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University offers big howdy to students

■ Administrators fill up the schedule with lots of activities for new students on campus

By Tonya Alanez
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It's going to be hard for students to choose: Library tours, mandatory measles immunizations, outdoor program registration, Alcohol 101, a work-study job fair, tie-dyeing and more.

These are just a few of the activities scheduled in an annual effort to welcome new students to campus during Week of Welcome 2000, Sept. 20-24.

The five days are set up "to welcome students to campus and get them connected to the environment here at the UO," Director of Student Orientation Programs Laura Connell said.

If students attended an Introduction orientation program during the summer months, they have already met with academic advisers and registered for classes and gotten that business out of the way, Connell said.

However, 30 to 35 percent of the University student population did not attend Introduction and those students have pertinent business to take care of during WOW, Connell said.

However, even if you've already registered for classes, WOW 2000 still has much to offer with back-to-back activities scheduled from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day. Additionally, WOW is an opportunity for student groups to recruit new members, and for students to get involved and sample the options.

During WOW 2000 the Associated Students of the University of Oregon will be engaged in a huge voter registration drive while also recruiting volunteers and interns, ASUO President Jay Breslow said.

"We'll be talking with people on the street," Breslow said. "Letting them know who we are, what we do and how we can help folks."

An event which Connell encourages students not to miss is a campus visit from two MTV "Real World" participants, David Burns and Lindsay Brien, who will speak about their perspective college experiences, while also engaging in a Q&A session with audience members. This event will take place Sept. 22 in the EMU Amphitheater at 8:30 p.m.

Additionally, Connell hopes students will attend the University Welcome Rally scheduled for Sept. 24 in MacArthur Court at 8 p.m. The rally will include presentations by University President Dave Frohnmayer and motivational

speaker Will Kiem, along with participation by the ASUO, the University cheerleaders and the campus pep band.

Students and faculty alike have put forth a lot of energy and effort in preparation for an exciting WOW 2000.

"I'm looking forward to seeing the entire program run smoothly for the Week of Welcome," said Kevin Reichelt, student director of orientation. "I am also looking forward to the evening social programs for new students."

In final preparation for the new term ahead, Connell advises students to be sure they are registered for their classes, have taken their placement tests and bought their books.

"It's a good idea, especially for first-year students, to find their classes [before the first day of class]," Connell said.

In an effort to make this task easier, Student Orientation staff members will be offering a campus tour Sept. 24, commencing at Oregon Hall at 10:30 a.m.

Students should be sure to peruse the WOW 2000 brochure to make sure that interesting events aren't missed during this jam-packed week of campus activity. Brochures are available at 372 Oregon Hall in the Orientation Office.

Bicycles

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a chain would also not hurt, he said.

"The number one road side hazard is flats," he said.

Most bike shops carry tire protectors, which are narrow ribbons of puncture resistant material that go between the tire and the inner tube. They help keep nails, glass and other sharp objects, Simonds said.

Orsini adds that the wet weather, which inevitably sets in as fall rolls around, is hard on bikes. It is even more important to lube and clean the chain when the weather is nasty, he said.

Chains typically live six months with normal commuting. Those

who change chains before they break and wear out too much prolong the life of the much more expensive drive train.

When chains are left on too long, they stretch. The longer chain puts more stress and wear on the sprockets, rear derailleurs and the rear hub, which then has to be changed along with the chain.

Newer bikes typically have aluminum rims. When the brake pads push on wet rims, they produce aluminum oxide, which acts like sand paper and is extremely damaging to the tires. Orsini suggests that people clean their rims every once in a while to prolong the lives of the tires.

People should own a basic tool set to make minor adjustments on the go. An all-in-one Allen wrench

tool (with at least a No. 3, No. 4, No. 5 and No. 6 wrench), a chain tool, tire levers, air pump and a patch kit makes a nice collection. In addition, a few screwdrivers and a set of open-end wrenches at home helps keep that bike in working order, Simonds suggested.

"If you are a little mechanically inclined, there are several manuals out there to get a hand on maintenance yourself," Orsini said. "And the UO Craft Center offers bike doctor classes every term."

But when something unknown turns up, when the bike is just not riding well and seems out of tune, Simonds and Orsini agreed it's time to see the mechanic. A full tune-up at the Blue Heron, which includes a thorough run-through of the entire bike, costs approximately \$40.



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