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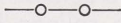
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INTRODUCTION

Co-operative living has been in existence at Oregon State University for thirty years. It was established in 1935 for the purpose of providing low-cost housing with the extra advantages of small group living. Now, unified under Inter-Co-operative Council, the co-ops at Oregon State University constitute the largest and best organized body of co-op living groups on the West Coast.



Co-op Student Housing is not successfully carried out on all college and university campuses. Certain essential ingredients must be present to assure satisfactory results. Among these are the will and experience of co-op students, an understanding attitude on the part of university officials and staff, and an established tradition of co-op housing on the campus. All of these factors are present at Oregon State University and have the effect of providing an encouraging environment.

Students and students' parents who have an interest in co-op housing are urged to give careful attention to this booklet. While the savings in cost to the student are usually significant, an even greater purpose to be served is the experience of living with a group where work assignments, social opportunities, academic achievement, and management responsibilities are shared and accepted.

Co-op housing serves a useful and important role in the mission of Oregon State University. It is highly regarded and should be considered for those who wish to avail themselves of the opportunities offered.

James H. Jensen, President
Oregon State University



The Co-operative Housing movement at Oregon State University has had a long and successful history. The development of the co-operative type living comes from student initiative, and has grown to full educational units in that they are student centered and student controlled, more so than any other type of student housing. Oregon State University has recently reaffirmed its feeling that the co-operatives offer a great deal to the students, by agreeing to build new university financed houses. Two of four contemplated houses will be completed and ready for occupancy in the fall of 1966. Continued building will mean that even with increased enrollment, approximately 10% of the student body will be housed in co-operatives. This development will mean a surge in the opportunities available for educational living experiences for students. Increased numbers of houses and better facilities will open a new era for the further development of the value of co-operative living.

J. Franz Haun
Off-Campus Supervisor, OSU

CO-OPERATIVE ACADEMICS

One of the important advantages afforded you as a co-op member is the study conditions provided through quiet hours. During the day there are courtesy study hours which are up-held by the students. Enforced study hours extend from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. every night except Friday and Saturday evenings. Generally, enforced study hours are upheld every Sunday afternoon. On the Friday before finals week, quiet hours are extended to twenty-four hours a day until the following Friday.

Each house has study rooms capable of holding two to four people. New members are placed in a room with an upper classman in an effort to facilitate their orientation to college life and to cultivate proper study habits. For better study conditions, sleeping facilities are separate from the study rooms and everyone sleeps in bunk beds in an open-air sleeping porch.

To help students in adapting to college tests, each house maintains a file covering most of the courses in OSU's curriculum. These files are supported by old tests and other information donated by house members, and are made available to everyone in the co-op. A house officer or committee keeps the files organized and up-to-date.

For added incentive, some of the co-operatives have a steak-bean supper once a term. Students with GPA's above the house average eat steak and those below the average eat beans or rice.

In summary, co-operative living provides a congenial scholastic environment through courtesy and enforced study hours and through the desire of the students themselves to excel academically.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES OF CO-OPS

The social life of a co-op member at Oregon State University may be as full as a person wishes to make it. There are many interesting and varied social events affiliated with the house and other campus organizations in which a person may participate.

In the co-operative, the social calendar includes several events such as house dances, firesides, exchanges, and many other planned or impromptu events. Because of traditional agreement, each member decides for himself whether or not he wishes to participate in these social activities. Although all members are encouraged to participate, no social fine is imposed upon a member who does not attend a certain social function.

Probably the high point of a house's social activities is the house dance. Each term one house dance is planned with a wide variety of themes ranging from a formal dance to a grubby stomp. The decorations may be elaborate or casual depending upon the nature or the theme.

Firesides are a more casual week-end social function for the house member. They serve as informal evenings of dancing, singing, playing ping-pong, or other entertainment. Many times, firesides are planned after basketball games or other campus events which end early in the evening.

Exchanges are held on a week-day evening and last from 7:00 to 8:30. These short functions include dancing, singing, and refreshments between men's and women's living groups. Two or three exchanges are often held during the term. Other social activities of a co-op may include teas, receptions, special dinners, and hayrides.

