

# Traditions Suffer as University Grows; Several Class Trees Bow to Expansion

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As a result of expansion and growth of the University campus now in progress, evidences of a one-time Oregon tradition are becoming fewer.

The tradition, established by the first graduating class in 1878, was the planting of a tree by each graduating class. The trees were all planted near Villard and Deady Halls, oldest classroom buildings on the campus.

Two of the trees were taken out to make room for the new drama theater, and several others were removed so that paved roads and level ground for landscaping could be put in around the theater.

## Myrtle Tree Last

The last tree to be planted by a class was in 1898, when a myrtle, which blooms with great profusion today, was set in west of Villard near the entrance gate. Instead of planting trees, the graduating classes of 1897 and 1900, put metal plaques bearing the insignia of their classes on two large oaks in front of Villard.

Apparently desiring a more permanent and conspicuous memorial, the graduates of 1893 placed a large

symmetrical stone near the famous oaks.

## Triple Misfortune

A triple misfortune presumably caused the class of '82 to give up the tree idea. The class set out a mountain hemlock, which lived but a short time. Another tree was planted, but it shared the same fate. Then while the seniors were discussing another planting, one of their leading members suddenly took ill and died.

The largest member of the tradition's family today is the California sequoia, located about 100 feet northwest of Deady. Planted by the Class of '80, which was the largest in fifteen years, this tree stands as an appropriate symbol.

## Condon Started Idea

The custom of tree planting originated with Prof. Thomas Condon, after whom Condon Hall was named. Prof. Condon obtained an English laurel and the 1878 class planted it near the West walk between Villard and Deady.

Unfortunately, however, the old laurel is one of the six trees planted by graduating classes which have succumbed to the ravages of time and progress.

A direct descendant of the famous elm at Washington's tomb at Mt. Vernon once stood on a site now occupied by the new drama theater. A slip from this famous tree, sent from Washington by Senator Slater, father of one of the graduates, was given its start by the Class of '83.

## 14 Trees Planted

Variety seems to have been the watchword with University of Oregon graduating classes of years past. Included among the 14 assorted "class trees" standing today are the following:

California sequoia, Port Orford cedar, arbor vitae, Oregon fir, larch, spruce, English cedar, black walnut, linden, myrtle, and oak.

Professor F. S. Dunns of the Latin Department advocated a plan in 1926 to label trees planted by graduating classes. A similar campaign was fostered by the School of Journalism. Neither plan was adopted.

The class trees of the University, which have for over half a century provided shade and beauty for thousands of students, have been forgotten by practically everyone but the alumni who planted them.

## Stars in Play



DON VAN BOSKIRK, appearing in the starring role of Charleston in "Thunder Rock" tomorrow night. See story page 5.

## Rushing Set For Debate By Forum

Tonight marks the beginning of an experiment.

At 7 p.m. in 3 Fenton Hall the first Campus Meeting will be held. Deferred rushing will be discussed by five qualified speakers.

"That much is certain," says Dorothy Orr, chairman of the organization group, "but it is on the student reaction that the success of campus meeting depends. We hope many students will be there to ask questions."

"This program is intended to give students a chance to ask questions of and hear answers direct from those who will make decisions affecting student life. The program started tonight will continue to bring up important campus issues for discussion, if student interest supports it," she said.

Speakers who will take part in an open question period following initial five-minute talks are Frances Robson, Panhellenic president; Stan Pierson, representing Interfraternity Council; Sue Michel, representing women's dorms; and Vic Fryer, Interdorm Council president. Donald DuShane, director of student affairs, will participate in the question period.

These speakers will explain and answer questions about Panhellenic's stand for immediate fall rushing for women, and the decisions of Interfraternity and Interdorm Councils to hold men's rushing during winter term next year. Ed Peterson, member of the organization group for Campus Meeting, will act as mediator. Herman Cohen, instructor in speech, is faculty adviser to the group.

## Religious Speakers

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assistant professor of physics; LeRoy Crossley, First Baptist Church; Robert W. Burtner, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church.

Mrs. J. D. Bryant, past director of Westminster House; F. A. Beard, superintendent of the University Press; E. S. Bartlam, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church; and Harold Allbue, pastor of Central Lutheran Church.

