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ASSEMBLIES POOR, FRESHMEN AGREE

Orientation a Success

(Ed. Note—The opinions expressed here on freshman orientation are those of three freshman students. Paul Keefe is an off-campus student. Dorothy Kopp and Bob Southwell both live in the dormitories.)

By Dorothy Kopp

Now that sufficient time has passed to make us new-comers feel like old-timers at this business of being Oregon students, we can look back and evaluate the factors which gave us the push in the right direction—Orientation Week activities. I would rate them from excellent to poor, individually.

The dormitory meetings, which followed every assembly, were informative and gave the most practical information. They minimized the confusion of settling into new living quarters.

The open houses held by many of the campus organizations were very effective and much appreciated. They served the twofold purpose of acquainting the new-comers with campus activities, and gave us a chance to participate in them.

The Hello dance and Duckling picnic were fun and gave us the first opportunity to meet our classmates.

The assemblies were the only thing found lacking. I didn't feel they realized their full possibilities toward helping new students.

As a whole, the program may be termed only as a success.

have resulted. In such meetings, questions and problems common to off-campus students could be answered and solved.

A plan utilizing a counselor for students living off the campus would certainly be a great improvement over the idea of having these students assigned to dorms.

A lot of off-campus students are Eugene residents. Most of these students were probably as well acquainted with the University before orientation week as the others were when the week was over.

With one important, informative and well-planned assembly, in addition to small meetings where questions could be answered, orientation week would have been much better.

Barriers Eliminated

By Bob Southwell

No doubt many prospective University freshmen went to smaller schools because of the "impersonal atmosphere" always connected with large universities. They are in for a surprise. For this year's student orientation committee eliminated any barriers of unfriendliness or perplexity among the frosh men.

This was principally accomplished through the small dormitory meetings which concluded each of the first three days of organized activities. Supervised by a likeable resident counselor, we

were allowed to ask questions about the day's activities, become better acquainted with the other hall residents and generally acquire a complete impression of UO life.

These meetings were well-timed, for they also served to relieve the disillusionment stimulated by the frosh assemblies preceding them.

Sunday night we attended the opening assembly, a boring series of repetitious speeches. Monday night we attended the student affairs assembly, which took an unbelievably long period of time to say so few things. Thursday night those students retaining a slight faith in frosh assemblies went to the ASUO meeting, which demonstrated that college is no different than high school when it comes to disgusting and lengthy advertising skits.

But then Thursday's exchange dinners, frosh rally and Hello dance served to re-establish satisfaction with college life. Each event demonstrated another side of campus life favorable and was so timed that boredom could not slip in anywhere.

Most of the freshmen might have one major suggestion for next year's orientation committee, however: the entire freshman class is too large a group to have a picnic. This was shown by the Duckling picnic on Hayward field Tuesday evening.

Why Curtail Libe Hours?

We like the new lawns and trees scattered around the campus. We like Carson Hall. We might even learn to like the science building. Everything which is indicative of progress, we like. Some day we'll like the football team because it can hardly do anything but progress from here on.

We're aware it took money to start this ambitious improvement program. And it's still taking money.

Any way, with all the hustle and bustle hereabouts (to which we're not objecting) we still have what might be called a relative question.

Was it necessary to curtail the library hours?

Sure—we've heard the explanation. The state board of education has something called a "full-time equivalent" employment scale. This scale places a limit on the number of university employees. Going still further down the line, we find that in general distribution of "employee cuts" the library was parceled out a reduction in the amount of 3 1/2 full-time positions.

The loss of 3 1/2 librarians made it necessary to lop 5 hours from the open hours at the library each week. Four of the five happen to be from 5 to 9 on Friday evening.

This is all very simple and not an issue to disturb anyone except those few who may have wanted to do their researching on Friday evening.

But it would seem that the last place for any sort of economy drive would be the library. It might be better to not plant a few trees and forget about the lawn on the south forty rather than make any significant cut in open-library hours.

Back in 1931 this same sort of a situation arose. Budget cuts made it necessary to close the library at 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. This decision was made Oct. 29, 1931. Seven days later the library was staying open until 9 on Friday evening because of student opposition to 6 p.m. closing hours.

Economy is fine. So it progress and improvement. But maybe a little less economy in some spots might result in gains of another fashion somewhere else.—B. C.

Ex-Editor on Halloween

Here's a new angle on the why and wherefore behind the fraternity-sorority sponsored Eugene children's Halloween party. It came as part of a letter from former Emerald editor (and staunch independent) Don Smith, '51.

"It seems these Greek organizations are to give Halloween parties for children of Eugene. Now there is an issue for you.

