

Freshmen at Oregon State Termed 'Best Ever; High Schools Lauded

This year's freshman class at Oregon State college gives every indication of being the "best prepared" in OSC history, President A. L. Strand says, and he gives some credit to Sputnik but most to Oregon high schools "that have made giant gains in the past three years." Dr. Strand terms the upgrading in high school training "the most important thing that has happened in education in my 18 years as president of Oregon State."

Sputnik was fired just three years ago, the OSC leader noted, and helped set off a program of educational emphasis and improvement throughout the entire country. High schools in Oregon have responded with particular speed and success and deserve special commendation for their work, President Strand emphasized.

Record Scores Made

As evidence of improved preparation, Dr. Strand points to the record scores made by freshmen on the mathematics placement examination; to increases in number of students in the science honors program; to decreases in the number in remedial courses; and to school of engineering figures that show a very high capability for an entering group.

The new freshmen also appear to be "more serious" and "intent on their studies," he added.

The average freshman at OSC this fall had a high school grade average of 2.86, or just under a B which would be 3 points, Registrar D. T. Ordemen reports.

Performance of new freshmen in the mathematics placement ex-

aminations this fall was "significantly better than ever before." Upper scores on the tests were from 8 to 10 points higher than last year and more than twice as many students qualified for advanced placement in calculus and analytic geometry. Placement tests are given to help determine for which classes or sections of classes students are best prepared.

Science Program Increases

The science honors program, designed to give especially able students an opportunity to go "faster and farther" in college, also had a big increase in the number of new freshmen who qualified and were picked to participate. There were 52 freshmen in the program last fall when it was started; this year there are 86.

George Gleeson, dean of engineering, says there isn't much question that the "quality" of new freshmen is going up. The drop-out of students from engineering courses is far smaller than usual, he noted, indicating better preparation.

In the past, Gleeson has been critical at times of the high school preparation for engineering but he says freshmen are now coming "better equipped" to handle the intensive engineering program.

New freshmen this fall did about 20 percent better on English placement examinations than the freshmen of five years ago, according to Dr. Herbert Nelson, head of the English department. He noted special improvement in ability of students to express themselves in writing.

McGinnis Promoted To Airman 2nd Class In U.S. Air Force

Timothy McGinnis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McGinnis of Nyssa, has recently been promoted to the grade of airman second class in the U.S. Air Force.

He is presently serving as personnel specialist in the 4126th Strategic Wing, a Strategic Air Command B-52 Stratofortress unit at Beale Air Force base, Calif.

He was graduated from Nyssa high school in May 1959 and entered the U.S. Air Force in June 1959.

RETURN FROM PORTLAND

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Cochrun returned Friday from Portland where they spent a week visiting a son, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cochrun and family and other relatives.

Bulletin Shows Ways to Improve Kitchen Storage

Better use of "inner space"—waste space in kitchen storage areas—has many down-to-earth solutions. A new Oregon State college extension bulletin shows 30 improvements that can be made in drawers, shelves, doors and walls to ease cooking and cleaning.

Author Bernice Strawn, OSC extension home management specialist, says that one of the main complaints voiced by homemakers is that they don't have enough kitchen storage area. Yet, she notes, in many kitchens it's more a matter of making better use of available space.

Apartment and trailer house dwellers, new homeowners or families who are remodeling share a common challenge—how to or-

ganize space efficiently. In the bulletin, Miss Strawn offers simple ways to overcome jumbled drawers, reduce cupboard clutter and provide more accessible accommodations for frequently used kitchen items.

The bulletin also includes ideas for using pegboard, making drawer dividers and simple step shelves. Many cupboard accessories can be fashioned by a home handyman or teenager, the specialist notes. Other portable storage conveniences—plate racks, spice racks, step shelves—are available at most local hardware and department stores.

Miss Strawn thinks homemakers will welcome ideas for using usual "dead" under-the-sink storage. She shows five possibilities—including stacked vegetable bins, attached towel rack or basket and a set of vertical dividers.

