

History of Union Begins

SU--Dream Come True

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 by a \$10,000 donation from Mr. and Mrs. George Giustina and family. The money was given to furnish a room in the Student Union as a memorial to Major Tom T. Taylor, the son-in-law of the Guistinas, who was killed in action over Europe in 1942.

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 Approximately \$100,000 was contributed by early 1946. Along

with this, the building site was paid for and definite plans were established.

At this point the late Ernest Haycox, alumni president in 1946-47, president of the Dads' Club in 1948-49, and appropriately a member of the Class of 1925, took over the drive. He turned it into a national campaign, and as a result, ground-breaking ceremonies were held in June, 1948.

Contracts for construction were signed Oct. 7, 1948. Construction began in November. Ross B. Hammond of Portland was general contractor.

The \$2,100,000 Union opened its doors to Oregon students Sept. 17 of this year. The dream of men like McGregor, Erb, and Haycox is now a reality. The Student Union attests to the fact that their efforts were well rewarded.

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 the most popular campus spot, with students using its facilities.

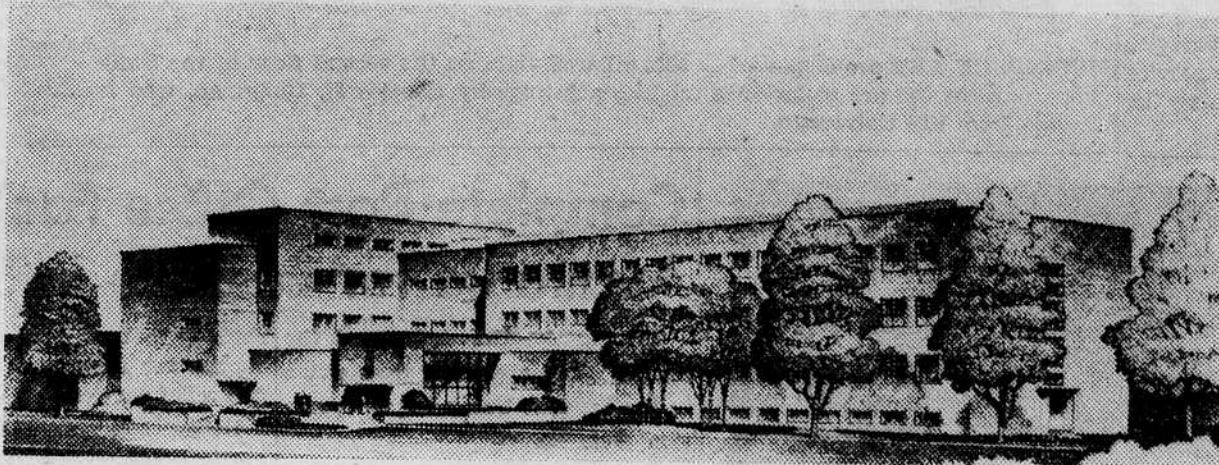
Nearly 30 meetings can be held in the building in one day if necessary. Bowling leagues have already been formed and are using the alleys. The Women's Athletic Association will put 40 teams onto the alleys in January.

So many students are playing ping-pong that 28 paddles were

worn out in the first three weeks of school, Williams reported.

The Union was built entirely through gifts by students, alumni, and friends of the University. The site of the building is the only donation of the taxpayers.

As Williams says, "I've seen every important student union building in the country, and I challenge anybody to prove that ours isn't the best one."



Congratulations to the alumni and students of the University of Oregon who are responsible for a Memorial building the state of Oregon may well be proud. Modern and up to date in every respect, it is indeed a fitting tribute to Donald M. Erb, past president of the University, who planned for such a building until the time of his death.