As a member of a co-operative, a student has every chance to participate and become active in the social activities of his living group and campus.

MANAGEMENT AND COST

Financial savings in co-operatives lie in two main areas, savings through efficient food buying and through group effort in house maintenance.

The method of food buying may differ between the co-ops, but all have the same economical results. In some houses the house mother buys and plans the menus, while in others the cook or a student house manager serves in this capacity. Savings are made by taking advantage of special food sales, by buying in quantities, and by doing business with food wholesale houses.

Another savings comes from group participation in the general upkeep duties of the house. Each member is responsible for certain house jobs. Although the thought of work discourages many people from co-op living, the actual time spent with these duties is relatively small. Because all members participate in house responsibilities, the average work load per person is approximately three hours a week. Furthermore, these tasks are assigned with one's class schedule, working hours, and personal activities in mind. A few examples of these jobs are dishwashing, table setting and clearing for meals, sweeping the floors, and dusting the furniture.

By working together in these duties, the members of the co-op are able to become better acquainted with their fellow members than would otherwise be possible.

Because of the differences in size and structure of the co-op living organizations, finances vary among the individual houses. This may be seen by the following table:

CO-OPERATIVE RATE SHEET

January 15, 1965

ON-CAMPUS—UNIVERSITY OWNED

WOMEN	Fall		Winter		Spring		Yearly
	Room Only	Board	Room Only	Board	Room Only	Board	
COED COTTAGE	\$91.00	\$120.00	\$70.00	\$115.00	\$55.00	\$110.00	\$561.00
AZALEA	91.00	100.85	70.00	100.85	55.00	100.85	518.55
MEN							
HECKART	91.00	120.00	70.00	115.00	55.00	110.00	561.00
REED	91.00	120.00	70.00	115.00	55.00	110.00	561.00

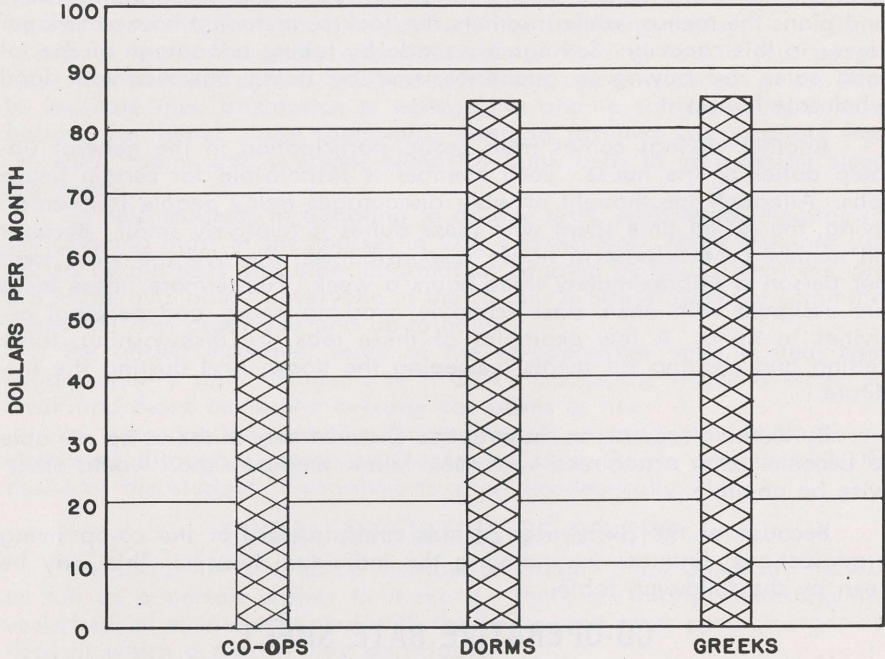
OFF-CAMPUS—INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED

WOMEN	Fall	Winter	Spring	Yearly
	Room & Board	Room & Board	Room & Board	
JAMESON	\$180.00	\$165.00	\$160.00	\$505.00
HEATHER RAE	180.00	165.00	160.00	505.00
THE PINES	180.00	165.00	160.00	505.00
WINSTON	180.00	165.00	160.00	505.00
*MEN				
BEAVER LODGE	\$168.00	\$159.00	\$164.00	\$491.00
CAMPUS CLUB	168.00	159.00	164.00	491.00
CASCADIA	168.00	159.00	164.00	491.00
DAVENPORT	168.00	159.00	164.00	491.00
HAWTHORNE	168.00	159.00	164.00	491.00

*These rates are approximate based on \$65.00 per month or \$2.00 per day when less than a month.

