

# SU Fills Need for 'Community Center'

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The college union is an attempt to provide an all-inclusive community center for the college community. In our society many of the necessary services and programs are provided through voluntary associations and the union is in large measure designed to serve as headquarters for such groups. Hopefully, the Erb Memorial Student Union serves as the social, cultural, and recreational center for the entire University population, including students, faculty, staff, alumni, and guests.

The University is a good-sized city in its own right, when one counts students, faculty, staff, and their families. It probably numbers some 16,000 people and the Erb serves this city as a civic center, a cultural complex, a Parks and Recreation Department, a library, and dining room. Much of the out-of-classroom life of all members of the University is either centered in, or originates in the union.

### Several Divisions

The union has several main divisions; the building itself with its variety of facilities, including meeting rooms and assembly areas for all University groups;



## 9 Committees Run Varied SU Programs

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As a student at the University of Oregon, you have numerous opportunities to participate in cultural, social, and recreational activities, as well as your academic pursuits. Your opportunities are not limited to participation, however; they extend to active planning and presentation of a variety of programs, and in so doing, to meeting new people, benefiting from administrative experience, and gaining satisfaction from service to your university.

The Student Union presents a variety of activities and programs. In the cultural area, the Recorded Classics and Jazz Committees encourage and promote the enjoyment of classical music and jazz by providing a place to listen, and giving organized recorded and live concerts, and holding jam sessions.

The Arts Committee enables the student to interact with the arts as both exhibitor in the art shows and art sales, and observer of the numerous art exhibits. This group also sponsors film-discussions, contests, and workshops.

The Forum Committee presents forums, lectures, and panel discussions on topics of current interest to students, faculty, and community. Among the recreational programs are those presented by the Movie Committee and Games Committee. The Movie Committee presents four types of films—feature, travel-lecture, educational, and classic.

The Games Committee provides indoor games for leisure time, such as bowling, chess, fencing, bridge, and billiards. Social programs are sponsored by the Dance Committee and Talent Committee. The Personnel and Publicity Committees facilitate the planning and presentation of the various activities by providing manpower and publicity.

Students are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to work on a committee in the area of their interest, to broaden their own individual interests as well as enrich their college experience.

a foods complex providing coffee shop, cafeteria, and banquet service; a recreation center with bowling, billiards, table tennis and as an adjunct, a canoe rental service; a music and library center; office space for Student Government, the Union Board, and various associated groups; an administrative center for all those previously listed, plus such other varied activities as the Oregon Daily Emerald, debate squad, musical groups and many others.

By combining all of these facilities and functions, it is hoped that certain economies can be achieved and more importantly, that through coordination, the needs of the University community can be met. Our University

society has remained dynamic and viable and in some measure this has been due to the exchange of ideas, the conversations, and the co-mingling which results from the centralization of community life in one building.

### More Than a Building

The union is more than a building, it is a program as well and while the program would be less effective were it not for the building, it is still the programming and the services which make it a union. It is in the union and through its programs that the individual members of the University family can achieve some identification with the total institution and in particular some understanding and affection for

the diverse personalities which are an essential part of any good University.

New students entering the University for the first time, and new faculty and staff members,

will more readily achieve an understanding of the University and its purposes and its life, if they take full advantage of the facilities and programs offered by and through the union.

## Recreation Council Offers Athletics

The Recreation Council coordinates all non-varsity sports at the University. These include the Ski Team, Rugby Team, Soccer Team, Judo, Rifle Team, and the Hiking Club and Bike Club. Besides these teams and clubs, the Recreation Council sponsors various other activities each year. Two of these are the Ski School held each winter term at the Willamette Ski Bowl, and the Annual Spring Term Water Ski Tournament, held at Fern Ridge Lake.

New programs for this year will include development of on-

campus recreation and the mill-race area, and work on the proposed retreat campus.

The Recreation Council is made up of interested students, and affords the members a change to serve the University in an interesting and rewarding way. The Recreation Council is currently seeking new members for the coming year. Petitions are available at room 301, SU. For information on the Council or its teams and clubs, call Bruce Mason, Council Chairman, at ext. 1904, or room 308A S.U.



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