

Dr. Erb's Death Shocks Campus

Senior Dance Planners Pick 'June' Theme

With the theme "June in January," the Senior Ball will make its 1944 appearance Saturday, January 8 at McArthur court.

According to Charline Pelly, general chairman, and Barbara Lamb, president, the orchestra for the dance will be announced in a few days. They promise "a terrific band with plenty of good numbers to please everyone."

Posters announcing the ball have been distributed throughout the campus by the promotion chairman, and ticket sales will begin this week. Ticket representatives from each civilian men's living organization and each unit of army men will be chosen in the next few days, Miss Pelly said.

Social chairman Mary Wright has declared the dance formal and requests that no corsages be sent.

Chairmen for the affair who will work with Miss Pelly include:

Miki Campbell, promotion; Edith Onthank and Sue Sawyer, decorations; Shirley Huntington, cleanup; Mary Jane Dunn, patrons and patronesses; Kay Jenkins, tickets; and Marge Curtis, publicity.

\$10,000 DONATED TO UNION FUND

Full details of a student union fund grant of \$10,000 recently presented in memory of Major Tom Taylor, who was killed in January, 1943 in a flight over western Europe, will be published in Thursday's Emerald. Dr. Earl M. Pallett, executive secretary, will make a complete announcement of details soon.

Major Taylor, son of Dr. and Mrs. H. R. Taylor of Eugene, attended the University from 1937 to 1940, when he left for Randolph field to join the air corps. In 1941 he married Alice Giustina of Eugene.

Campbell Co-op Boards Extras

Starting this term, Campbell club, the only remaining men's cooperative on the campus, will board men without requiring membership, according to an announcement by Dr. S. H. Johnson, faculty adviser of the group. Those wanting to room in the house must become members, however. He also advised that it would be possible for boarders to do house duties to help pay part of their expenses.

The house will remain open during the year although it is operating under increasing difficulties, Dr. Jameson said. Although there are accommodations for 44 men there are now only 14 living at Campbell club. Members are charged \$36 a month. Boarders will probably pay about one dollar a day, although the rate is not definite yet, according to Mrs. Dale Rumford, general manager of the men's and women's cooperatives.



DR. DONALD M. ERB . . .
. . . Late president of the University of Oregon

Captain Cosley, Ex-UO, Returns from Pacific

Captain Jack Cosley, former University of Oregon student, has returned to Oregon after months of action in the South Pacific. He has been awarded the Navy Cross and is credited with a hit on a Jap transport. Captain Cosley attended the University from 1936 to 1939.

Winter Enrollment Declines Slightly

Registration material was issued to 1414 students by 5 p.m. Tuesday, according to Clifford L. Constance, assistant registrar. Using this figure Mr. Constance predicted that final registration would total more than 1500 and might even reach around 1700. Last year at this time, registration material had been handed out to 1935 students.

Of the 1414, those who had paid fees totaled 1227.

Late registration fees are \$1 per day not to exceed \$5.

No Immediate Shifts Planned for Shack Rats

No changes will be made in beats or copy desk and night staff work on the Emerald this week but a meeting will be held next week to make new assignments.

The Emerald will be published Thursday and Friday morning of this week. Regular editions will start next week.

Marjorie Goodwin announced Tuesday the appointment of Norris Yates, junior in journalism, to succeed Charles Politz as associate editor. Politz resigned because of ill health.

Member of a marine dive bombing squadron that did yeoman work in turning back the Japs at Midway, Captain Cosley flew many missions through enemy ground fire and fighter opposition. But most vividly does he remember an attack on Bougainville, when he flew 300 miles deep into enemy territory to plant his bomb on a troopship.

"It was such a long hop we had to attach belly tanks to our planes," he recalled, "so as to get back to Guadalcanal. I was the first to go in and my thousand-pounder landed smack amidships on this transport."

"In clearing the ship I glanced back. It was dead in the water and a huge column of smoke was billowing up."

Captain Cosley pounded the Jap-held Munda and Villa airfields and gun emplacements with a devastating frequency during four months of operations from Guadalcanal. His plane was badly riddled by enemy fire the first time he met the enemy, while returning from dive bombing a Jap battleship at Midway.

"I already had several large holes in my plane and ack ack had damaged the ailerons," he said, "when a Zero jumped me. He crossed back and forth . . . shooting me up plenty until I ducked"

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Pneumonia Terminates University Head's Career

The death of Donald M. Erb, president of the University, came as a distinct shock to holidaying students. Dr. Erb died Thursday afternoon after a sudden attack of pneumonia which followed influenza. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Roxane Stuart Erb, two daughters, Barbara Stuart, 19, and Elizabeth Jean, 11, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Erb of New York City. His father is a nationally-known composer, director and author of books on musical theory.

At the time of his death, Dr. Erb was 43 years old and the youngest man ever to hold the post of president of the University of Oregon and one of the youngest university presidents in the country.

Public memorial services will be held Sunday, January 2, at 4 p.m. in McArthur court. Dr. J. H. Gilbert, dean of the college of liberal arts, E. G. Moll, associate professor of English, and Dr. Howard Taylor, head of the psychology department, are in charge of arrangements.

Returning to the campus after his election to the office in 1938, he was welcomed enthusiastically. He came determined to see the restoration of upper division science, which was taken away in the reorganization of the state system several years before. He lived to see this vital part of the curriculum restored.

The popular young president was active in plans for post-war reconstruction. He was one of the founders of the Century Progress fund for the benefit of the Eugene-Springfield community.

His strong support of the student union plans for the University succeeded in having this project placed first on the list of post-war plans here.

Soon after returning to the campus five years ago, he stated his aims and policies toward education, by saying:

"To stimulate the interest of promising young men and women to the point where it becomes a permanent and consuming passion to achieve a clear and unafraid analysis of the problems they see around them constitutes for me the greatest opportunity in the world for adventure."

Tributes

Stunned by the sudden passing of Dr. Donald M. Erb, hundreds of his friends were paying tribute to him as a school administrator, teacher, friend and community leader in the state. Some of the tributes follow:

Nancy Ames, ASUO president: "I, as every other student, feel a personal loss upon hearing of Dr. Erb's death as we could not have had a truer friend or one who was more helpful in solving our many student problems."

Beverly Padgham, president of YWCA: "Dr. Erb's death came as a quick and stunning blow to those who have known his wise leadership."

Jean Page, second vice-president of the ASUO: "Oregon lost one of its prominent men. His death is a great loss to the campus and to the state of Oregon."

Helen Johnson, Oregonian editor: "Not only a calamity as far as the University goes, but also a blow to both state and nation."

Marilyn Campbell, AWS president: "A very sudden blow to all the students. We'll miss him a great deal."

Governor Earl Snel: "The achievements of Dr. Erb in the world of education attained for him honors and recognition seldom equaled in such a brief span of life. Tireless in his work, unselfish and able in the administration of his duties, his record is outstanding. In his death, people of Oregon have suffered a great loss."

Dr. Frederick M. Hunter, chancellor of the Oregon state system of higher education: "The unex-

pected death of President Donald M. Erb has inflicted upon Oregon much more than a severe, official shock. His powers of leadership, his ability to inspire confidence in his co-workers, his clear-headed, high purpose in developing the university program have contributed permanently to the higher education in Oregon. Only the

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Council to Determine New UO President

Preliminary conferences are being held between Dr. Frederick M. Hunter, chancellor of the Oregon state system of higher education, and the advisory council, made up of six representatives of the faculty, regarding the selection of an interim executive to head the University until a permanent appointment for the position is made.

No announcements have been made as yet as to the method of procedure or the men the council has in mind.