Students living in co-operatives encounter a significant financial savings when compared with students living in fraternities, sororities, or residence halls, as illustrated by the following graph:

COMPARATIVE COST OF LIVING PER MONTH AT OSU DURING 1964-65



* COST (AVERAGE) IN CO-OPERATIVES, DORMITORIES,
FRATERNITIES & SORORITIES

CO-OP HOUSES AT OSU

Co-operative houses range in capacity from twenty-five to sixty persons, which includes six houses for women and seven for men with a total capacity of six hundred and fifty. By fall of 1966 two new men's co-ops will be completed on lower campus. Campus Club and Cascadia Lodge are the two houses which will move into these new sixty-man living units.

The co-op houses are university or privately owned, and all are under college supervision. Also, each living group has a college approved house mother or head resident. All houses are united under Inter-Co-operative Council (ICC) which is the co-op speaking voice on campus. Within the individual houses, each co-op is governed by a constitution, elected officers, and living group policies determined by the members.

All houses extend a warm welcome to anyone interested in co-operative living. Please feel free to drop by at any time and visit the co-ops at Oregon State University.



Azalea House

1050 Campus Way

Azalea is "home away from home" for 58 coeds who represent a cross section of Oregon State University students, majoring in a wide variety of fields.

Azalea House's modern construction provides gracious living within the spacious lawns and landscaping of lower campus. Enclosed gardens and sun deck are especially popular.

The house is provided for Oregon coeds by nearly 20,000 extension women who raised funds for its construction and furnishing under the leadership of Mrs. Azalea Sager, former State Home Economics Extension Leader.



Beaver Lodge was established in 1938 by Dean of Men, Dan Poling, and is the oldest men's co-operative living group on campus. At its present location, Beaver Lodge has a capacity of 45 members representing a wide variety of major subject fields.

Social growth is encouraged with a moderate number of social functions being held during the year, including such activities as firesides, dances, picnics, and exchange dinners with women's living groups. An effort is also made to acquaint freshmen with campus activities.

