

Co-op Reflects Chapman Spirit; Calls UO Theological Seminary

By BEVERLY BUCKLEY

The active cooperative store in Chapman, reflects the lively spirit of the man for whom the building was named.

Charles Hiram Chapman was elected president of the University of Oregon on July 25, 1893. He had quite an impressive background rising from the son of a farmer to graduate from Oshkash normal school in Wisconsin.

Like so many students of the time he taught school while learning, and in 1890 received a Ph. D. degree in mathematics from John Hopkins university. There he returned to Milwaukie normal school and soon had actively participated in teacher's institutes throughout the state.

President at 33

Chapman was only 33 when he became president of Oregon and with the courage of youth he struck like a small whirlwind.

His first move was to condemn the narrowness of the institution, describing the intellectual atmos-

phere of the faculty as that of a theological seminary. Dr. Chapman liberalized the college curriculum.

He kept the four established courses, but gave upper term students a free choice of subjects. He made the classics a study of literature instead of grammar. He also made science more interesting by having students spend two-thirds of their time in the laboratory instead of having all lecture courses.

Entered Teaching Field

In order to better the teaching he entered the field himself with a course of philosophy based on John Fiske's "Outlines of Cosmic Philosophy."

The regular curriculum was not all that interested Dr. Chapman. He was probably the one who started the spirit of competition on the Oregon campus. The Laurean Society was the only one here for years. Once two students were accused of using language disrespectful of the faculty in a debate. They were given a choice of leaving the organization or the University. Chapman solved the problem by encouraging another group to form. So in 1893 the first rival group on the campus was organized, the Philogian's.

Spread UO Influence

Eugene seemed to want to keep the University a local thing, for

their own children, at the expense of the state. In 1895 two thirds of the students were taking college preparatory courses. Chapman objected to this and did everything in his power to spread the influence of the University of Oregon.

The people were caught in a gust of new ideas, many of which met with adverse criticism. It is doubtful Dr. Chapman would have lasted as long as he did had it not been for his winning personality and grand sense of humor.

However, his sense of humor was sometimes shown in remarks directed at the coeds of the age. This is shown by a quotation from a Salem newspaper "His occasional hit at the fair sex (is) a feature of his lecture." Although this is a widely used and accepted practice by professors of today, it was then frowned upon.

Modern Ways

Dr. Chapman knew the importance of modern technique, and fought his cause despite adverse thought.

At times he seemed to be winning as shown in his optimistic outlook in 1895.

"I feel I have taken root in the state, many of the most eminent men are my personal friends, and this in both political parties. They will not be likely to let the small fry of politicians break down my work."

In spite of the faith he held in his cause, the controversy grew. The confidence of the people lessened and the growth of the University was stunted, so in December, 1898 he handed in his resignation.

Still Chapman had many followers who saw the worth of his ideas. If he could visit the University today he would see many of his wishes fulfilled.

Attacked by Papers

The Eugene Guard and other newspapers throughout the state attacked Dr. Chapman for such things as keeping promising athletes off the teams, for opposing religion, and for making disparaging remarks about women.

Two groups of Eugene citizens signed petitions—one proposing his dismissal, the other favoring his retention.

Atomics Speech Theme

"Atomic Implications" will be the subject of a lecture by William Moxley at the One World club meeting, at 7:30 p. m. tonight.

Tax Advisors To Visit Eugene

State income tax returns must be filed by April 15, the state tax commission has announced. A state income tax auditor will visit the court house in Eugene on February 24 to 27, March 1 to 5, and March 8 to 12 to aid persons filing tax returns. The auditor's hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on all the above dates.

Those who must file are single persons having a net income from all sources of \$500 or more during the taxable year; and married couples having a combined income of \$1000 or more during the taxable year.

Assistance to taxpayers is also available at the branch office of the collector of internal revenue, room 100 Pittock block, S.W. Washington and Ninth avenue, Portland.

All returns for the calendar year 1947 must be filed on or before April 15, 1948. All returns must be mailed so they bear the postmark of the last date for filing.

Alum Magazine To Arrive Soon

Growth of the journalism school is traced by Jim Wallace, managing editor, in the featured story of this month's Old Oregon, alumni magazine. The February issues will be mailed to members of alumni associations within the next two weeks. Old Oregon is edited by Bert Moore, senior in journalism.

History and legends of the cemetery centered in the campus are included in this Old Oregon. The story was written by Susan McCarel, senior in journalism.

Other contributors to the February alumni publication includes Bill Wassman who wrote an article about Donald M. DuShane, recent addition to the University administration; Larry Lau, author of a second feature on the OSC catalog; and Miss Georgia McKenney and Miss Florence Sheehan, instructors in English, who give their impressions of Oregon.



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Speech Team To Make Tour

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They will emphasize the problems of world trade and international economic stability.

The team is composed of Ralph Teters, Walter Mead, Boyd Peterson and Warren Miller. Accompanying the group will be symposium director E. Ray Nichols Jr., assistant professor of speech and drama.

The trip includes engagements before high school students and faculties at Glendale, Rogue River, Central Point, Medford, Ashland, and Eagle Point, and before the

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