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### Midterm Returns

Freshmen students at the University of Oregon got their first taste of college scholastic ratings during the last week when freshmen mid-term grades were handed out. For a number of these neophytes of higher education, those grades were a rude awakening to the fact that classes, studies and grades, after all, are still the main foundation of any college.

Mid-term grades, on the average, ran about the same as they have during the past several years. Approximately 50 per cent of the freshmen class are having trouble with at

The Office of Student Affairs reports that 40 to 50 per cent of the freshmen men have below average rating in at least one class.

Five per cent of the women are failing in any one subejct and another five percent are below average in three subjects. Less than 10 per cent of the distaff side of the freshmen class is below average in two subjects and approximately 30 per cent are having difficulty in one subject.

Just what is indicated by these figures and how seriously should freshmen take their mid-term reports?

A number of items figure in a mid-term report that make it not clearly indicative of what a student is doing in his classes. For example, mid-term reports are figured on a basis of superior, average, below average and failing. If a student is doing C- work, he's still in the below average class although he would get credit for that C.

Instructors find it more difficult to compute a mid-term grade from several standpoints. In some classes the final examina- enough, Worthal will be present, tion makes up one-third or more of the final grades. Mid- too. term grades seem to be more conducive to errors than those 8 p. m. Friday at McArthur court. handed out at the close of a term.

Many freshmen students are faced with extensive subjective tests for the first time and are adjusting to this type of examination when mid-terms come out. This is evidenced by lower grades in history and literature classes than in courses wheer objective or shorter type essay tests are used.

Despite the difficulties of such a system, we're still in favor of giving freshmen-and their counselors-a preview peek at this week through Friday afterhow they're doing in the way of grades.

This system gives the wayward freshman time to really hit honorary Saturday morning at the the books and burn the midnight oil to bring those grades up. And they usually do. It also allows time for proper counseling and a rearrangement of schedules before the freshman faces regular prices. his first bout with final week .- (E.S.)

#### Those Are Fiji's?



"You'd think that the DU's would want a picture window like that in FRONT of their house."

## Letters to the Editor

Emerald Editor:

I was a scared and unhappy teenager, generally, but Dick, the old sawmill worker, was one of the guys who was good to me. Quite a few nights I would walk a couple of miles over the mud roads to play pinochle with him after supper. Tonight, he was trying to tell me something, "Remember," he said, "the boss is just another man."

My life today is a richer life, whether on or off the campus, because I finally began to under stand what Dick meant. He was saying something a little different than "all men are created equal;" he was telling me that 'the "boss" or "the other guy" in addition to havind the strong points I noticed, also had weaknesses—just like me. (When the GI Bill gave me a college education I'd never have gotten otherwise, I learned to call 'em "human frailties.")

Yet to pull the boss or the big wheel out of his area of "special value" where I was not "good ..enough" to be, and to drag him into the same common pool with myself as "just another man" was also to deny myself any special niche, then, or at any time in the future. If I believed what "Sawmill Dick" told me, then I would always be "just another man" to everyone else.

And I believe it. I don't want any special rooms in the Stu-dent Union to which I should go because I am "an older student." As long as the other guy is "just another man" and by my actions I can make it reasonably plain to him that that's all I expect him to regard me as, the common ground is established for our

#### **Homecoming Plans** (Continued from page one)

The performance will start at Admission is free.

#### MUMS READY

Corsages and mums for Homecoming are being sold by members of Mortar Board, senior women's honorary. Orders may be placed with Sandra Price, Delta Gamma, or Elsie Schiller, University house,

Mums will also be sold by the homecoming registration desk in the Student Union.

The flowers are being sold at

#### LUNCHEON

Tickets for the Homecoming luncheon will be available at the Student Union and the Co-op Wedaccording to Germaine LaMarche, general chairman.

Menu for the luncheon which will be at 11:30 a. m. Saturday, will include beef sandwiches, potato salad, various relishes, and ice cream and layer cake.