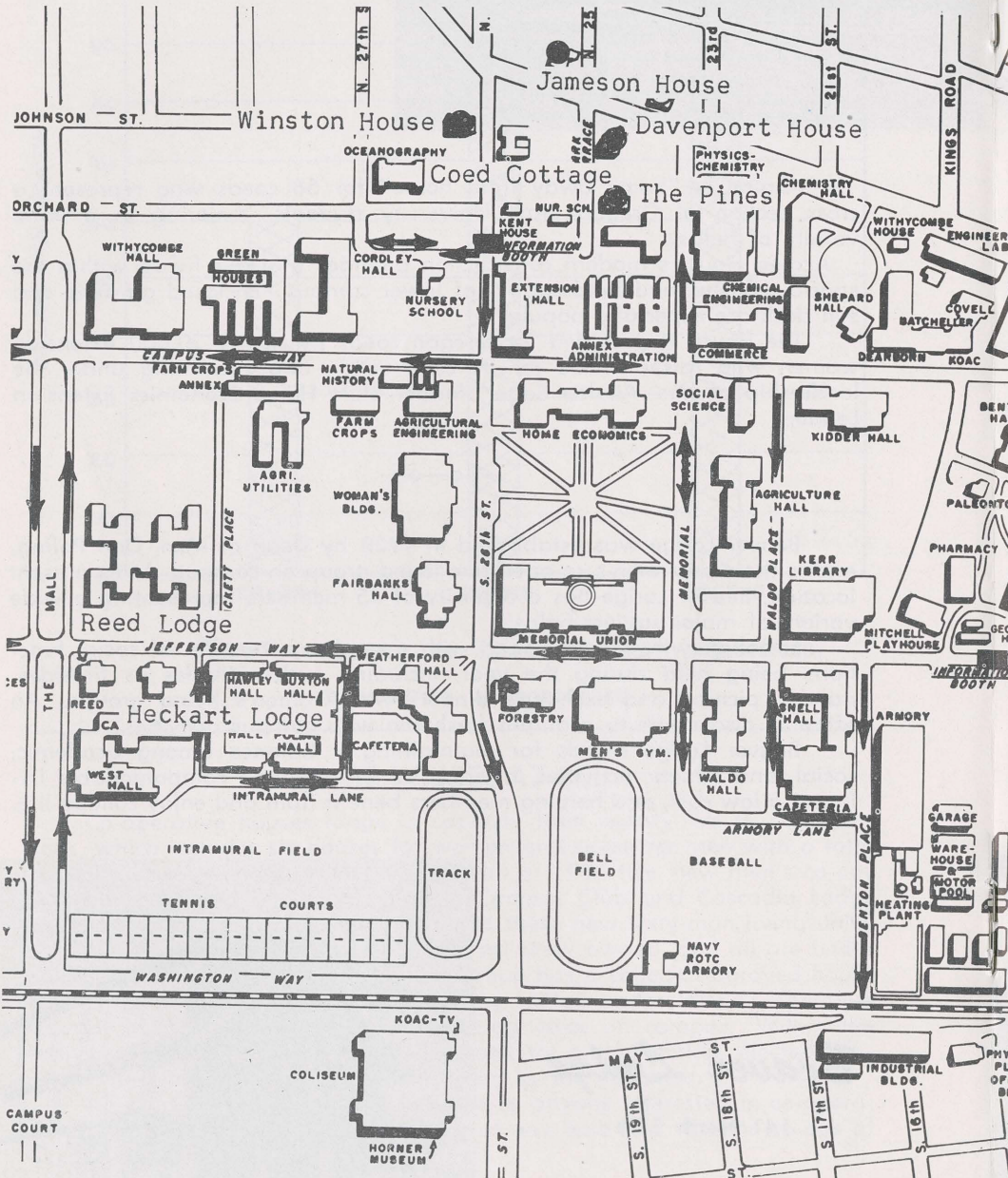
Beaver Lodge stands for maintaining a balance among academic, social, and athletic activities, offering cooperative and companionable living at a low cost, and helping members benefit from and enjoy college life.

