Unpack the Quack, Sept 22 and 23, returns with new processes and mitigation measures

Though some incoming students can move in to their residence hall earlier if participating in certain programming, the bulk of residence hall move in will take place Thursday and Friday, with an expected 3,700 students arriving at pre-assigned times to spread congestion out over the two days.

Hundreds of UO staff volunteers will assist in this effort, helping students and their families and friends unload vehicles as efficiently as possible. Read on to learn more about what you can expect, and some of the new mitigation strategies put in place to improve this process.

Process:

Students are pre-assigned a move-in date and time, and will take a route specific to their residence hall. Unpack the Quack volunteers will assist with expedited unloading, and the vehicle will then proceed to Autzen Stadium to park, with continuous, looping van shuttles back to campus to continue unpacking.

New for 2022:

- There will be many check-in locations placed close to residence halls, as opposed to the centralized hub of the past few years where all students had to start at the same location.
- Each residence hall has its own route for entry and egress, dispersing traffic in the campus vicinity.
- Those who arrive early or did not print their unloading credential in advance will be staged in a holding area parking lot, and directed when to proceed.
- Housing has contracted a third party company that specializes in university move-ins to streamline processes. Minimizing wait times to ease downstream traffic bottlenecks have been the focus, like maximizing use of residence hall elevators and the use of speed packs.

Traffic control will be in place at several intersections:

- 15th and University
- 13th and Franklin
- 15th and Villard
- Streets and areas to avoid:
  - Franklin Boulevard will be heavily utilized, both with incoming Unpack the Quack traffic, as well as the outbound parking of vehicles at Autzen Stadium
  - Many east campus residence halls will use East 18th Avenue and Hilyard Street for egress to Autzen Stadium
  - The west campus area, from Apple Orchard and Franklin to River

Week of Welcome begins with two days of move-in

Programming is planned for incoming students, including a pep rally at Hayward Field on Sunday.

Convocation will return to UO’s Week of Welcome activities

Returning to Matthew Knight Arena, this is the first time the ceremony has been held since fall 2019.