Decorations for the luncheon will be the same as those for the dance in the evening, and students are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to entertain their guests and parents before the game, said Miss LaMarche.

Committee chairmen are Russ Cowell, physical arrangement; Shirley Soble, promotion; Diane Lacey, cleanup; Judy Carlson, contact; Janice Fortner, recorded music and Cynthia Long, tickets.

Tickets for the informal, buffet-style luncheon will also be available at the door, according to Miss LaMarche, but there are a limited number and students are urged to buy them early.

#### Published In Anthology

K. Bart Koeppen, junior in English, received notice Friday that one of his poems, "My Elders," will be published in the College Anthology of Poetry.

The poem was the first ever submitted for publication by Koeppen. Karl Harshbarger, senior in speech, had a poem published in the anthology last year.

social contact, whether he (or she) is 8 or 80, veteran or nonveteran, professor or freshman, janitor or receptionist, Democrat or Republican, Christian or agnostic, policeman or prisoner, Greek or independent.

Deliver me from confinement to an age group! There are too many interesting people, willing to be friends, both substantially older and younger than myself, of whose company I do not wish to be deprived by artificial social barriers. Conscious discrimination by reason of age is just as bad as by reason of "race, creed, or national origin." And, so far as I am concerned, not bad for the other guy, but bad for me because of the limitations I would put upon my own satisfac-

I suppose there are students at Oregon who convey to other students, "Sorry, I can't get acquainted with you because you don't quite fit my circle." If a fellow feels that way about me I don't even bother to mentally tell him to go to hell, because I don't have enough time as it is to fully enjoy all these other people who are constantly meeting me in this common pool of "just another man."

And now if you fellows will excuse me, I want a closer look at that blond just walking into the fishbowl-that young one with the yellow sweater and . oh, hi, Bill, you old ogre; what kind of Prof. Snarf exam you got cooked up for those poor kids in your class tomorrow?

Carl E. Weber

# O' Rebuilding **Nearly Finished**

ner's Butte was nearly completed the physical plant provided the Saturday by approximately a dozen freshman men according to Don cost. The nails were purchased by Smith, freshman class president.

The original starting time of 8 a. m. was changed to 10 Saturday led for Tuesday afternoon, acmorning when between 30 and 40 boys set out for work on the "O." Because of a scarcity of tools, only 14 stayed to finish the job. One Former UO Dean carload of freshman women drove up to the butte at noon with sack lunches for the workers.

The "O" is being built entirelyof lumber this time. The plan to have it built out of sheet metal was turned down by the Senate as being too expensive.

The Star Lumber company contributed 1000 feet of lumber, and the Jack O'Niel Lumber company 300 feet of lumber to the project.

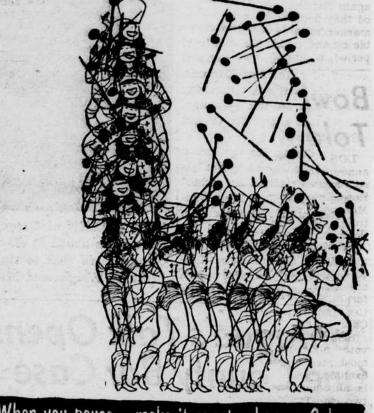
Rebuilding of the "O" on Skin-|fraternities of the university while trucks for hauling the lumber at the freshman class.

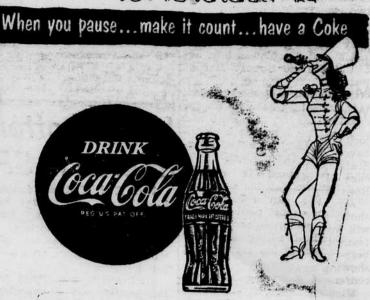
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## Dies In Phoenix

Elon H. Moore, head or the sociology department from 1935 until his retirement in June of this year, died Monday afternoon in a Phoenix hospital of a heart con-

Funeral arrangements, which will be handled by the Mercer The tools were borrowed from the Mortuary in Phoenix, are pending.





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