Beaver Lodge

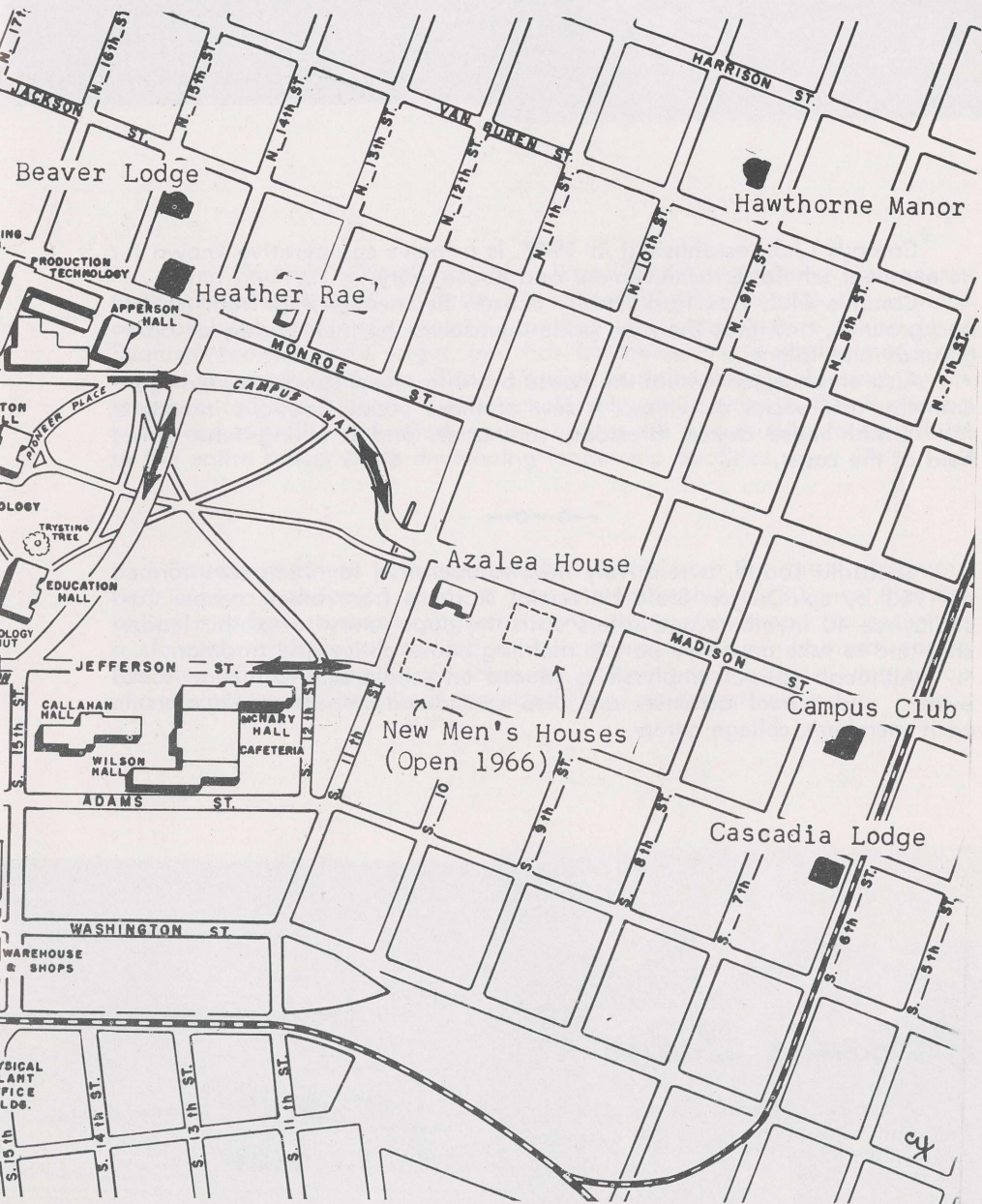
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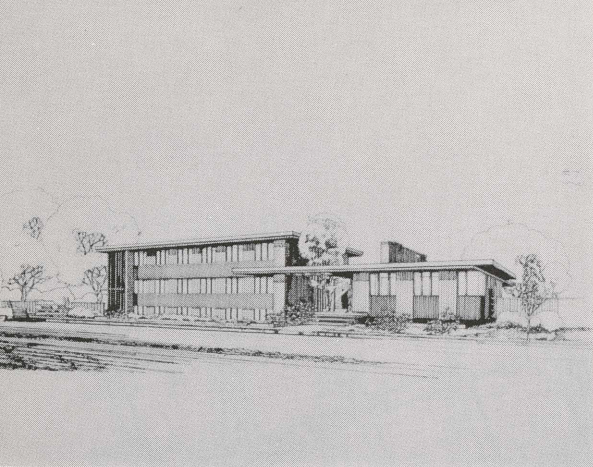


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Campus Club

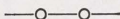
660 Madison

To move to new house (pictured) on lower campus, 1966.

Campus Club, established in 1947, is a men's co-operative known for its excellent scholastic achievement and house unity.

Campus Club has traditionally chosen its membership from diverse backgrounds, and thus the men pride themselves on their variety of backgrounds and talents.

Also emphasized within the house are intramural sports, student government, and social activities. A few of these social functions include a fall formal house dance, firesides, serenades, and a spring term dance held at the coast.



