

Depressions of a Rushee...or One Little Prepper and How He Grew

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Generally speaking, methinks this rush-week stuff is a racket.

I'm only a dumb frosh, I know. But I do think I have made some observations up here this year that will make me a wiser, if sadder, man hereafter.

Way back (1 year) when I was in high school, I heard tales of the little girl who was dinged by one sorority because she ate the wrong end of her salad. I heard tales of innocent lambs who were rejected because they didn't smoke.

But despite all this, I forked over my ten bucks and came up to Oregon for rush week. And I have had a lot of fun?

The system seems to be this:

You go into a house and are introduced to a lot of smooth guys who aren't just sure what your last name was. They remember enough to call you "Joe," and let it go at that. You talk a bit about the war and the

weather and your major and your course and the good and bad profs and then you say good-bye. As you leave, one (or more) of them says something like this:

"Well, it's really been nice seeing you, and we hope to see you again; ah, what did you say your name was?"

All of which will probably seem screamingly funny in a year or two when the shoe is on the other foot. But right now, it ain't.

Over at the dorm one of the boys has a clever way of putting it. He says each morning, "Well, I guess I'll go out and look over the international situation." There is always some dumb stooge who pipes up with "What international situation?" And the clever guy says "Rushin." And then we all laugh. Not because we think it's funny but because we are all more than a little nervous and are trying to cover it up by acting suave like the fraternity boys, and by having our little joke now and then, too.

Sometimes the brother and sisterhood shown by the

members is rather startling. One house I know pledged a person at the end of last year, but one of the members didn't remember the face, so she waltzed over to the pledge and sweetly invited her to sign their guest-book.

There was another Greek who saw one of the prize rushees sitting on the davenport with two strangers. That would never do. After buzzing around for a moment trying to get another member to go over and entertain the prize rushee, it turned out that the two strangers were alums.

Can I plant my pledge pin? Whenever I ask anybody, they just laugh.

There are also stories about locking pledges in the closets and there are countless others of doubtful accuracy. But I'm too smart to fall for all them. I'm just the guy who believed everything all these boys told me about their houses.

RUSH END
Pledges Dance
In Gerlinger
At 9 Tonight

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Oliver Races Time
In Preparation
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COMING 'HOME'



Jay Allen, world famous foreign correspondent, will come "home" to the University of Oregon, his alma mater, October 10.

**Allen to Speak
On Nazi Trials**

The tribulations of a Nazi prisoner will be revealed by Jay Allen, foreign correspondent and former Oregon student, when he appears on October 10 as the first assembly speaker before a University audience this term. Mr. Allen will speak at 10 a. m. in Gerlinger hall.

Using as his topic, "My Troubles With Hitler," Mr. Allen will tell of his five months' imprisonment in occupied France this year. He was arrested because of crossing the border between occupied and unoccupied France.

Mr. Allen left Eugene in 1923 and after working a year for the Oregonian, went to Harvard. He went to Europe in 1925, where for several years he was associated with the Chicago Tribune. During the Spanish civil war he was wounded when his car was fired upon by the Fascists and he was forced to return to the United States.

More recently he has been in Europe representing the North American Newspaper Alliance, securing interviews with Marshall Henri Petain, General Maxime Weygand, and other French officers before he was imprisoned by the Germans.

Before speaking at the University Mr. Allen will appear at Marshfield. At 1 p. m. he will talk at Corvallis and then travel south on a lecture tour.

Mr. Allen was here three years ago and spoke before the Oregon press conference. He was formerly a speaker for the New School of Social Research. His wife, Ruth Austin, also attended Oregon and graduated in 1922.

**Dean Stafford,
Noted Chemist,
Dies in Sleep**

Dean Orin F. Stafford, 68, for 41 years a member of the University faculty, died Wednesday morning at his home. Besides being active in his faculty work, Dean Stafford was well-known in community circles, especially in his work with the Rotary club and the Boy Scout movement.

Death, which came during sleep, followed a brief illness, although the dean had not been well for a number of years.

Dean Stafford came to Oregon in 1900 as instructor in chemistry. In 1902 he was named assistant professor, and in 1906 he became professor of chemistry and head of the department. In 1932 he was named dean of the lower division and service departments, following the reorganization of the Oregon state system of higher education.

