

Student Union Opens Doors

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Dr. Packer Out; Byrne Successor

Paul C. Packer this morning is resigning his seat as chancellor of the state system of higher education, and Dr. Charles D. Byrne is moving in as interim chancellor.

The state system is the organization of the University, the State College, and other institutions of higher education. The chancellorship is a "study advisory" office, according to Packer.

Byrne, who has held this position for the past four years, will be sent to Paraguay to work as an educational adviser in a State Department program.

Reasons Given

At a press conference last Saturday, Packer gave these reasons for his resignation:

"I have always wanted to see a better America, and besides offering the opportunity, this job is a challenge. I will be glad to build up the educational resources of a backward area."

Dr. Byrne Succeeds

Dr. Packer's successor, Charles D. Byrne, has been named secretary of the state board of higher education for 18 years. His appointment is not permanent, but he will succeed Board Chairman Edgar Smith, but Byrne will have all power and prestige of the position. (Please turn to page three)

Men Wanted

The most consistently busy place on campus, "The Emerald", invites interested students to an introductory meeting Monday night at 6:30 p. m. Journalism. Many staff positions are open. Practical experience is necessary and work for everyone.

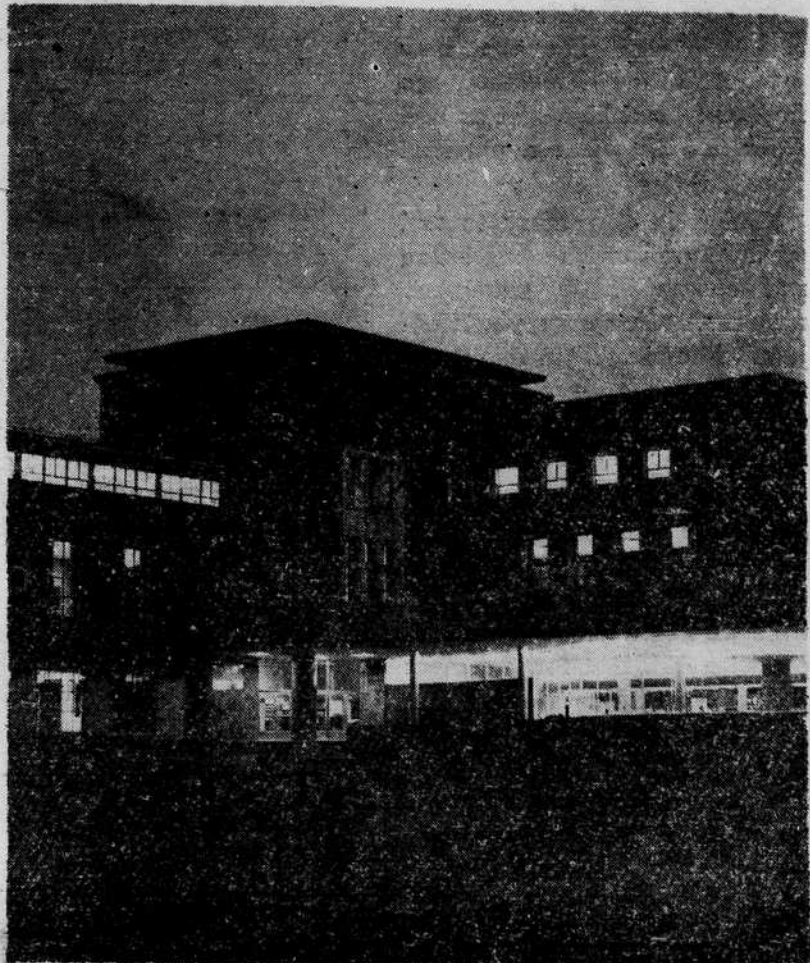
Director Sees Dream Come True

"I don't want a lot of hard regulations around the Student Union," Director Dick Williams claims. "It's the students' job. All we ask is that they like their building." Williams, who has been in charge of the building for two years, says the first floor workshop and the lounge can do poster painting, and the lounge, which is the living room, the Union building planned for the students' benefit.

Plans Made in 1946

The Student Union has been Williams' dream since the first plans were made for the building in 1946. For four years he and his staff have been working to get the Student Union that would meet the needs of the University students.

Keep those first plans kind



ABLAZE WITH LIGHTS is the University's ultra-modern, new Erb Memorial Union, shown from 13th and University.

A Letter to New Students...

In behalf of the associated students I would like to welcome you new students at this time to the University of Oregon. It is now your University in more than one sense, not only because you attend it and make up an important part of it, but because now you may participate in its various activities. The University of Oregon offers you the opportunity to benefit yourself as well as the University.

