

# Ellingson notes changes in UO student interests

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There has been a definite change in the trend of student activities including a steady decline in attendance at major all-campus dances, according to A. L. "Si" Ellingson, Student Union director.

Commenting on campus dances, Ellingson said, "During the past twelve years the really big dances have shown a marked decline while the number of smaller, more personal dances has increased."

"IN 1950 there were six major dances including the senior ball, homecoming, military ball, and others. The total has been drastically cut and there are now only two major all-campus dances. These are homecoming and the prom."

Attendance at these functions began a slight increase two years ago with the innovation of the combination dance and concert. Also very popular with students are the Bottom of the Bowl and Coke and Combo events, Ellingson said.

## Campus briefs

● Young Democrats will hold an important business meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12 in room 336, Commonwealth.

● Chi Delta Phi will meet at noon today in the Browsing Room.

● Education school representative to SU Board petitions are due October 13. Petitioners must be soph, junior or senior. Petitions available at room 311, SU.

● Oregana pictures will be taken today for Delta Delta Delta and Phi Gamma Delta.

● Eugenia Price, radio, TV script writer and author, will speak at First Baptist Church, Broadway and High, 7:30 p.m. this evening.

● Religion and Philosophy Commission meets today at 4 p.m. Gerlinger Hall.

● Short but important Hillel meeting 6:45 Thursday, SU.

● Ski Quacks meet 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12. All persons interested in skiing are invited to attend. Room will be posted.

● Greater Oregon Central Board meets 4 p.m. Thursday, SU.

● Petitions for membership on Honors College publications committee are due 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12 on third floor SU. Any freshman honors college student is eligible. Further information available from John Armentrout, ext. 236.

● Young Republicans meet Thursday, Oct. 12 in the S. U. Election of officers and terms of office will be discussed. Members and interested students are invited. Coffee will be served.

● Freshman basketball team meeting Thursday, Oct. 12 at 3:30 p.m. in the varsity Basketball room of Mac Court.

● Education students may enroll in the Student Oregon Education Association Wednesday and Friday, Oct. 11 and 13 at 1-3 p.m. in room 116 Education.

● There will not be a crew meeting for the Oregon Rowing Club Thursday, Oct. 12 as previously announced.

● John Hamilton will play the harpsichord in a faculty recital Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 8 p.m. in the School of Music Auditorium.

● The Political Science Club will have a luncheon meeting Thursday, Oct. 19 at 12:15 p.m. in the S. U. Lucian Marquis will speak on English Universities in Transition. The meeting is open to faculty and graduate students in political science and related fields and to undergraduate political science majors who have completed the initial nine-hour sequence.

● Homecoming meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. in the S. U. Room will be posted.

● The Alpine Club will meet Wednesday, Oct. 11 at 6:45 p.m. in room 16 Science. Slides of the Wallows and of the Mt. Jefferson climb will be shown. All interested persons are invited to attend.

● The Senior cabinet will meet Wednesday at noon in Gerlinger.

● "Oedipus Rex" will be shown Wednesday, Oct. 11 at 7 and 9 p.m. in 150 Science (the new annex). Admission will be free.

● Phi Beta will meet Thursday, Oct. 12 at 12:15 in the S. U. Room will be posted.

● The deadline for filing applications for the course in Dentistry at the University of Oregon Dental school beginning Fall 1962 is Oct. 31, 1961. All interested applicants should submit their requests for application materials to the office of the Registrar, University of Oregon Dental School prior to the deadline date.

● Junior class Picnic Chairmen will meet Thursday, Oct. 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the S. U. Room will be posted.

The Student Union director also observed that there has been concentration on a single activity particularly by men students rather than participation in several different activities as was prevalent in past years.

"WOMEN, HOWEVER, usually follow several activities during their freshman year and then concentrate mainly on one organization." Even among students who are engaged in several different fields this is true. Nearly everyone emphasizes a single activity or field. This ranges from student government to publications, he said.

"The general level of performance among those participating in activities is the most dramatic change that I have observed. Activity enthusiasts are smarter and more responsible than ever before," he asserted.

As enrollment has risen groups of students seeking more diverse events have emerged. Activities, concerts and lectures featuring specialized programs have been made possible.

Regarding different activity emphasis of Greeks and independents, Ellingson replied, "There is no conscious split. The majority of students in activities are Greeks, although upperclass women's dormitories and co-operative houses also participate fully."

He commented that students in living organizations are more

interested in activities than those living off campus.

LIVING ORGANIZATION affiliation has little influence in the selection of students for activity posts. Occasionally it does influence sophomores, but rarely in upperclass elections.

"It is, however, an exception to have an independent seeking top campus positions. There have been a few exceptions during the past few years, but not many," he stated.

In turning his comments to the forthcoming Student Union expansion, Ellingson said, "Final plans will be submitted to the State Board of Higher Education at the October meeting. We will break ground in December or January with completion slated for 1963."

The SU expansion includes building a new dining room, adding eight new lanes to the bowling alley and converting the "110" rooms into a fishbowl expansion. Cost of the expansion project will be \$500,000.

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can Anthropological Association and American Association for the Advancement of Science.

He has written several books and numerous articles for publication.

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In an article in the September issue of "Psychological Re-

ports," Dr. Hyman writes that an individual's attitude at the time he stores relevant information affects his subsequent performance.

DR. HYMAN joined the Behavior Research Service of the General Electric Company after schooling at John Hopkins University and spending five years as an assistant professor at Harvard University.

He came to the University in September and will continue research under a one-year, \$5,000 grant from the General Electric Foundation.

Dr. Hyman found that those who had been looking for constructive features produced more creative solutions than the others, and that in this constructive group those who had studied similar solutions were the most creative.

For the dissimilar problem, the constructive group was also more creative, but those who had been studying dissimilar solutions in the previous problem were the most creative.

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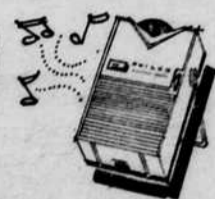
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