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Freshmen face first day in a typical first-day daze

By Lori Steinbauer
Of the Emerald

Yesterday many upperclass students casually rolled out of bed just minutes before their first class began. But new freshmen, facing their first exposure to college knowledge, awoke with butterflies — anticipation and excitement on the first day of school.

After 18 years on the farm or living in parents' apartments or where ever, attending classes with several hundred other people and writing Shakespeare term papers through the wee hours of the morning can be overwhelming.

Waiting for meals in cafeteria lines and residing in a strictly student society of the University unfolds a foreign and sometimes frightening way of life.

In on-the-street interviews with the Emerald yesterday, several students shared the highlights and horrors of starting college.

"It was horrible, it was scary," Soledad Ormachea, a



Photo by Julie Biggs
Four female freshmen from the resident halls, (from left to right) Tina Boa, Liz Skully, Christen Brooke, and Kristin Gummer, all felt the University's traditional first-day frenzy.

junior in computer science recalled. "I didn't know where the buildings were or anything. It was pretty bad."

But despite fighting a language barrier, Ormachea, who came to the University from Bolivia, says she "got used to it pretty easily after about a month."

Liz Hill, a senior who studies biology and Scandinavian, says she also could have used a navigator on her first day of school.

"I was late to my psychology class because I couldn't find it," she says.

Academic struggles comes to mind for a graduate student named Jim, when he thinks back to being a freshman. He partially blames poor advice from academic advisers for his problems, but also believes his impairment may have come from the perils of dorm living.

"I loved it. That's probably why those courses were so hard," he says.

And the freshmen residence halls still have a non-stop pulse, as Inge Fangsrud, a freshman from Portland, discovered at an early hour.

"People always come into our room about four or five in the morning," Fangsrud says. "They always come in our room when they're drunk and wake us up."

Freshmen Sue Hamilton and Giselle Vancann also agree the dorms are "noisy."

But things aren't unbearable. "It's fun when there are no classes," says Hamilton.

She isn't alone in finding the residence halls entertaining.

Liz Scully, a freshman, chose school in Eugene because it wasn't too far from her mother in La Grande. When she left she said she would call home the day after she arrived at school.

"And then after like a week I finally called," says Scully, who was so busy having fun she forgot her promise.

"I've met mass people in the dorms," Tina Boa, a freshman from Seattle says. Boa's biggest worry, coming to the University, was getting to know the mobs of strangers.

Resident hall freshman agree on one thing they miss: After dorm food for a week, they all long for an old-fashioned, healthy, home-cooked meal.



Soledad Ormachea

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IFC guidelines to be reviewed

Members of a special revisions committee will be reviewing the Incidental Fee Committee guidelines during the next month. The action is being taken in response to an administrative ruling earlier this summer regarding the power of non-student committee members.

The opinion was issued in late June by Attorney General Dave Frohnmayer, who recognized the conflict of allowing non-student incidental fee committee members to participate in organizations that are affiliated with student government, according to the document.

Because the University's seven-member IFC consists entirely of student members, its staff is

exempt from possible review, according to summer IFC chair Mary Kay Menard. However, other schools in the state, such as Portland State University and Oregon State University, were required to amend their committee structures as a result of the attorney general's decision.

"I think the overall effect of it will be to bring the standards of the other campuses up to our own," says ASUO Vice Pres. Marc Spence.

Students are welcome to comment on the guidelines documents, which will be available for review today at the ASUO office in Suite 4, EMU. For more information, contact ASUO Pres. Julie Davis at 686-3724.

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