

# Foreign Student Enrollment Is 116 For Spring Term

One hundred and sixteen foreign students are studying at the University of Oregon spring term—just a drop in the bucket compared with larger institutions like the University of California or Columbia University, each with over 1000 enrolled.

And hardly a ripple in the stream when compared with national figures released Tuesday by the Institute of International Education in New York, although the national figure is proportionally less than at Oregon.

A recent survey, the institute said, puts the foreign student population of the United States at a record-breaking 30,000. Every state is represented, it revealed, but with the heaviest concentrations in New York and California. (National college enrollment is about 2,000,000; Oregon has about 4000.)

### Canada First Here

Countries with the largest number of citizens here, the report said, are Canada, China and Germany, in that order, with students from Africa, the Near East and Asia growing in numbers every year. Four Asiatic and two Near Eastern nations rank in the top ten with only one from Europe, Germany, making that list.

At Oregon, J. D. Provart, foreign student advisor, said Tuesday that Canada likewise ranks first with about 28 students. Next in line are Japan, with 16, and then Germany with 11.

### Few From Many

From there on, he explained, the representation breaks down into many countries with four to seven students on campus and others with only one or two. A partial list would include Norway, India, China, France, Iran, Iraq, The Philippines, Belgium, Siam, Guam and Pakistan.

National figures disclosed that most foreign students are taking engineering courses, with this tendency especially true for South Asians and Near Easterners. Most European students are in the science and liberal arts fields, the figures showed, although religion is on the "first ten" list for the first time this year.

### Liberal Arts First

With no engineering courses offered, Provart remarked, most foreign students here are in liberal arts, a field which includes the science, history and economics departments among others. Next in line of preference is business administration, the journalism, architecture and finally pre-medicine, he said.

Provart said the national figures for the total cost to each foreign student, \$2,500 (which includes travel, tuition and room leading).

### Cost Termed 'Misleading'

Travel costs could push the one-year cost to \$2500, he said, but many foreign students at Oregon "remain here for two, three or four years." Thus the travel expenditure, balanced out over a longer period of time, would decrease.

About 90 per cent of the students here receive scholarships, he added, compared with approximately 50 per cent over the whole nation, but this too is a "strict interpretation." Under a plan fostered by the state legislature, he explained, most foreign students can qualify for state scholarships which take care of their tuition.

Only about a fourth of Oregon's foreign visitors are women, he concluded, while the ratio is slightly above 2 men for every woman throughout the country.

# Classrooms Were Crowded in 1897; High Schoolers Dominated Campus

When Friedrich George Gottlob Schmidt arrived at the University in 1897, the school was dominated by high school students.

Since there were only two high schools in the state (Salem and Lincoln), the University maintained high school courses so that students lacking requirements for University admission might obtain them.

When these courses were finally abolished in 1899, enrollment at the

University fell from about 400 students to 150.

At the time of Schmidt's arrival, the campus contained only five buildings—Villard Hall, Deady hall, a boys' dormitory now known as Friendly hall, Collier hall and a small women's gymnasium.

Classes were so crowded that a room for Schmidt's German class could only be found by building a partition in the middle of Deady hall's largest classroom, separating the German students from ex-

President John Johnson's Latin class.

### Wagons Ho!

The University's first president, John Johnson, came to Oregon by driving an ox team across the plains. When the family arrived in Oregon, they acquired a farm which is now part of the Oregon State college campus.

Johnson graduated sixth in a class of 100 at Yale in 1862. He later organized the first high school in the Pacific Northwest. During his presidency, he taught a Latin class and personally handled numerous other details, including registration.

The sudden drop in enrollment when the prep courses were dropped alarmed the state legislature, which sent a special investigator to Eugene to determine whether or not the school should be abolished.

After seeing two classes — an English class and Schmidt's German class—the investigator investigated no more and decided that the institution definitely should not be abolished.

Another highlight of the time was the decision that Eugene firms were charging outrageous prices for electricity, water and printing. Consequently, the University added its own "electric plant" and printing press.



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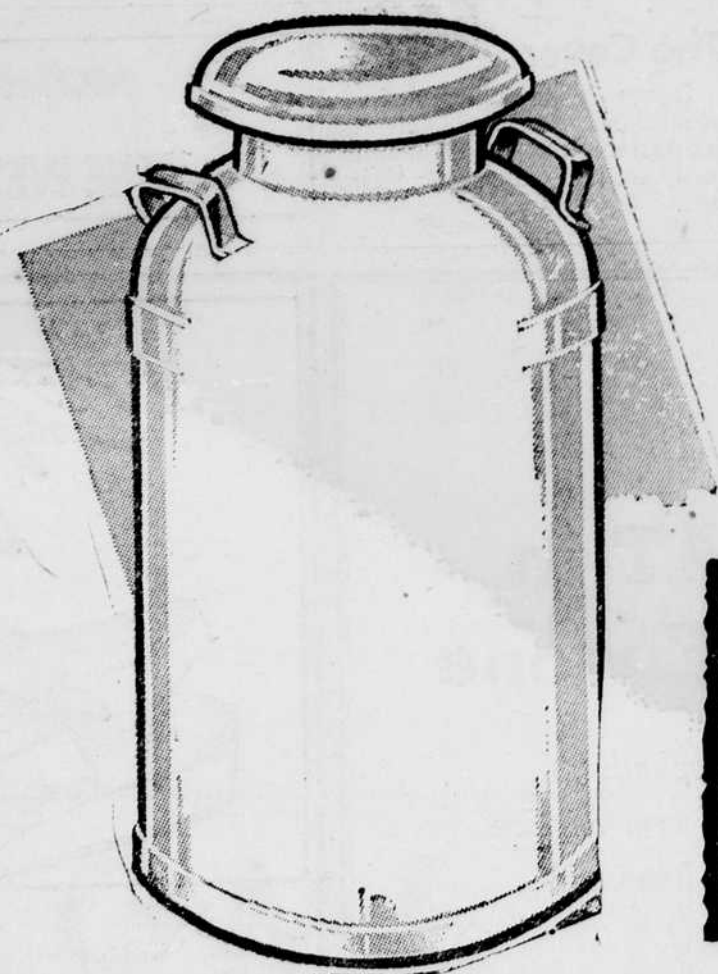
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