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Progress Of Union Drive In Review

For 20 years the Student Union movement on the Oregon campus has been rising and falling like an econ graph in social science books.

1923 March 8—The project was started by the senior class when each member pledged \$10 for ten years. This action was proposed by John MacGregor, chairman of the class memorial committee and ASUO president for 1922-23.

March 13—Delta Gamma led with a \$1,000 gift to be given to the fund. Twelve other organizations each contributed \$1,000.

May 8—Susan Campbell and Fredricks hall took out savings policies for the fund at \$1,500 each.

November 28—Kappa Sigma brought their total to \$2,000.

1924 April 23-26—First big campus drive in which students collected pledges amounting to \$219,087. When news came that the drive had gone over the top, President Prince L. Campbell sent his "heartiest congratulations and expressions of deepest gratitude personally, and from the regents and faculty."

"Be assured of the earnest cooperation of the regents and administration in hastening the actual erection of the Student Union at the earliest possible moment," he said.

1925 April 4—A new drive began and \$67,500 was collected in three days. These sums were in the form of pledges. Many were never collected.

May 14—A \$5 per term building fee to be paid along with regular fees was approved, the money to go for students' buildings, especially for a basketball pavilion (McArthur court), a football grandstand, and a Student Union. The action was an amendment to the ASUO constitution.

May 10—The board of regents authorized the purchase of a site for a Student Union and later bought the half block on 14th between Alder and Kincaid.

1926 Spring term—The last campus-wide drive to collect pledges amounted to \$1239. The funds collected were intended for a baseball pavilion, first on the list of student constructions.

1933 August 26—The executive council voted the state board of higher education power to borrow \$100,000 from the public works administration to build an infirmary. Of this amount \$20,000 was to be repaid by the income from the \$5 a term building fee.

1935 May 1—After nine years of near dormancy, the Student Union plan revived. J. O. Lindstrom, University business manager, revealed that a Union was a financial possibility at that time with a public works admin-

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Nancy Ames, President ASUO:

Erection of Student Union building on Oregon campus should head list of postwar projects for the University and funds to accomplish this purpose should be reserved now. Need for Student Union building was apparent twenty years ago when class of 1923 was in school; it is imperative now to centralize the social, business and other activities of a growing student body, a university the size of Oregon should not neglect longer this much needed improvement.

Palmer Hoyt, Domestic Director, OWI

"By the time the war is over and building is possible, the students will have made their adequate contribution. Either the state or federal government should assume major responsibility in financing the Student Union."

James H. Gilbert
Dean of the College of Liberal Arts

"It is imperative that the University of Oregon prepare to welcome into civilian life those men who are released from the armed forces after the war. One of the all-important services or factors for facilitating adjustment of these returning men is a socializing environment. A Student Union building would provide such an environment, for by entering into the activities centralized in such a student enterprise, the men could regain their sense of individuality."

Dean Ralph W. Leighton
Chairman, Postwar Rehabilitation Education committee

Wire received today. Hundreds have contributed Student Union funds since class 1923 initiated program. These trust funds usable no other purpose since Owen Calloway, vice-president ASUO, 1923, investigated several unions and made recommendations to our class. The value and need for such all campus building has increased. The larger your student body the greater the necessity for common meeting place where all students have equal rights in order to preserve your democratic traditions.

John MacGregor, ASUO President, 1923

"There is no building on the campus which is student-centered. Everything is administration-centered, or faculty-centered, or specific group-centered. The only thing which students can call their own on this campus is the library where the men and women can go, but there too they see the faculty and they are under the rules and regulations of a library committee or librarians. In an age when we expect so much from youth and we want youth to assume its own responsibility, there is a dire need for a place which the students can call their own and can feel at home."