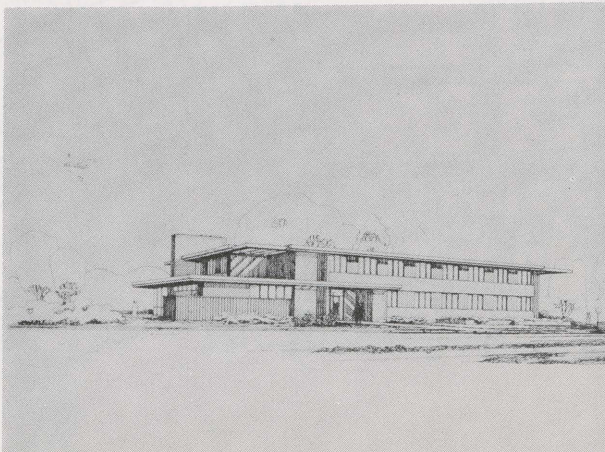
Cascadia Lodge, a relatively new co-operative for men, was formed in 1963 by six Oregon State University students from other co-ops. Cascadia has 40 members and offers each the opportunity to exhibit leadership and to take an active part in molding house policy and tradition.

Although special emphasis is placed on scholarship, athletics, social events, and school activities are also considered important elements in each member's college career.

Cascadia Lodge

610 Jefferson

To move to new house (pictured) on lower campus, 1966.





Coed Cottage

33 North 26th

Coed Cottage, with 40 members, is one of the two women's co-operatives sponsored by the university. It is located close to both the campus and business area. The house is unique in its architecture which is of Spanish-Mediterranean origin, and has balconies and a walled patio enclosing a small fountain. Coed Cottage endeavors to help each of its members fulfill her capabilities in scholarship achievement while furthering her social growth, and offers each member the opportunity to contribute to the entire group while developing leadership qualities.



Davenport House is located just two blocks from the center of campus and is near a shopping area. It has a membership of 30 men thus enabling it to have a small congenial living group. Davenport House enjoys a standing tradition of spirited athletic competition in intramural sports. The men of Davenport House share an intense pride in their living group and a closeness of members characteristic of co-operatives.

Davenport House

2332 Monroe





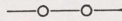
Hawthorne Manor

320 North 9th

Hawthorne Manor, unique because it owns both its house and property, has a capacity of 31 members and is conveniently located between campus and downtown Corvallis. It was started in 1948 and is one of the older co-operative organizations at Oregon State University.

Hawthorne Manor offers an individual an excellent chance to broaden his scope on life. The members are urged to attend the various social functions as well as to participate in a variety of intramural sports. Each member is given the opportunity to hold an office and help coordinate the functioning of Hawthorne Manor.

In addition to encouraging growth of the whole individual, Hawthorne Manor stresses education as the primary goal while at college.



House-unity and individuality are stressed by the women of Heather Rae. Because Heather Rae is a small house, with a capacity of 26, each new member is aided personally by the other members in her introduction to college life. In an informal and friendly atmosphere one can learn the social graces and conduct for formal situations.

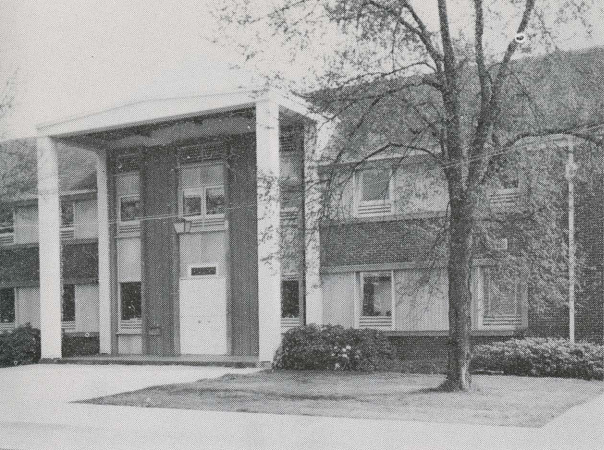
A retreat at the beginning of the year is designed to acquaint the old and new members. Each new member is accepted as an individual and on a basis of complete equality.

The pursuit of personal interests is also encouraged. Heather Rae is well known on campus for its members' participation in campus organizations and activities, academic pursuits, and student government.

