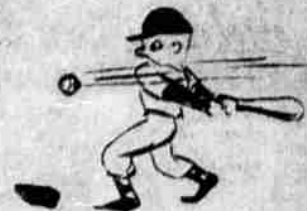


OTI

OTI Homecoming



Photos by Kettler

THE GUEST HOUSE AT OTI, home of the school's athletes, forms the background for a few of the campus citizens. A mile high, Oregon Technical Institute is in a setting of evergreen trees, with a rugged mountain for a backdrop.

Sketches by Male Epley Jr.



RELAXATION AND STUDY in the dorm, comfortable and cozy threeseater, left to right, Donna Arthur and Phyllis Hayes, medical technology students, and Audrey Ferguson, medical dental office training.



FAMILY LIFE has a definite place on the OTI campus, as is evidenced by Mrs. Lucy Dowling, student in business and office administration, and three and one-half year old daughter Noreen.



TIME OUT FOR LUNCH, in the OTI cafeteria for Jim Dale, left, medical technology, Leo Contrill, diesel, Carol Grandell, business, and Margy Smith, medical technology.



A CUP OF COFFEE and conversation for George Marostica, left, a welding student, Kay Bowman, medical dental office training, and Tom Morgan, diesel.



BETWEEN CLASSES AT OTI, Denny Mathews, medical technical student, Lynn William, medical dental office training, and Tom Williams, medical technology, exchange a few pleasantries.

Campus Life

OREGON TECH had its origin as a wartime military installation, the Marine Barracks, where marines were stationed for rehabilitation after service in the Pacific during world war two. It was erected during the winter of 1943-44 and was first occupied in the early spring of 1944. From then on until it was closed shortly after the end of the war it at times was the home of up to 5000 marines, almost all of them combat veterans. In fact, the percentage of combat men at the Marine Barracks probably was higher than for most any other military installation in the country.

A short time after the marines moved out, the property was turned over to the state of Oregon and in 1948 it became Oregon Vocational school. That name stuck only about a year because of its "reform school" connotation, and in 1949 the name Oregon Technical Institute, or just plain Oregon Tech, was adopted.

It is a technical school, offering courses in practical trades such as baking, cabinet making, medical technology, silk screening, auto mechanics, surveying, medical dental business course, diesel mechanics, auto painting, business, office management and the like. But in certain respects it ranks with junior colleges such as are operated by California and Washington.

Athletically it is considered a junior college, a two-year school. Scholastically it is ranked as one of the half dozen best vocational schools in the country. Physically, it is fourth among state operated schools of Oregon in size of student body. And altitudinally it ranks No. 1 in the state. The campus is a mile high.

After the war, with the GI bill's educational provisions in operation, enrollment at Oregon Tech was almost made up of ex-servicemen. But this year the balance is swinging the other way. More and more students are just out of high school. By next year the student body should be entirely of that type.

An interesting fact to "Betty Coeds" is that the ratio of men to women is 20 to 1.

It is hoped that this page will acquaint the general public with a small part of the campus life.

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A UNIQUE FEATURE OF OTI is the perfectly equipped bowling alley available to all its students and by special arrangement is used by some Klamath Falls leagues. Left to right, Betty Shewer, Keith Strickler, Carol Musick and Earl Jackson, all business students.



MRS. MARION BROWN, women's adviser, left, is enjoying the sunshine of one of the glorious autumn days at OTI with two students, Roscoe Smith, accounting, and Jay Mueller, general office.