You, as new students, will find yourselves faced with the problem of obtaining and maintaining an adequate balance between academic and social activities. However you are not alone. Now, more than ever, new and old students alike are faced with the problem of living in a fast moving world. Therefore, it is up to all of us to work together and play together in order to prepare us for the future.

So as fellow Webfoots, in addition to welcoming your help and suggestions, we offer our assistance in helping you in any way we can. May the time we spend at the University of Oregon be the happiest of our lives.

Barry Mountain, ASUO President



DICK WILLIAMS

"of hidden in a closet," he said jokingly. "They were for a great big thing that probably we never could have used. It took well over two years to get plans consistent with the amount of money collected."

Students Praised

Williams was generous in his praise of students, from whom most of the money used in the construction of the building was obtained.

"The money has come basically from student fees," he explained. "About \$425,000 of the \$2,000,000 came from gifts or other sources."

Two major fund-raising drives were held before the students assessed themselves a \$5 Student Union fee to be paid at registration.

The first drive was in the middle twenties, and the last drive was in the spring and summer months of 1947.

\$2 Million Building Begins Operations At 12 Noon Today

The pay-off begins at noon today.

Following 27 years of fund raising, including two years of construction, the Student Union today is ready and waiting for the students whose dollars made it possible.

After today's official opening the building will be operated seven days a week, ready to fill the social, recreational, and cultural needs of the students and visitors.

Architects Lawrence, Tucker, and Wallman of Portland designed the \$2,100,000 student union, and construction began October 17, 1948.

This afternoon students can look over the building, check the student offices, browse in the browsing room, bowl, play billiards, drink at the soda fountain, visit the music listening room, take stock of the ballroom where they'll soon be attending all-campus dances, and generally get-acquainted with the building.

Registration At 4

Something old to go with the something new will be registration, which begins for new students at 4 in the second-floor ballroom.

An official touring party, the only "formal" event of the day according to Student Union Director Dick Williams, will be guided through the building from 12 to 2.

Included in the party will be Charles Byrne, newly appointed Chancellor of the State System of Higher Education, Edgar Smith, president of the State Board of Higher Education, R. E. Kleinsorge, vice-president of the Board, Harry K. Newburn, University President, members of the Board of Deans, and special guests of the Student Union.

Sunday luncheon will be served the official party.

Activities Planned

Rushing headquarters, registration, and the "Hello" Dance are top activities planned for the day. (Please turn to page seven)

Registrar Explains Procedure

Registration for Oregon's fall term, due to get under way at 4 p. m. today for new students, is designed this year to make the procedure easier for everyone, according to Registrar Clifford E. Constance.

New students, including freshmen and transfers, will start today on preliminary registration steps, but will not consult advisers or sign up for classes until Wednesday, when old students will start registering.

In this way, Constance pointed out, new students will not be under the disadvantage of going through preliminary steps while old students are securing classes.

Registration in Union

All registration, except consulting with advisers and signing for classes, will take place in the Erb Memorial Union building.

Students will enter the ballroom of the student union building from the west entrance, using the outside stairway off University street. Adequate room inside the ballroom will be reserved for registration.

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Union Memorial To Donald Erb

Who was this fellow they named the student union after—Donald M. Erb?

Well, a pretty nice fellow. Just ask anyone who knew him.

Donald Erb was president of the University from 1938 until his death from pneumonia in 1943. He was the type of man that would sit around and talk for hours with



DONALD M. ERB

students about their problems. It wasn't until the students graduated and looked back over their college days that they began to wonder "why that man didn't kick us out of his office when we went in to talk about our small problems."

But President Erb wasn't that kind. He liked his students. About a month before his death, he said the one thing he hoped to do was build a student union for Oregon.

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Attention Freshmen! !

New Students Week activities begin Sunday afternoon. Below is the schedule through Tuesday night. Further activities will be printed in Wednesday's Emerald.

Sunday afternoon, 4:00-6:00 p. m.: pick up registration material, Student Union.

Sunday evening, 7:30 p. m.: Official Opening Assembly, McArthur Court.

Monday and later: Entrance examinations. P. E. Exams at Health Service (men) and Gerlinger Hall (women). Placement exams at McArthur Court.

Monday or Tuesday: Assignment of Faculty adviser, Fenton Hall.

Monday evening, 7:30 p. m.: Official Student Affairs and ASUO Assembly, McArthur Court.

Tuesday evening, 7:30 p. m.: Official Adviser-Advisee meetings.