

# Activity Problems Faced Webfoots Four Decades Ago

By Arlette Morrison

"Some students are so over-organized they have to do their studying before breakfast and after bedtime in order to keep up with social activities."

Does that sound like something you read in last week's Emerald, or does it remind you of someone you know who's on every campus committee from music for the Prom to Homecoming violators?

When it was written, orchestras were playing "Dear Old Girl" for junior proms, and as for Homecoming, the University didn't have enough alumni to fill Fenton Hall, let alone Hayward Field.

No, when the Emerald published that remark on activities, it was probably complaining about some campus wheel who was not only running the literary societies, but had sewed up the best position on the Mandolin Club.

### SAME PROBLEMS

That doesn't mean that students in 1919 didn't worry about some of the same problems that confront

"activity kids" now. The Oregana (they called it the Beaver then) was one of those problems.

"I don't know what's the matter with that book. It just won't sell," one of the staff members said.

You can hardly blame him for complaining. The price had just been lowered to 50 cents a copy, but the yearbooks still weren't selling.

### IN THE RED

The year before, when Oreganas cost \$1.50, the junior class went \$266 in debt because they could only sell half of the six hundred copies.

Finances seemed to be a common problem for the Ducks around the first decade of the century. One campus paper related how two thugs tried to hold up the sophomore class treasurer. He saved the class money he had with him by ducking behind the Beta Epsilon woodpile.

"Where the robbers made their mistake was in trying to hold up the sophomore class treasurer," he told a reporter. "I had just 15 cents in my pockets and that was the total cash in the sophomore

treasury. As for that 15 cents, it looks like the last sophomore coin the treasurer will ever see, so I'd like to keep it for a souvenir."

### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

The Oregana wasn't the only activity on the campus. There wasn't a School of Journalism, but young reporters could work on the Emerald, the Midnight Doughnut, or the Oregon Monthly.

The Midnight Doughnut was a four page paper that came out every Saturday for two months and retailed campus gossip—who was seen canoeing with whom, who went to parties at sororities and frats like Kloshe Tillicum, Khoda Khan, Sigma Nu, or the Tawah Club.

If your tastes were more literary, you might write poetry or essays for the Oregon Monthly, which finally folded completely in 1912.

### STRIKE PROPOSED

But campus life wasn't all literary. In fact, students proposed a strike the first time professors assigned outside reading in the library, and one professor estimated that 60 per cent of the graduates had never set foot in the library.

Of course all activities weren't on the campus either. For "High Class Vaudeville," 1909 Ducks went to the Bell Theater, which also showed the "latest motion pictures and illustrated songs."

If this didn't attract you, you might try the Electric or Dreamland Theaters, or even Mike Walker's "Mikelodian." And if you felt like a drive after the show, you called Bangs Livery Company, Main 21.

In 1909, Oregon students went out for debating, the Mandolin Club, the literary societies. Today, many of the activities are different, but the problems and the things we say about them are the same.

## Hypnotism Topic Of Science Meet

Hypnotism was the subject of a lecture by Rosco Wright, junior in education, at a meeting of the Eugene Science Fantasy society Wednesday night.

Subjects covered were the application of hypnosis to the fields of medicine, psychiatry, and education.

Wright stated that hypnosis could be used to aid students in their studies. Since post-hypnotic commands must be carried out a student could be hypnotized, told that he would pick up a certain book and study it for a specified length of time, and remember what he read. In such a case the subject would retain what he studied after release from the hypnotic state, Wright explained.

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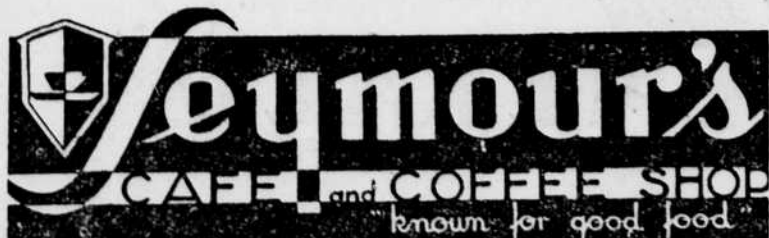
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## SK Fireside Fetes Officers

A fireside and informal coffee hour are being planned by members of Sigma Kappa in honor of the sorority's national officers, who will visit the campus Sunday and Monday, according to Dorothy Sutton, house president.

The officers are holding their annual meeting in Portland this week and will stop here on their way to California, where they will install new chapters at the University of California at Santa Barbara and San Diego State College. They will also install a chapter at Idaho College at Pocatello.

Officers of the city Panhellenic, Eugene alumni, Mrs. Golda Wickham, and house mothers and presidents have received invitations to the coffee hour from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday. Active members will entertain the visitors at a fireside Sunday evening.

The national officers are: Mrs. Swift Lowry, president; Mrs. Russell Cole, first vice-president; Mrs. William Seamen, second vice-president; Mrs. E. D. Taggart, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Laurence Corbett, national counselor. Mrs. Warren Tinker of Portland will accompany the group to Eugene.

## Rushees to Meet

All girls interested in winter term rushing are asked to meet at Gerlinger Hall, third floor at 4 p.m. today, Panhellenic President Frances Robson has announced.

## Dance Petitions Due Before Wed.

Petitions will be accepted for chairmanships for the annual "Heart Hop," Feb. 10, until next Wednesday at 4 p.m. Petitions may be turned in to Anita Frost, Alpha Chi Omega, and Barbara Metcalf, Kappa Alpha Theta.

Positions open include general chairmanship, publicity, King of Hearts selection, coronation, promotion, posters, decorations, refreshments, and tickets. Freshmen and sophomores may petition for these positions.

The "Heart Hop," a girl-date-boy affair, is a progressive dance to each girls' house on the dance program. Any girls' living organization wishing to hold "Heart Hop" dances are asked to contact Bar-

bara Metcalf at the Kappa Alpha Theta house. The dance is sponsored by YW-CA sophomore commission.

## IFC Defers Rushing Talk

Following considerable discussion, the Inter-Fraternity Council tabled a motion which would have brought the matter of deferred pledging to a vote last night.

Members indicated a desire for additional time for discussion of the question in individual houses in order to have a more complete representation of opinion.

Several members of the IFC will meet with representatives from the Inter-Dorm Council, and the Council of Men's Dorms in the near future to discuss the problem.

A petition for reclassification of all student living organizations with University supervision was introduced and signed by house presidents. Under present zoning laws, student living groups are classified under section R-4, together with hotels and apartment houses.

Presentation of the pledge class scholarship trophy to the pledge group having the highest GPA for fall term will take place at the next scheduled IFC meeting.



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