

Nobody Likes It--But How Many Know the Facts?

People, and papers, who discuss the deferred-living plan, to go into effect next year, usually end up by putting their feet in their mouths.

This is our attempt. We will give ourselves plenty of chances; we will discuss the plan until every interested student understands deferred living.

Today we will attempt to clarify the plan; to explain it. We have a lot of questions about it; after reading the brief explanation of the plan below, the reader will undoubtedly also have a lot of questions. These we will attempt to ask and answer, not today, but tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow, as long as the questions remain unanswered.

But first before we go off on a rampage, the facts. Some of these we received from Donald DuShane, director of student affairs, and the man who suggested the deferred living plan for Oregon (The plan had been under consideration before, the Oregon Dads making a thorough study of the situation and recommending some sort of deferred rushing in 1937. But no action was taken, because of the financial condition of the houses and later because of the war.) Mr. DuShane had lent his name to the plan at Oregon, not of his own choosing. We shall refer to it as the DuShane plan, deferred living, or perhaps even the preferred title, living in.

Other facts were obtained from a booklet issued by the student affairs office, "History and Objec-

Our Readers Speak

Room for Change

First of all, I'd like to thank everyone on campus for their co-operation this year at rallies and games. But I feel that there is definitely room for improvement—both on my part and on the part of the students.

Oregon has had a winning football team for the past three years, and in accordance, the spirit has been very good; however, there is a definite tendency to let down when our ball club suffers defeat.

The greatness of a team is not determined altogether on the win-loss record. Oregon has a great football team—win, lose or draw, and we should be proud of the fact.

Supporting our team is more than yelling at games and rallies. It's a feeling, and a realization that the boys are trying.

A certain group of students forty miles north of here at Silo Tech have demonstrated throughout the year that they have been behind their team for sixty full minutes of every game played. This Saturday will make the last appearance for fourteen senior members of Oregon's varsity. These men, along with the remainder of the squad, will be giving everything they've got for the big game.

Let us not only support that ball club for the sixty minutes on the field this Saturday, but let's get hot all this week and give the Aggies a hell of a time when they hit town.

Jim Crismon,
Yell King.

Who's in Charge Here

Overworked Manager, No Puddles

by Rod Smith

After the California game in Berkeley, a very unfortunate incident occurred. About a dozen white shirted, blue and gold capped "Bear" rooters descended upon Puddles II and carried him away, cage and all. By now our Oregon mascot has probably been well decorated with parsley, suffed with wild rice, and eagerly devoured by Celeri and Co. There was a time when an insult such as this would have inspired loyal "Webfoots" to wrathful reprisal, but this year no one seemed to give a damn.

Puddles was taken to every game away from home this year, supposedly in the loving hands of the student managers, who, it is assumed, had nothing else to do but "duck sit." This erroneous

tives of the 'Living In' Plan." The book expresses the views of the people behind the plan; it is somewhat one-sided, though it does attempt to be objective. If possible, students might attempt to get a hold of a copy; house presidents may receive them.

The Emerald does not stand behind every opinion expressed in the pamphlet; we are merely handing them on. These are the facts as released;

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Who's a Barbarian?

To the Editor:

We students living in the dormitories wish to register a protest against the editorial appearing in the Oregonian on the 9th of this month, and the editorial appearing in the Register-Guard on the 13th. We add to this our protest against the University officials who gave the information concerning deferred living to these papers.

In the first place, we can only believe that if removing freshmen from the fraternities and placing them in the dormitories will help the fraternities, then surely it will hurt the dormitories by an equal amount. "Twenty-three per cent of the freshmen were below passing grade last year." In view of this fact, how will the dormitory groups be able to maintain satisfactory GPA's when they are filled with freshmen?

In the second place, if this deferred living plan is to bring about a 20% increase of students living in Greek organizations, why didn't someone ask us first if there were 20% more of us who wanted to be in a fraternity. Most of us don't want to lose the personal independence we now enjoy. And those of us who do want to become fraternity members would rather move out of the dormitory and into the house of our choice.

Last year our Interdormitory Council went on record as being opposed to deferred living. We resent the fact that our rights and opinions in this matter have not been respected. We resent being propagandized by University press releases from University officials paid from public tax money. But most of all, we resent the fact that the only time in our college career we have heard of our being called "barbarians," it came as a direct result of the efforts of the Office of Student Affairs!

Names withheld.

(This letter was signed by 40 students living in the Vets' dorms.—Editor.)

The student affairs office does not claim credit for release of the word "barbarian" in reference to students not belonging to sororities or fraternities. The Oregonian editorial writer was perhaps using a word which was familiar on the campus where and when he attended school.

Some of the other questions we will refer to Donald DuShane, who will probably be most happy to answer them for you. The deferred living situation is one that needs a good deal of clarification. The Emerald will attempt to do this through a series of articles, the first of which will appear today.—Editor.

we present what we gather are the most pertinent ones, the basic facts necessary for an undertaking of the plan.

Exactly what will the living in plan mean?

"All freshmen will live in dormitories next year, except those with relatives in Eugene and those who work for room and board."

What are the purposes and the objectives of the plan?

"A freshman will be assured that the period of adjustment from high school to college will be under close University supervision; that he will have the advantages of informed and objective counseling by experienced personnel, and that by living in a dormitory for his first year he will obtain a more democratic basis for his subsequent University life, a better understanding of his fellow students—Greek and Independent—and a wider acquaintanceship.

"The mortality rate of freshmen who drop out of school for scholastic or related reasons is expected to be cut.

"It will strengthen fraternities and sororities, result in a higher caliber of membership, better scholastic standing, greater responsibility in the houses themselves, and—possibly most important of all—a higher percentage of fraternity membership than is at present possible.

"The University recognizes a responsibility and an obligation under the new policy to strengthen and improve its dormitory counseling program."

The purpose of the plan, then, is to give entering freshmen a common living experience, to give them "social maturity and balance which comes from closer association with one's fellows, without regard to class or artificial social distinctions."

There are some of the facts behind the plan, not all of them, but enough to give us a starter. From here we will attempt to ask and answer questions to discover whether living in is the best method of giving freshmen a common living experience; to determine if a common dormitory living experience is desirable.

Free Lancing
Down
South
by Bill Lance



"Oskie the bear," Cal's mascot, seems to have been the only California rooster that made much of a hit with the Oregon cheer section last weekend.

Poor Puddles couldn't quite figure him out but Delores Rich can tell you he's a very friendly fellow. She wasn't very embarrassed when he paraded her around the field with his arm around her shoulder. (He's human.)

Oregon students have an amazing affinity for bumping into each other. If it wasn't during breakfast and highballs at the Cal-Ore they would meet at one of the many, many parties. One of the finer displays of Webfoot's spirit was observed at the Chi Chi Club in the International Settlement. The featured strip teaser is a loyal Oregon alumna. They say she did more with the lemon and green colors than most of 'em do without.

Speaking of displays, Cal sure put on a spectacular one with their flashcards. Nobody went for that, "We'll take the Rose Bowl and you take the toilet bowl," stuff, but that is typical Cal taste.

Two Kwamas were selling Homecoming buttons at the Oregon Duck Club dinner yesterday noon. "I imagine these girls could sell you anything," commented president Dick Reed when he introduced the girls to the club as ballplayers. Moral: you aren't a loyal Oregon supporter if you don't wear your Homecoming button!