITH UNIVERSITY FRIENDLY SAYS CAPT. M'EWAN

CAPTAIN JOHN J. M'EWAN, who has severed all connection with the University, indicated in an interview Monday, that his relations with the University during the course of his conferences, pending a satisfactory salary adjustment, have been friendly and agreeable to him.

McEwan, when asked to elaborate concerning the Florida trip of the Oregon varsity football team, said that never in his entire experience as a coach, had he had the pleasure of accompanying a team, such as the Oregon team, on such a long and wonderful trip. This trip is, as far as McEwan knows, the longest ever attempted by any college football team.

In every city where the train carrying the Oregon squad stopped,

Free Throws By Vinc Dolp Settle Game

Oregon Quintet Comes From Behind After Holding Lead

MacMillan Stars Against Rejuvenated Squad

Finding themselves behind with but 43 seconds to play after they had been enjoying a substantial lead, Oregon put all the fight they had into the basketball game with the Idaho Vandals last night and managed to score a win by the scant margin indicated by the 40 to 37 score.

Leading, 36 to 31, and but a couple of minutes to play, the Webfoots started to stall but they started too soon. Three field goals were scored by MacMillan, Howard and Thompson, for the Vandals, in less time than it takes to tell about it, and the Oregon five found themselves trailing by a one-point margin.

As the crowd was going wild the referee called time out and announced that there was but 43 seconds remaining to play. At this point Howard, Vandal guard, fouled Vinc Dolp and the two chances that he had for free throws were both good. As the gun went off Calkins added two more points, giving the Oregon team the lead which made the Lemon and Green rooters breathe more easily.

MacMillan, who played an outstanding game for the invading quintet, started the scoring with a field goal soon after hostilities had commenced. Gene Eberhart evened the count soon after and the score was close until the closing moments of the first half when the Oregon team got going and piled up a substantial score to lead 22 to 11 at half time.

After the half it was a different story, the Vandals slowly cutting down the lead until they in turn were ahead, where they remained until the closing moments of the game. Eberhart had managed to get the tip-off for the entire first half but seemed to have lost his slight edge over Hurley, the opposing center, when play started after the half.

Vinc Dolp, at forward for the Oregon team, was high point man of the contest, contributing 14 points to the final tally, and also aiding the cause materially through his superior floor work and defense.

The defensive strength of the entire team seemed to have improved, or at least it appeared that way in the first half and the closing minutes of play, and during the hours of 7 and 9 p. m.

More Than 500 Students Gather on Campus for Conference



During their activities of the tenth annual High School conference on the campus of the University of Oregon, the visitors stopped long enough to be snapped by a cameraman on the steps of Johnson hall, the building in which they registered. The attendance at the recent meeting is said to be greater than ever before.

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