## Kwama to Meet

Kwama, sophomore women's service honorary, will meet at 6:30 tonight at Kappa Alpha Theta.

## Cougars, OSC Grapple

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Coach Bob Antonacci of the Beavers is another believer in the quick fall type of intercollegiate wrestling. Antonacci's Beavers won their first match of the season, 33-3 over Vanport College, with most of the bouts being won by falls. The Cougars also won their first match over EWCE 38-0 in the same rapid style.

Four Pacific Coast champions and one PCC runner-up will see action during the Cougar-Beaver matches. "Sosh" Watanabe, 121-pounder from Fife; Harry Gust, 165-pounder from Tacoma; and Bob Close, 145-pounder from Mohawk Lake, N. J., are the WSC titlists. Lone PCC titlist for the Beavers is Herb Haberlach, winner of the heavyweight title. The Cougar runner-up is Gordon Evans, Colfax, Cougar heavyweight who is eagerly awaiting the return match with Haberlach.

## Littman Writes Article For Psychology Journal

The December issue of the Journal of Experimental Psychology included an article by Dr. Richard A. Littman, assistant professor of psychology.

Dr. Littman's article, covering 13 pages in the bi-monthly publication of the American Psychological Association, Inc., is entitled "Conditioned Generalization of the Galvanic Skin Reaction to Tones."

## A Little Ham, Too

# Pianist Foldes Likes Slang, Pre-Concert Sandwiches

"Well—it doesn't always have to be cheese, sometimes I appreciate a ham sandwich too," confided Hungarian pianist Andor Foldes when asked about his traditional pre-concert cheese sandwich.

Foldes, who played with the Eugene Symphony Orchestra last night, will present a lecture-recital on contemporary music in the Music School auditorium at 8:15 tonight. Sponsored by the Music School and the Student Union Board, the affair is open to all students.

Slang is the 34-year-old musician's hobby. His pet slang expression is "Holy Mackerel," with just a hint of Hungarian accent.

## Slang Vital

"Slang is the most vital part of any language," he said, "without it, a language would become stilted and dried-up."

Although he speaks English, French, German, Hungarian, and "just a wee bit" of the Scandinavian languages, only American colloquial has caught his fancy.

Foldes has no one favorite composer.

"I guess you can say my pets are

everyone between Bach and Bartok—and that's about 200 composers," he said.

"All people like good music," Foldes believes. He said that there is little difference between Continental and American taste.

## Music Taste Improves

"It's a wonderful sign that more Americans are listening to more and better music," he added, pointing out that he "could see music growing before his eyes by playing in small towns and going back later to see how far music has developed."

Foldes thinks the University of Oregon orchestra is "excellent," and he said that he hopes to visit Eugene again.

When asked if he could give any advice to aspiring concert pianists, Foldes said, "That's a very hard thing to do—it pretty well depends on the individual."

"If a musician has a real gift, a few breaks, and the character to 'stick with it' and work hard, he does have a chance," said Foldes. "However, the possibilities in the concert field are slowly diminishing."

Mrs. Foldes, a former Hungarian reporter, is in New York "catching deadlines before we sail for our third tour of Europe Feb. 3," her husband said.

She has had one book published here, "Two on a Continent," which relates the Foldes' experiences during their first seven years in America.

"My wife doesn't play any instrument," Foldes said. "We have a gentleman's agreement that I won't write any books and she won't give any concerts. However, I wrote a book, 'Keys for the Keyboard,' anyway. So I'm no longer a gentleman."

## Shull to Address Education Group

Opportunities in education will be discussed by Dr. Martha Shull, vice-president of the Oregon Education Association at 4 p.m., Feb. 10, in the University High School auditorium.

Dr. Shull, a member of the National Committee on Teacher Education and Professional Standards, received her master of arts and philosophy degrees from the University. She is presently teaching at Jefferson High School in Portland.

## Phi Theta Meets

Phi Theta Upsilon, junior women's honorary, will meet at 12:30 today at the Kappa Alpha Theta house.

Statistics show that only two Americans in one hundred have singing voices. Try and tell that to the guy in the bathtub.

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