Heather Rae

1409 Monroe

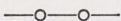




Heckart Lodge

OSU Campus

Heckart Lodge is one of the more modern houses and is one of the two on-campus co-operatives. It has a capacity membership of 62 men. It is in the center of campus activity and is strategically located near classrooms, tennis courts, intramural football fields, and residence halls. Ranking high scholastically, athletically, and socially, Heckart Lodge strives to maintain a balance between these activities. It was dedicated to the memory of Zelia Heckart in appreciation of the helpful service that she gave students of Oregon State University.



Jameson House is a large two-story house located near many of the campus facilities. It has living space for 28 women.

Jameson has a variety of social activities each term, including a house dance, firesides and several exchanges. Every fall, the members have a beach retreat to better acquaint the new and old members. During fall term, the house also honors its head resident by sponsoring a tea. This function is one of many such opportunities whereby the women of Jameson meet men and women from other living groups as well as faculty members.

Many women from all over the world have lived in Jameson House. This has given the members a chance to exchange views with women of different religious, racial, and cultural backgrounds. At Jameson, there is an atmosphere conducive to each member's over-all development while attending OSU.

Jameson House

2500 Monroe





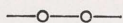
Reed Lodge

OSU Campus

Reed Lodge, a co-operative located on the campus, is owned by Oregon State University but completely managed by its members.

While consistently maintaining a high academic standing, Reed is an active house in other phases of college life and thus stresses well-rounded members. Besides scholarship, an excellent intramural program and such social functions as a house dance, firesides, and several exchanges with women's living groups each term all have an important role in the lives of the men of Reed.

This 60-man co-operative was dedicated to Edwin T. Reed, author of the OSU Creed.



The Pines is a 28 capacity co-operative house located right next to the campus and a block from the college shopping district.

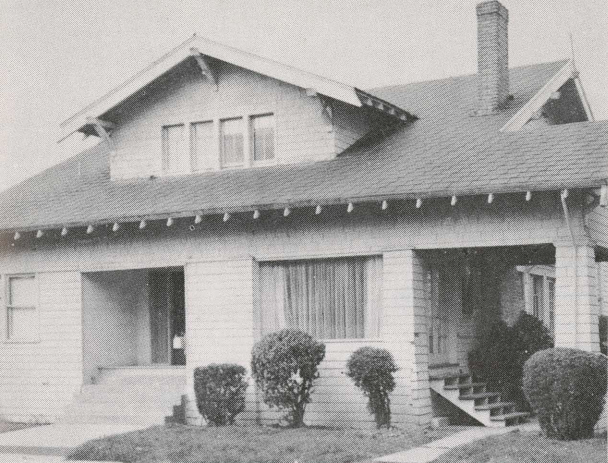
During the summer, the women of The Pines write to their new house members about university and co-op life so these girls can be better oriented to school. A little sister program within the house also helps to acquaint the new members with house and campus policies. One of the fundamental policies the girls learn is that everyone has an equal voice in all house decisions.

A spring retreat to the coast or a park is an example of one of the many social activities The Pines women enjoy. House dances, firesides, exchanges, and serenades conclude the women's social participation.

The Pines

27 Park Terrace





Winston House

58 North 26th

In addition to studies and work, Winston House offers its women excellent opportunities for social enrichment. During fall term, the house plans a weekend retreat for the purpose of acquainting new and old members. To help orientate their new freshmen women, Winston House has a little sister program. An afternoon tea in honor of their head resident, fire-sides, house dances and exchanges are all part of the house's yearly social activities.

The women of Winston House hold high regard for scholastic achievement. To encourage members, a special dinner is given annually to acknowledge the women who have been outstanding in scholarship.



How To Apply —

For general information about co-operative living write to:

Housing Department
Room 15, Administration Bldg.
Oregon State University
Corvallis, Oregon

You will receive from them a general application form for co-op living.

— OR —

For information about a specific house write to one of the following addresses:

President
Azalea House
1050 Campus Way
Corvallis, Oregon

President
Heather Rae
1409 Monroe
Corvallis, Oregon

President
Beaver Lodge
141 North 15th
Corvallis, Oregon

President
Heckart Lodge
Corvallis, Oregon

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Campus Club
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