As any fire-spouting independent with guts can see, this is not what it appears on the surface—a friendly, worthwhile activity by

the decadent Greek organizations; no indeed, in reality it is nothing more than illegals rushing. Not only illegal but immoral! grasping innocent, wide-eyed babes from grade school.

"This desperate attempt on the part of the sororities and fraternities to make secure their future is bound to fail. What is doomed, is doomed. But I admit it was a well-designed scheme sure to fool all but the most perceptive observers."

Wonder if IFC and Panhellenic have thought of this?

From the Morgue . . .

30 YEARS AGO

Nov. 1, 1921—An Oregon delegation arrives at Seattle to attend the second annual conference of the Pacific Intercollegiate Press association. The organization was founded last year on the University of Oregon campus.

25 YEARS AGO

Nov. 1, 1926—The flag of the Battleship Oregon is used for a stage backdrop for campus Pledge Day assemblies.

20 YEARS AGO

Nov. 1, 1931—Oregon Ducks defeat New York university 14 to 6 in New York. Previous to this game NYU had hopes of representing the East in the Rose Bowl.

5 YEARS AGO

Nov. 1, 1946—Ten Oregon men killed in action during World War II are honored by the names of the halls in the Veterans dormitory. Those to be commemorated by scrolls on the doors will be Louis Kent Stitzer, Stanley Eugene Ray, John Arthur McChesney, Francis Albert Minturn, Paul Harbaugh Merrick, Robert H. Cherney, Wyman John French Maurice Harold Hunter, Francis Edmund Nestor and Verdi D. Sederstrom.

Useless for Townies

By Paul Keefe

A lot of work was probably put into organizing orientation week. With all the hard work, good intentions and wonderful ideas orientation week, for off-campus students, was hardly worth the effort.

Assemblies were held each of the first four evenings. Most of the important, informative and interesting parts could have been condensed into one good assembly. With a bit of planning and cooperation from University leaders, the freshman's time consumed in listening to speeches could easily have been reduced.

After the assemblies dormitory meetings were held. These meetings were planned for the dormitory students and could hardly have been planned any other way.

The only advantage of dormitory assignments for off-campus students is that anyone who cares to play on an intramural team has the opportunity. There's no way to make off-campus students feel they are part of the dorm.

If one or two meetings with a planned member could have been planned, many benefits would

-- Letters to the Editor --

I Apologize, but . . .

Emerald Editor:

An apology is a poor way to start one's first "letter to the editor," but in this case one is due to the I.F.C. and Panhellenic committees. The work they've done on the Halloween party is certainly commendable and for it they deserve the "Daily E."

The unfortunate clash of schedules between the Halloween party and the preliminary elimination of the Homecoming Queen was foreseeable but hardly preventable.

A last minute change of plans for my committee would have meant a complete rearrangement of schedules and a breakdown of machinery that had been set in motion. New judges would have to have been secured, the reservation of new rooms for candidates and judges would have been impossible, every candidate and committee member would have to have been notified of the change, newspaper and photographer dates would have been disrupted. Consequently the original plans had to go through.

To alleviate the friction between the two committees, the candidates whose presence was vital to the Halloween festivities was shown special consideration in that they were judged first and then released to play their respective roles in the Halloween celebration.

Again I say I'm sorry for the conflicting schedules but I feel it was necessary so that this year's Queen will have a longer reign than ever before, for an early election will mean her complete participation in all Homecoming activities.

Neil Chase
 Chairman, Queen Committee

Our Own Kinsey?

Emerald Editor:

A halcyon curiosity permits us to inquire into the night escapades of Jim Haycox.

Question, has he acquired this vast fund of information in practical experience, or does he merely spend his evenings pervertedly peeping from the shadows? Could it be that we have our own Kinsey here on the Oregon campus? Or could it be that he is leading into a column entitled "Advice to the Lovelorn"?

These questions could only be answered by the self-styled bard himself. However, this caustic drooling is neither here nor there.

Jim, old boy, our real question is this: do you really think you can talk the girls into co-operation, do yuh, huh, do yuh, huh?

One of the boys
 (Name withheld by request)

Dueling Overplayed

To the Editor:

The news, headlined "Germany Renews Student Dueling" sounds more alarming than the facts are.

Right is, that fraternities exist which practice student dueling again. But it is only a very small percentage within the mass of German students and it would be wrong to see in this renewed dueling the attitude of the present student generation in Germany.

The objective picture with regard to the reported news you will get when you consider that most of the students are strictly against dueling and that they fight the mentioned groups . . . not with a sword but with brain.
 Dr. W. Schwarzlose

More Campus Improvements



"You know that new fraternity house they built next door?—It's a SORORITY."