Dr. Samuel H. Jameson
Professor of Sociology

"We would appreciate further information on the status of the Student Union plans. In the meantime, we strongly urge that no change be made in the initial proposal for it, and that plans for its postwar construction be expedited as much as possible. If there is any amount still due on the pledges we made toward a Student Union at Oregon, we will be glad to forward the amount when definitely assured that construction of the Union is to become a reality after the war."

Owen M. Callaway, ASUO vice-president, '23
Aulis Anderson Callaway, '23

Oregon students of my generation who put over Student Union drive have been keenly disappointed

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Peacetime Plans Make Student Union Building Necessity On Campus

By ANN LEO and MARJORIE MAJOR

During the past several months, student leaders and faculty members have been discussing the prospect of the greater University of Oregon which is certain to emerge when this war is over. Students have been concerned with what changes will take place in student government and social life. Officials have puzzled over the questions of increased enrollment and the consequent lack of space and facilities. The problems of social rehabilitation have become very close and urgent as the months go by, and the men already discharged from military service begin to come back to the campus.

The confusion which resulted after the last war when returning service men caused bad upsets to the status quo, the problems which resulted when students, (whether ex-service men, those who attended during the war period, or new students) had to suddenly shift gears from a war-time frame of mind and action into a peace-time set up, have prompted the establishment of a rehabilitation committee under Dean Ralph W. Leighton. This committee is facing adjustment problems before they occur and working with the other agencies on the campus, in Eugene, and throughout the rest of the state which are working on similar programs.

Much of this problem of centralization, unification, and a smoothly working student program after the war will also fall on students in the next year, and even now. That is why the proposed building of a Student Union is under so much discussion.

Architectural plans and actual lists of items and rooms to be included in this building have been drawn up and waiting for several years. Sites have been discussed and narrowed down to two main possibilities. Finances remain as the barrier which student leaders are determined shall be threshed out and cleared up now, so that

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What is a student union?

◆ It is a student-owned, student operated, and student-inhabited building where campus activities, whether faculty or student, may be centralized.

◆ These activities are: (1) operating, (2) service, and (3) recreational.

◆ The offices of your "operating" activities will be housed in this building. Your student body activity-headquarters, your publication offices, your educational activities offices, your own reception center, your seminar and committee rooms will be included.

◆ "Service" facilities such as banquet rooms, kitchen and kitchen service, fountain and cafeteria, the co-op store, postoffice and an assembly room are necessities.

◆ The above are facilities most needed by the students. However, they are only a FEW of the possibilities.

◆ This building would probably be constructed in units, using architectural plans which are integrated so that the completed structure would be unified and convenient, even though these units are built one at a time.

Sick President Boosts Union

It isn't often that a university president becomes so enthusiastic over a student drive for funds that he rises from a sickbed in order to make a speech that will further it. Yet that is just what President Prince Lucian Campbell did 19 years ago for the first Union drive.

At that time the students put forth the greatest money-making effort in the history of the ASUO. The drive was progressing favorably, but it was facing a crisis. Only \$80,000 had been raised, with the time half gone. How could the flow of contributions be speeded?

The answer to the problem came when the big doors at the back of the auditorium opened and President Campbell entered. Everyone knew that the president had until quite recently been sick on a hospital bed in Portland with a protracted attack of flu.

President Campbell did look pale and a little stooped. And he spoke seated in a chair.

"The work that you are doing today makes history," he said. "It is not just a matter of the

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when building materials are available, no valuable time will be lost.

In the detailed survey conducted by members of the executive council and the Emerald, not one dissenting voice was heard on the question of whether or not this is the time for Student Union planning. Only a portion of the comments received are printed this issue, but they will all be published along with new comments in ensuing editions.

A great deal of action is within the range of the State Board of Higher Education (see editorial, page two). It will be necessary to the success of this campaign that presidents of honorary groups, Panhellenic, Heads of Houses, AWS, social organizations, and forum groups offer plausible suggestions as to how additional revenue can be raised for Student Union. Individual students or groups may contact Nancy Ames, ASUO president if they wish to help.

20th Year of Student Union Work