

# Saga of the 'O'



THERE WASN'T MUCH to see on the "O" construction until the one and one-half ton steel letter was set in place. The sections weighing from 750 to 850 lbs. were set in position by members of Alpha Phi Omega on Friday before Junior Week.



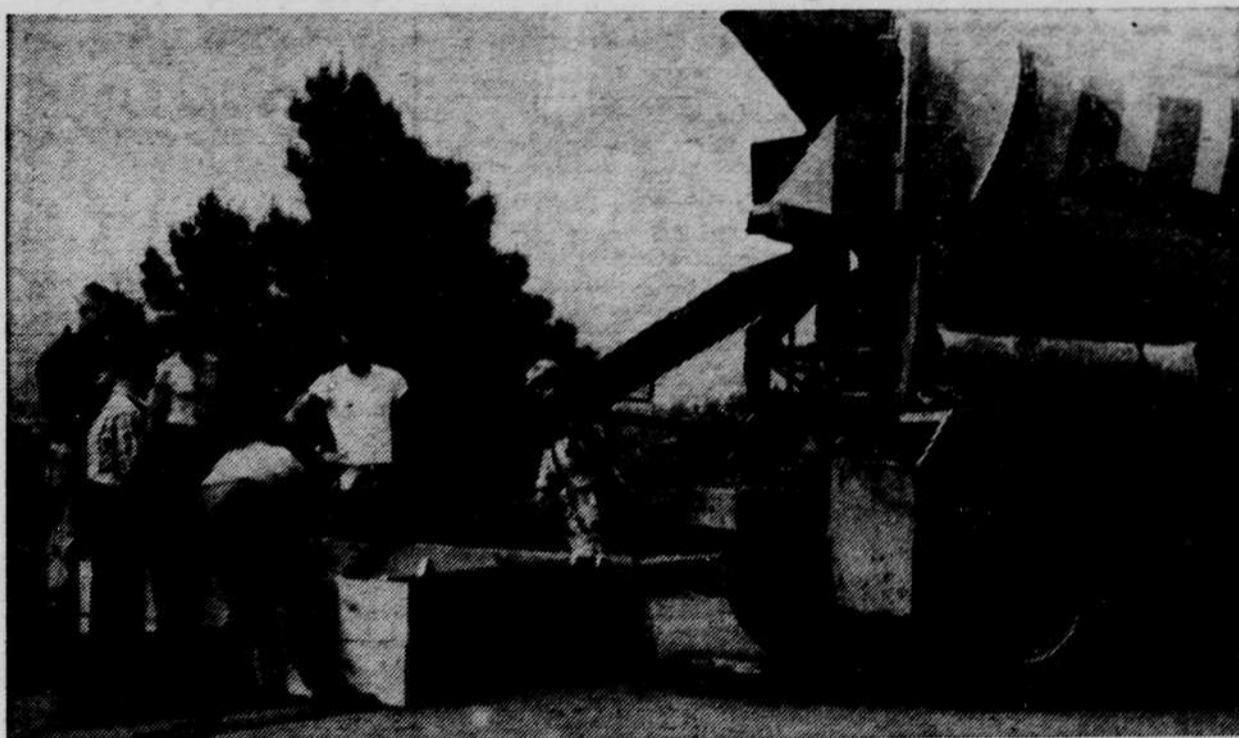
AS SOON AS the steel letter was in place, the welding of the four sections was begun. Ken Opager from Eugene Truck and Machinery Co. donated his time to do the welding.



REPRESENTING the University in the presentation of the "O" were (l to r): Jim Lynch, ASUO president, Dean DuShane, and President O. Meredith Wilson. The "O" was dedicated by Garth McGuire and Jim Boyd, Alpha Phi Omega officers.



AFTER CARRYING the sections of the "O" down the hill, the task of lining up the edge of the letter with the surveyor's strings proved to be one of the hardest tasks confronted by the work crew. The letter was finally lined up and temporarily bolted together before the final welding of the four connecting joints and remaining legs.



THE CEMENT, half of which was donated by Eugene Sand and Gravel Co., arrived on Saturday. The one-fourth-inch steel legs of the letter were resting on concrete previously poured in the bottoms of the pier forms. This concrete, like the rest, had to be carried down the hill in buckets by APO members. Three yards of concrete were used in all.



AT LAST SATURDAY'S dedication, President O. Meredith Wilson applied the first yellow paint to the "O" before the traditional "painting" by the freshmen.



SINCE THERE COULD be no freshmen painting the "O" at the dedication, Jim Boyd, vice-president of Alpha Phi Omega and member of the freshman class, "volunteered" to paint the "O."  
(Photo story by John Russell)



THE DEDICATION of the "O" on Saturday was attended by Bud Titus and Jim Lynch, holding the dedication plaque, Dean DuShane, President O. M. Wilson, members of contributing houses, and the service fraternity. The "O" was designed by C. John Maurer, who worked with the members of Alpha Phi Omega, the service fraternity who built the "O."