

## + EMERALD EDITORIALS +

### The Green Ones

By now you're pretty tired. Tired of assemblies, tired of examinations, tired of the bustle of starting out at Oregon. You're stiff from the physical education tests, you're half drowned after failing your swimming test. The past two days are a blur of new faces, new regulations, new activities. This, obviously, isn't high school.

Yet you know that everything is all right. Different than what you expected, perhaps, but all right. Your counselors, your advisers, everyone you meet is looking out for you.

It wasn't too long ago that the senior you think looks so smooth stood in the middle of Friendly hall and asked where Friendly hall was. You'll do the same thing, but you'll learn.

You'll learn the way to Emerald hall, and maybe even to the Side. You'll soon develop a need for a coffee break at 10 which makes even the SU brand of java taste good. You'll dodge sprinklers on the way to your 8 o'clock and you'll listen to wistful tales of the Millrace and the boathouse-that-was-to-be.

You've never heard of Maxie's and aren't sure of just which fraternity is which outside of Sigma Chi. There are so many Psi's and Pi's and Phi's and things.

No one has told you yet about how to register for classes: how to decipher the code names for the pipe courses (which really don't exist any more anyway) and how to pick the easy graders (who aren't necessarily what they are cracked up to be).

You're green. At the risk of sounding gung ho, you're Emerald green. You're the class of 1959. Watch the senior smile when you write that on your new Oregon notebook. It was a long, and yet so short, a time ago that they proudly wrote "Class of 1956" on their books.

They know much of what is in store for you. They know what a comedown it is from being a senior wheel to being a lowly freshman, and they understand. The experiences which you are looking forward to now are memories to them. And in three years, you will be taking their places. So rest up, have fun and study hard this first term.

We're glad that you chose Oregon!

—(S.R.)

### Exhausting Experience

Approximately 80 upperclassmen women started a three-day rush period Friday morning in an experiment never before tried at the University of Oregon.

Upperclass women who attended Oregon last year and transfers signed preference cards Monday night and move into their respective houses Tuesday.

Freshmen women will then go through the usual 5-day formal rushing beginning next Friday.

This means two completely different rush periods for sororities. On the surface many disadvantages are apparent. Sorority women had to quit jobs and come back to campus almost two weeks before classes start. House members must twice go through preparation of rushing, then the actual thing itself. This can be an exhausting experience.

Upon closer examination, however, one big advantage presents itself—the fact that upperclass pledges can immediately move into a house instead of living in dorms for a whole term.

To full houses this may not make much difference; but to other houses, four or five extra people may make a major difference, especially financially.

These new pledges can immediately be utilized. They can help in rushing the freshmen. They can take part in other fall activi-

ties which pledges living outside the house usually miss.

Besides helping sororities with this added membership, the women themselves will become integrated in the group. Sophomores will not lose any actual time in sorority life; juniors and seniors will have an extra term in houses instead of waiting it out in the dorms.

Some inconveniences may arise at first in the flurry of rushing, but the lasting results may well be worth the effort.—(A.H.)

### Endurance Test

Students of college caliber are traditionally able to absorb a lot of information in a short time. But it's doubtful if even a class of geniuses could retain everything that is thrown at freshmen during New Student Week.

Take a look at the schedule. From the start of the opening assembly Sunday night through the last dance of the "Hello Dance" the next Saturday, the freshmen go through an endurance test of assemblies, meetings, teas, picnics, and still more assemblies.

When this schedule is added to the strain of moving in to new surroundings, getting unpacked, taking placement tests, and getting ready for classes, the freshman begins to wonder if the Air Force survival schools could be so rough after all. And then, when it's almost over, rush week starts.

If the purpose of all this is to teach the new student as much as possible about Oregon in a short time, we're going about it in the wrong way.

The AWS officers had the right idea in a plan to combine several of the assemblies and other meetings, but the plan was never carried out. For example, the opening assembly, held Sunday; Monday night's student affairs assembly, and the Friday night ASUO assembly were to have been combined into one.

This would necessitate the removal of some of the skits and chaff that now go into the assemblies, and which have very little value.

Another idea would have combined the two transfer student-meetings, scheduled for Monday and today, thus giving those students more time to get settled and to rest from rushing and other events. This also was not done.

Some progress was made this year. The Dean's Tea, combined with a sort of AWS, YWCA, and AWS open house for the women Thursday afternoon, is an example of what can be done to cut down the time-consuming events.

So is the scheduling of the President's reception, the Student Union open house, and the YMCA open house at the same time Thursday night in the SU. This will give the new students a chance to meet the President and inspect the other two while they're there.

But unfortunately, these are the only two examples that can be given.

Likewise, if the purpose of all this time-consuming activity is to keep the students so busy, or so exhausted, that they won't have time to go out for a beer or two, we doubt if it is serving its purpose.

In the first place, the number of students who take time to go out and drink during the first week isn't very large. Secondly, the ones who are seriously interested in drinking aren't bothered by the schedule. They are skipping the assemblies—anyway.

So the only people who are bothered are the conscientious students, trying to learn something, who are herded from event to event until they are too tired to concentrate on anything.

### Placement Exam



"I think that the trouble with most of the freshmen is that the high schools didn't teach them how to read."

### THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

## Old Scouts Blaze Trail

By Bud Hinkson  
ASUO President

With a suitcase in hand and money in pocket we arrived in Eugene. We looked out across Oregon's shiny campus and for a moment there was a feeling of anticipation, but it was quickly lost in the excitement, as we hollered a booming "hello" to our friends and a hurried "good-bye" to our parents. But soon our rooms were selected; our bags unpacked. With two or three of our closest friends we started out across the campus. Everything's just like we left it, but yet it's all brand new.

Forgotten are last term's finals, the midnight seminars, and nodoze pills. Forgotten are the things we didn't do. This is another year, and right now things couldn't be brighter as old scouts prepare to blaze another trail, and young tenderfeet innocently begin their hike.

But all in all, it is really great to be back. Although

there are some faces missing, there are many more to take their places. And this is the thing that makes it so great to be back. At Oregon one never ceases to meet new friends. With each new friendship we develop, our past experience takes on more meaning and our future action, more pleasure. The result, when more broadly applied, is called "campus spirit."

The various surroundings, like an active social calendar or a winning ball team, can increase the tempo of this spirit, but basically, it depends upon friendliness.

In the future the more we get to know one another, the greater this spirit will be. And, of course, the result will depend on all of us working together. Certainly for you freshmen, there will be rules to follow. As tradition demands, you shall conduct yourselves as freshmen. Yet, you should never hesitate to enjoy college. The more friends you make now, the more your college education will mean later.

I would like to start out by getting to know each one of you. Drop by the ASUO office, Student Union 304. We'll be looking forward to meeting you.



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