

# Rookies

Anxious frosh suffer homesickness, shock

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Whether or not they admit it, all freshmen experience at least a little anxiety when entering college. But many freshmen feel the adjustment is blown out of proportion by parents and educators.

When confronted with statistics that show 30 percent of freshmen drop out by the end of their first year — and half within the first three weeks — most freshmen seem surprised.

One freshman, Richard Ames, asks, "what would I do if I dropped out of college? Probably go back to Winston and work in a mill."

Ames says adjusting to college life has been "much easier" than he expected. "I'm living a much different lifestyle, but not one that is particularly difficult to adjust to," he says.

But Shirley Wilson, acting dean of students, is alarmed by the drop-out rate.

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## Eugene inventor will demonstrate solar water heater

A Eugene inventor will demonstrate his revolutionary solar hot water system at the solar energy seminar Wednesday in 238 Lawrence at 7 p.m.

The seminar begins a week of solar energy activities including a home tour and product show sponsored by the University Solar Energy Center.

Eldon Haines, an inventor from Bohemia Solar and Scientific Inc., will give the free public seminar about geyser pump solar collectors. His system offers the operating efficiencies of active solar hot water heaters, but needs no electricity.

The seminar is part of the center's fall Solar Seminar Series which presents free monthly lectures by experts who illustrate the latest innovations in energy-related technology.

A free solar energy products show, held in conjunction with the regional conference of the Solar Energy Association of Oregon, will run Friday and Saturday, Oct. 14-15, at the Eugene Community Conference Center on 7th Ave.

Two tours of solar home and businesses are scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16. Tom Scott of the Willamette Valley Solar Energy Association will lead the tours which will show how passive and active solar energy systems are being used in the Eugene-Springfield area. Cost of the tours is \$6 per person. For reservations, call Scott at 485-5719.

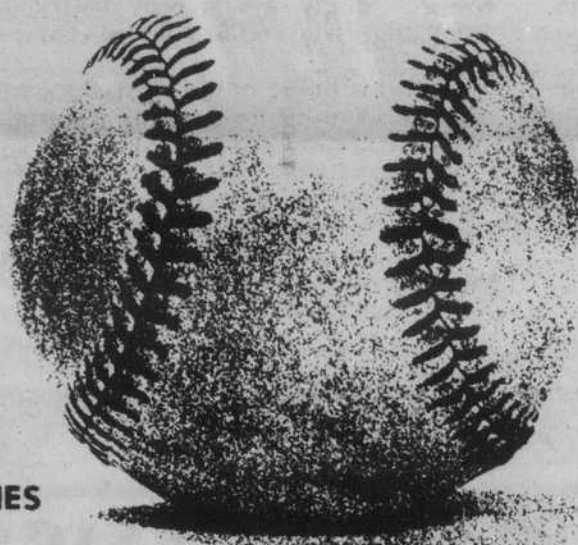
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