

# 43-Year-Old Frosh Seeks U.O. Degree in Sociology

By BILL FRYE

Police officer, professional boxer, sailor, homesteader—these are only a few of the vocations followed at one time or another by one University freshman.

The student is 43-year-old Harold Maxwell, who decided to return to the books and classrooms after a lapse of 25 years since hearing his last school bell.

Maxwell came to the University from his home in Seward, Alaska, to seek a degree in sociology. Residing presently in Eugene with his wife and three children, the balding frosh intends to finish college and then go back to Alaska and work as a juvenile officer.

### Returns to Alaska

His decision to make the picturesque community on Kenai Peninsula his home came after spending a hitch in Seward with the Coast Guard in 1945. He was sent there for shore duty from Marine Hospital, Seattle, where he had been convalescing since an accident with a Coast Guard explosive detail.

While in Alaska, Maxwell found time to get around. He saw the country and liked it, especially the part around Resurrection Bay where he was stationed. So after his discharge at Seattle in Sept., 1945, the ex-gob packed up and headed back to the northland.

There he took over as chief of police, but this was eventually

given up in favor of his own business. He contracted a school bus route and bought a shoeshop and three houses.

With the way cleared for settlement of new land, Maxwell staked out 25 acres in 1947 under a veterans' homestead act. He began growing potatoes, celery, and strawberries "the size of a teacup."

### Promotes Activities

His first interest in promoting juvenile activities came when he took over as director of a youths' athletic club in Seward. The association with youngsters developed into a desire to enter this work as a profession, but more education was required.

When fall term registration lines started to move, Harold Maxwell took his place with other freshmen who looked zealously to the life ahead.

When asked if he felt out of place with his younger counterparts, Maxwell replied: "On the contrary, it seems to make school all the more interesting. However, 25 years away from school has given me a lot of practical experience and not much of this theory I'm learning now 'rubs off.'"

A former professional boxer, Maxwell finds time from family and studies to work with the Elks Club in Eugene where he is promoting an amateur boxing card.

# Square Dancers To Meet in Men's East Gymnasium

Place of meeting of the University square dance group has been changed from Gerlinger Annex to the East Gymnasium of the Men's PE Building, Mrs. Margaret M. Logan, instructor in physical education, reported Tuesday.

The change was necessary because of crowded conditions in the Annex. An average of 50 men and women students attend the dance meetings.

Tonight from 7:30 to 9 the group will meet in the new location. Beginning tonight meetings will be held every Wednesday night, instead of every other Wednesday, as in the past, Mrs. Logan stated. The increase in meeting dates was made upon popular request of the dancers.

Beginners will review the "Varsoviene" and "Black Hawk" waltz and learn the heel-toe polka from 7:30 to 8. Regular dances will begin at 8.

Mrs. Logan requests all dancers to bring soft-soled shoes that are not worn outside, as no street shoes are permitted on the gymnasium floor.

# Randall Mills to Speak At Forum on Clemens

"Samuel Clemens and his Novels of the Crossroads" is on the program for this week's lecture-forum series to be held in the Library Browsing Room at 7:30 tonight.

Randall V. Mills, assistant professor of English, will be the speaker. Dr. J. C. McCloskey, assistant professor of English, is discussion leader.

# French Movie Slated

The fourth movie in the series sponsored by the Foreign Movie Club will be a French picture, "They Met on Skis," to be shown Feb. 15 and 16 at the Mayflower Theater.

The Danish film, "Day of Wrath," has now been obtained for the near future.



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# Coeds Answer Query-- Are Men Really Necessary?

By RODNEY MORRISON

Are men necessary?

The Emerald yesterday received a publicity release concerning a magazine article dealing with that perfectly logical question.

"Probably so," the author, Herbert U. Nelson, contends. Apparently he wasn't sure, and being a mere man, how could he be in a position to tell?

The editors wondered. A reporter was told to call a half-dozen girls at random and get some valid opinions.

Most of the girls contacted seem to feel they are necessary—for one reason or another.

Donna Buse, sophomore in liberal arts, asked, "Necessary for what?" As an after thought she commented, "But they come in handy in a way—for rides home

from the libe—but who goes to the libe?"

Irma Uhle, a junior in liberal arts, said it all depends. "Some you can do without and some are nice to have around." Which ones are nice to have around? Why, the "nice ones," of course.

Kitty Lou Shaw, freshman in art education: "Certainly they are! It makes life more interesting."

Estelle Greer, senior in journalism, is another who asked "for what?" She had an answer. "Procreation."

Joanne Hite, freshman in liberal arts, said yes she guessed they're necessary. Necessary for support and disciplinary action—against women "to a certain degree."

Irene McLeod, sophomore in liberal arts, contends it "just wouldn't be any fun without them."

## Ladies Day

With basketball intramurals in full swing, swimming meets scheduled for Feb. 16 and 22, and the W.A.A. Carnival in only nine days, girl's sports will have plenty of participants.

It's been a little icy for field hockey lately, but the Evergreen and Cascade women's teams are already making plans to journey to Vancouver B. C. next fall for the annual Northwest tournament.

Both teams have participated in experimental games to find out if the ball can be tied without a foul being called. As yet the results from other colleges who have played in this way have not been tabulated, and the decision will not be reached until spring term.

### Dancers to Travel

Both senior and junior Orchestras have been keeping very busy practicing for their annual Spring concert. The program is tentatively to be built around the theme "History of American Women" with solos and group work. The modern dance club also plans to travel to Coquille high school to give a dance exhibition sometime next term.

Organizing the intramural swimming meet has been the foremost task of Amphibians the past few weeks. Eleven houses have signed up to enter the contest.

On Feb. 11, the group is planning a trip to Corvallis for an informal get-together with the Bats and

Sea-Horses, swimming clubs at OSC. The girls are spending extra time perfecting their strokes in preparation for an exhibition this spring to high school students when they travel to the campus for "Duck Preview."

The Outing Club which has been temporarily stopped because of bad weather is planning an overnight hike to Walker's barn on Feb. 18. The last such hike, thanks to the weatherman, ended in a popcorn popping session in front of the fire.

A man of 60 enrolled in a western college. He must have won that scholarship at last.

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