



Traditions reminisced

When freshman beanies were the rule...

green "beanies" to be worn expressly by freshmen. The sophomores immediately issued a manifesto defining the subordinate position of the freshmen, and resolved that they should have no class symbol. Battles between the classes ensued until 1910, when the faculty and executive councils passed a resolution forcing freshmen to wear their lids at all times. Naturally, the beanies lost their dignity and became a mark of degradation and inferiority. Until around 1935 the ruling remained in force, with the heads of freshmen never seeing the light of day until spring came, when the beanies were sacrificed in a huge bonfire and the freedom of freshmen was proclaimed.

Athletes may mourn the passing of another campus institution, the distinguished "Order of the O." Formed in 1898 and consisting of athletes who had earned their varsity letter, the Order's purpose was officially to "keep athletics on a high standard," but it soon became an outlet for hairy, muscle-bound beasts to take advantage of erring, defenseless freshmen. Among other things, "O" members delighted in ducking young men in the senior fountain if caught talking to females during the annual picnic. They also patrolled "Hello Lane" (the walk leading from Villard to the Law School, where one must greet anyone he meets) and the infamous Senior Bench, the whereabouts of which are still in question.

Presented to the seniors by the class of 1910, the bench formerly could be found near Deady Hall. During the night a bright light shone on it, creating a general atmosphere of sacredness. This bench was the express territory of seniors, and anyone else having the audacity to be found reclining on it met with swift and severe punishment. Stealthy freshmen were particularly fond of smearing it with yellow and green paint.

One fateful day in 1931, seniors awoke to find their shrine inscribed with the words, "To Hell With the Order of the O." Naturally, the ire of the seniors was somewhat aroused, so a random 100 freshmen were

summoned and publicly paddled to appease the wrath of the upperclassmen. Freshmen were then encouraged to scrub down the bench with their beanies dipped in cleaning fluid. The whereabouts of the bench tucked among the weeds between Johnson Hall and the Faculty Club may indeed be the original.

Another fun and usually bloody event in the year of '04 was the annual junior class flag-raising. Junior women strived for weeks to fashion a flag worthy of the junior class. After handing it over to the men, the dear things watched the battle from a safe distance. The flag was then flown from some prominent place on campus, unless equally ardent members of

another class could prevent it. Needless to say, the amusing event was attended by broken bones and broken friendships.

One more dead custom that some upperclassmen may regret is the painting of an "O" on Skinner's Butte. While it began as the special privilege of juniors, it somehow became the objectionable duty of freshmen, who were required to spread the paint with the seats of their pants.

(Editor's note: To herald the upcoming U.S. bicentennial and the University's centennial the Emerald will periodically publish historical stories about the University and the surrounding community.)

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Traditions—things like painting large O's on top of Skinner's Butte—seem to have hit their low point in the history of the University.

While the intellectual student of today has better things to do with his time, merry youths in 1904 began a tradition that lasted almost 40 years. It seems that the freshman class, desiring a little prestige to distinguish itself from the sophomores who wore felt hats, the juniors who wore cords, and privileged seniors who gadded about in heretofore forbidden mustaches and sombreros, ordered quaint little

Official says Horton's fees okay by state law

SALEM (AP)—Dist. Attorney Pat Horton of Lane County does not violate state law by receiving fees for speaking engagements, an attorney general's opinion said today.

The opinion, requested by Horton after former congressman and longtime attorney Charles Porter raised the issue, said the law only prohibits a district attorney or deputy from receiving pay other than official salary for performing his district attorney duties stated in the law.

It does not prohibit a district attorney or deputy from receiving income unrelated to his or her statutory duties, the opinion said.

The law states: "No salary, fees, percentage or compensation of any kind shall be allowed, paid to, or received by a district attorney or deputy district attorney except as provided in this chapter."

"We know of no instance in the past 75 years when this statute has been interpreted by the legislature, the bar, or the public to mean that district attorneys and their deputies are prohibited from receiving any income other than official salary," the opinion said. "Certain state and federal agencies have compensated deputy district attorneys for years for lecture and authorship services in regard to police training law enforcement programs."

The 1975 legislature approved a new law saying only district attorneys who receive less than \$16,000 a year can engage in private practice.

Part of the state's conflict of interest law says: "No public official shall use his official position or office to obtain financial gain for himself, other than official salary, honoraria or reimbursement of expenses . . ."

The opinion said economic interest statements for 1974 from five Oregon district attorneys were examined.

The statements show each of the district attorneys received income from sources other than their official salaries.

Examples were consulting fees from the National District Attorneys Association, property investments, authorship fees, honoraria for speaking engagements, teaching fees for classes taught at the State Board of Police Standards and Training, and pay for military duty.

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Even if you weren't a winner in the ticket lottery you may still be in luck. According to the ASUO, there will be at least 100 additional student seats available for the game Thursday. Sales of the tickets will be conducted by Student Projects Incorporated (SPI) beginning at 4:30 p.m. Thursday its office in the basement of the EMU.

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