Title of the new bulletin is "Improve Kitchen Storage." County extension offices invite phone or mail requests for it.

Allergy Studies At OSC Uncover Promising Leads

New leads to greater understanding of allergies are coming from research at Oregon State college.

Because about one out of 10 persons is affected, allergies have long been studied—but largely in vain—by scientists seeking controls or cures.

OSC scientists believe they have, for the first time, isolated in pure form the allergen compounds from grass pollen and house dust—two major allergy problems since it is almost impossible to avoid either. And almost unbelievably small amounts of the allergy compounds will bring reactions in some persons.

Reactions include hives or eczema on the skin, hay fever or asthma.

OSC workers have also proved

the existence of a previously unknown pollen compound that although inactive itself is very similar—and likely related—to the allergen compound that causes trouble. The inter-relationship of the two compounds also will be probed in coming months to see if a key for blocking allergy reactions might be found there.

Dr. Arthur C. Lietze is project leader. Working with him is Arthur Malley, San Francisco graduate research assistant who is making the pollen allergen isolations. Another graduate assistant is Miss Ok Soo Kim from Korea.

Dr. Charles E. Reed, Corvallis physician and a staff member of the University of Oregon Medical school and the OSC Science Research institute, initiated the project. He is in charge of all tests involving human volunteers, a vital part of the research.

To help support the studies, the National Institutes of Health have given OSC a grant of \$17,813 for the coming year. That brings the

HERRIMANS MOVE TO NYSSA

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Herriman and family moved recently from Enterprise to Nyssa and will be at home in Bennett's apartments, located at Third and Bower.

VISITS FROM SALT LAKE

Mrs. Alda Pixton of Salt Lake is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Farmer and family.

Sunday dinner guests at the S. C. McConnell home were Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Powell and Tami, all of Nampa, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Gressley and family of Ontario and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gressley.

total of grants received for the project during the past four years to nearly \$60,000. Other grants have come from the Allergy foundation and the Mathews fund for asthma research at the University of Oregon Medical school.

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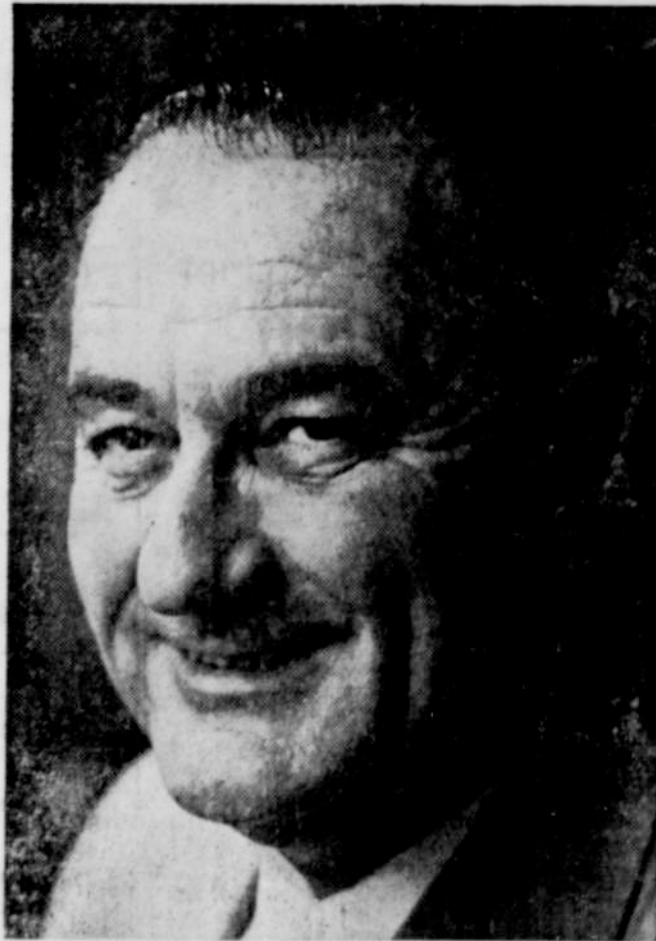
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