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Second Week of Class

Glorified Greeks

Official rush weeks are over, for both men's and women's houses. There are lots of bright, shiny pledge pins now being worn by smiling freshmen faces.

And there are a lot of freshmen without these pledge pins. Some of them wouldn't take one for anything, for they are completely against the Greek system.

But some of them would like them, and went through rushing periods for the express purpose of acquiring one. They dropped out of rushing, for some reason or another, and now they are part of the campus majority—the Independents.

All entering freshmen, regardless of whether they were registered for rushing, received some specific orientation on Greek living. And most have had some informal knowledge of it, too, through contacts with parents' friends and with relatives who were Greeks.

Some of this information was correct, and gave them the right idea—but some of it, undoubtedly, was misleading.

Greek living, regardless of information given about it, is just that—living. It's group living, and all of the sentiments and song-singing and bond-pledging are incidental to its purpose.

Any handbook of any Greek house will give the purposes of the fraternity. They always stress scholarship and good campus orientation above all else for their members. Independent students can live up to these ideals as well as Greeks—maybe even better, according to the individuals.

College is, after all, a period of individual adjustment to the environment—adult life as well as campus life. There are many answers to the question of where to best find this adjustment.

Maturity, or adjustment, is a very personal, private matter. For some it is found best in Greek houses, and for some it is not to be found there at all. Those students left off the pledge lists should keep in mind that they are, first of all, students of the University and even above that, individuals in their own right.

Pledges of Greek houses are told this by upperclassmen in their particular house. Independents can and will find it out for themselves. It is to be hoped these Independents won't glorify the Greek system even more than Greeks themselves do.

—(A.R.)

Dressed for Silence

Why do the Oregon students wear such dressy outfits to football games?

We've always had the understanding that the students who occupied the cheering sections were there primarily to cheer, and watch the game. It would seem to us that the natural attire for such activity would be casual campus clothes, cords and sweaters for the men and skirts and sweaters for the women.

Before the game, an announcement was printed in the Emerald stating that the women were to wear wool dresses or sweaters and skirts; and the men were to wear

slacks. These clothes seem very sensible, considering the cool night air, and they wouldn't seem to throw a damper on cheering spirits.

But even after such an announcement, the average student shows up in either a suit or sport coat; very uncomfortable for yelling and very susceptible to getting dirty, which further tones down the student. This is the reason the men showed such reluctance to defend our goal posts against Washington.

Perhaps there are parties afterwards; perhaps the women are more readily accepted into the Portland night clubs if they are "dressed up." But we're sacrificing one awful lot of spirit and noise just to be dressed up for a party after the game is over.

This is just another example of the Oregon student's pseudo-sophisticated attitude, which seems to remain aloof and independent from being a part of an organized activity.

Students say, "To yell at football games is high schoolish. We go to Oregon now, which is called the Country club, and we're too grown up to cheer for our team."

If such is true at a Country club, we don't want to be called one anymore.—(S.V.)

It's No Secret

Mention college athletics today, and the man on the street immediately shudders and automatically thinks of the big, black monster that seems to be a necessary evil in this business of higher education.

And well it might remain a monster, for there is a cloak of secrecy that seems to surround its big business type operation. One policy of the Oregon Athletic department is aimed at tearing away part of this cloak, however.

This fall, for the seventh year since Leo Harris took over as athletic director, the department released a financial statement for the preceding school year. And even better, Oregon's athletic big business shows a nice operating profit, as it has every time since the policy began, according to Ted Bouck, athletic business manager.

In spite of the fact that Oregon loses money on all sports except football and basketball (this is expected, Bouck says, "We just hope that we'll lose less than usual,"), radio and television rights and the income from the two profit sports more than make up for other losses.

The profit from the year's operation may be helping to make more successful athletic teams, but the important item is that it is giving many men who would probably not otherwise be able to attend college, the opportunity to do so. And it's proving that though this business of collegiate athletics may be big, it's not losing money at Oregon.—(C.H.M.)

Footnotes

If you think things are mixed up around here, how about Oregon State college's Department of Confusion. We don't know if it really exists, but a letter from India came to the college library with that address on it.



"THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT CLASS YOU'LL BE TAKING—SO I'LL EXPECT A LITTLE EXTRA WORK FROM YOU THIS TERM."

College Capers ...

From Coast to Coast

FROSH ARE STILL IN THE news. she asked if he was a good teacher, if his students liked him, and if he was married. Apparently satisfied with the answers, she enrolled in the course.

One enterprising Texan did a land office business selling library cards to gullible freshmen. One girl even bought two.

That was the downfall. Before she could give it to her boy friend they broke up. She phoned library authorities to ask for a refund.

The business came to a sudden end.

DR. LEON A. GREENBERT of Yale university has a message that is sure to be of interest to many Oregon students. He says that beer isn't an intoxicant and should be reclassified as a non-intoxicating beverage.

He contends that a human stomach doesn't have the capacity to hold enough beer to raise the alcoholic content of the blood to 0.15 per cent, the point where consistent abnormal behavior appears.

TO KEEP IN MIND next time your registering for classes:

A coed from Indiana discovered while registering that the man at the desk was also teaching the class. Not being timid,

ATTENTION PHYSICAL PLANT!

Recently installed on the Idaho State college campus was an automatic sprinkler system.

It is hydrostatically operated by a relay control located on a clock in the school library. Some sprinkler heads are the bubbling type, others rotary and pop up types, all of which are recessed in the ground when not in use.

SOMETHING TO BE ADDED to our agenda of activities?

Pledges of Washington State college sororities chewed their way into the finals of the second annual Lambda Chi Alpha "Watermelon Bust" on that campus.

A Sigma Kappa, took first place honors in the meet and won the coveted (?) title of "Miss Watermelon Bust of 1955" in the wild contest in which three quarters of a ton of watermelon was consumed.



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Letters to the Editor

Emerald Editor:

Please no more short pants.

Those who attended the game Saturday at Portland were probably as much surprised as I was to see the boy cheer leaders wearing short pants.

The yell leaders and their actions represent the University of Oregon. The student body for this game wore slacks and high heels. I think it strange that the rally squad appeared in short

pants.

Observers were surprised and mildly shocked to see the spectacle. A lady on my right commented: "They've got a lot of intestinal fortitude to get out there before God and everyone else in those short pants."

After a rather unsportsman-like yell, "Dirty, Dirty Huskies," the same woman, an Oregonian, again commented: "They sound as sissy as those pants look."

To show that not only adults, but also students, object to the new attire, a freshman girl on the way home said: "If they're going to show off their knobby knees, they should have a contest."

Here is one vote in favor of dropping the short pants and otherwise representing our school to the best of our ability.

Sam Thompson
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