Widely recognized as a chemist, he won fame for himself and the University by his experiments with "heavy water." At the time of his death, Dean Stafford was engaged in experiments for the United States government in connection with national defense. Exact nature of these experiments could not be revealed.

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**Oregana Will Hit Top,
Promises Staff for '42**

Plans to make the 1942 Oregana second to none in the world, in all respects, have moved ahead during the summer, according to Emerson Page, business manager of the yearbook, who described staff efforts to repeat the high ratings given the book year after year.

"The Oregana really has a national reputation," Page said. "We receive letters from people and firms all over the United States desiring Oreganas for their collections and libraries," he added.

The Oregana has won "All-American" ratings in 1937, 1930, and 1940. In 1936 it received the coveted "Pacemaker" award, and the First Class Honor rating in 1938. No rating has been made yet for the 1941 book.

The cover and natural-color section pages have already been completed, Bishop reported, and many of the layouts have been finished. Each of the photographs was done late last spring and this summer.

Persons interested in working on the new year-book are asked to see either Page or Wilbur Bishop, editor, in McArthur court. Plans are under way for a large staff meeting next week.

PASSES



Orin F. Stafford, dean of lower division and third oldest member of the University of Oregon faculty, passed away last week.

**Freshmen Open 'Week'
As Ball Ends Rushing**

Between dances this freshman week, new students will be initiated into the way of life at Oregon.

Tonight sees the pledge dance, which marks the end of a hectic rush week, and the beginning of a busy freshman week. The annual president's reception and Hello dance in McArthur court Saturday night marks the end of freshman week.

The dormitories will be open to regular residents tomorrow, and most persons who plan to live in dorms, co-ops, or off-the-campus boarding houses are expected to return late this week. All Freshmen, however, must be on the campus tomorrow.

Physical examination of new students begins today and continues through the week until completed. This examination is required of all new students, regardless of class. Placement examinations, also required of all new students, will be given Wednesday and Thursday.

A photograph of all incoming students will be taken exactly two days after the physical examination, at the same time as a check-up, required after the examination, has been taken. President Donald M. Erb will

welcome incoming students at an assembly in the Music auditorium at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday. There will be an ASUO assembly, at which campus leaders will be introduced, in the Music auditorium Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

Faculty advisers will be in their offices all day Thursday, and new students are advised to consult with them before registration Friday and Saturday.

Westminster house, Wesley house, and the Y. W. C. A. will be open from 3 to 5 p. m. today to Saturday for rest and relaxation. Tea will be served to entering students at Westminster house from 2 to 5 p. m. Wednesday. Information headquarters will be open in Johnson hall from Wednesday through Saturday.

**'See Advisers,
Save Trouble',
Freshmen Told**

Freshmen and new undergraduates are urged to consult with their advisers before registration day to avoid the confusion and misunderstandings that often take place at University registration, according to L. K. Shumaker, director of the lower division advisory group.

This policy has been followed in recent years, Mr. Shumaker said, and has brought favorable results throughout. He pointed out that there have been fewer changes of major by students who have consulted their adviser before registration than by students who picked their courses blindly or with the hasty help of a harried adviser at the registration tables.

Citing the necessity of consultations of this sort, Mr. Shumaker observed that we "may as well teach football by having the players read the Spalding rules, as have a student plan his education by simply reading a university catalog."

He urged students interested in "taking the curse out" of registration to see him first in Room 6, Friendly hall, and then talking to an adviser whom he will recommend. In previous years most of the students who have consulted him before registration have been from out of the state, "sometimes with parents, sometimes not."

**Snyder Will Head
UO News Bureau**

Cecil C. Snyder was recently appointed acting director of the University News bureau to replace George Godfrey, who is on leave of absence with the state defense savings bond committee in Portland.

Snyder's appointment was approved by the state board of higher education, President Donald M. Erb announced. He will also serve as acting assistant professor of journalism and acting information assistant to the state board of higher education, working through the office of Chancellor Frederick M. Hunter.

A graduate of the University, Snyder did his major work in journalism, completed the course in 1931, and later did graduate work. He received a master of arts degree in 1934.

NEWS MAN



Cecil Snyder recently took over duties at the University News Bureau. He will temporarily replace George Godfrey, who is working as a defense assistant in Portland.