

Tradition

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freshmen used to go up Skinner's Butte during Homecoming week and how they would paint the University's concrete "O" with their "seats."

"And those were the days before latex paint. I don't know how they got that stuff off," he added.

The September 1960 edition of "The Green Duck," an Alumni Association publication, boasted "Rally Parades, painting the 'O', scrubbing the seal, and other such events are responsible for the tremendous school spirit at the U. of O."

The newsletter continued to list the University's traditional homecoming rules.

1. Everyone is to speak on the Hello Walk in front of the Student Union (now the EMU).

2. Only seniors may sit on the senior bench by Susan Campbell and Hendricks Halls.

3. No one may walk on the lawns.

4. No smoking on the old Campus.

5. No one is to step on the Oregon seal.

6. Freshmen are to wear rooters' lids. Freshman women are to wear green ribbons.

7. Everyone is to wear a Homecoming Button.

These rules were designed not only for good times, but as a way of showing respect and pride for the University. The publication added that wearing rooters' lids (freshman beanies) was "a thing of pride — pride in being a member of the U. of O. freshman class."

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"It never happened here," he said. "There's always been a homecoming."

At Illinois, homecoming still is a big event but mainly for the alumni, said Bill Liesse, sports editor of the *Daily Illini*. "Most of the students are oblivious to what is going on during the (homecoming) week," he says.

Boston College has seen a similar scenario in recent years. According to Kathy Hegarty, vice president of programming for the Undergraduate Government of Boston College, students these days only have

two organized events to attend: a homecoming ball and the football game.

At Portland State University, however, students resurrected homecoming last year after a 20-year absence. According to Darren Swift, student body vice president, the '60s had a lot to do with the tradition disappearing as well as the older-than-average age of the school's students.

"Once you get away from something, it's so easy not to bring it back," Swift added.

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