

University's First President Disliked Formal Occasions

The University of Oregon's first president, John W. Johnson, was no social lion.

Frederic Dunn, professor of Latin, has given posterity an interesting description of the bearded gentleman:

"John W. Johnson was proverbially no platform man, habitually averse to formalities of the sort. His nervous squirmings and glances at his watch during commencement exercises were historic.

Society's Sake

"Banquets? Receptions? Mercy, no! President Johnson would be sure to be off on a duck hunting expedition. His confreres on the faculty were well acquainted with these frailties of his and were always ready to substitute for society's sake."

Johnson's most famous blunder occurred before an assemblage of students and citizens meeting in Villard hall to welcome Mr. Henry Villard, who was visiting Eugene. Prof. Dunn wrote in the Feb. 27, 1934 Emerald:

Trouser Leg

"Perhaps his error in this instance may have been induced by a very usual happening to his trouser leg, which had a habit of being caught up on the strap of his high boot.

"Thereafter would ensue a spectacular leg shaking, until the 'pant' would gradually slip down to somewhere above the instep.

"However that may be, before introducing Oregon's great benefactor, it was expected of President Johnson to ask the audience to arise and remain standing during an invocation.

"What he did say was, 'The audi-

ence will please rise and keep on rising until the prayer is ended.'"

A Candle and a Beard

President Johnson, like all of the other male members of the first University faculty, was the proud possessor of a flowing beard.

However, his was not the finest beard on the campus, for Thomas Condon (for whom Condon hall was named) had a "luxurious length" equalled by none.

Consequently, students in Dr. Condon's geology class were startled one day when the professor walked in without his silky beard. A portion of it had been cut off, and Dr. Condon had trouble throughout the period, because he kept forgetting, as he reached down to stroke the beard in his usual fashion, that part of it was no longer there.

Students later learned the reason for the new style—the professor's beard had caught fire over a candle or lamp which he had been carrying.

Maybe the new hall didn't have a ceiling at that time.

The building had been named after Villard in recognition of his services to the school, for he was credited with saving the University from extinction in 1876.

In that year Deady hall was completed by the Union University association, which founded the University. The association could not meet the \$7000 debt remaining against it, and suit for that amount was brought against the University, which also could not pay the sum.

The state Supreme court ruled

that the property should be offered for sale. Villard, rapidly rising to the position of a leading railroad magnate, read about the action and telegraphed a \$7000 check from New York. The University was saved.

In 1881 Villard, visiting the campus, was impressed with the lack of equipment, resources and space, so he donated \$1000 for "philosophical and chemical apparatus," \$1000 for the foundation of a library, a year's salary for a professor of English literature and \$250 for scholarships.

In 1883 he contributed a \$50,000 irreducible fund, the interest of which was to be used to aid and support the University with \$400 of the interest annually devoted to the University library.

Freshman

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ly to the freshman side, but the rope was pulled up on the Kappa Sigma lawn before he could reach it... minus the humbled sophomores.

Brittain quickly left the scene, after having his shirt torn badly. As he walked away, he grabbed a discarded roter's lid and placed it on his mud-spattered head.

Bob Glass, frosh prexy, on the contrary, sported a victorious smile and dry clothes, as he and his gang began to gather up the girls in the area, and dumped them unceremoniously into the stream.

"I'll hate you forever" and "My wool skirt will shrink" could not be heard over the cheers of the onlookers as the coeds hit the water with a panic-stricken scream.

The dunkings were, the aftermath of the Friday noon dunkings which saw approximately 100 Carson Hall girls, as well as Order of the "O" men, wet to the skin after their tangle with the Mill-race water.

The strategy of the Carson Hall coeds, who poured one wastebasketful of water after another from vantage points on the roof, from the windows, was to no avail.

The Order of the "O" men carried them away bodily, with the result being worried girls, who didn't know how they were going to get their pin-curls dry in time for the Prom or how they would ever stretch that cashmere back into a respectable shape.

Legal Petition

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the first document. The change, Ridderbusch explained, was made at the "counsel's advice." Signers of the original were Ridderbusch, Hansen, Haharajh, Rodger Eddy, Howard McGinnis, John R. Walter, John R. Miewald, Elmer F. Staubs and Henry D. Ambers.

Petitions Due For SU Posts

Petitions for membership on next year's Student Union board directorate are due Monday. The directorate consists of committee chairmen for art gallery, browsing room, dance, forum, house, movie music, personnel, publicity, recreation and recorded music.

Any student with a 2.00 GPA or higher is eligible to petition for any of these chairmanships. Petitions may be obtained outside of room 301 on the third floor of the SU. Interviews will be held later by the board.

Duties of Chairmen

Duties of the chairmen are as follows:

Art gallery—Planning and exhibiting paintings in the SU art gallery.

Browsing room—Take charge of the browsing room program, including the Friday evening coffee hours and special programs, such as "Campus Workshop" and "let's talk shop."

Dance—Plan Friday mixers and special SU sponsored dances.

Mix With Dignitaries

Forum—Contacting visiting dignitaries, choosing forum topics, publicizing, promoting and moderating the forums.

House—Formulate house rules, suggestions for needed equipment and hospitality towards visitors.

Movie—In charge of the Sunday movies, the Chapman educational movies and the fall football film series.

Music—Control formal and informal SU concerts and the "Friday at 4" program.

Personnel—Interviewing all persons who wish to work in the SU program below the chairman level, keeping records of the work of committees and evaluating the work of committees and committee members.

PR People Wanted

Publicity—Channeling all publicity releases from the SU to the Emerald and handle all promotion for SU activities.

Recreation—In charge of handling tournament play and instructions in the recreational area, which includes bowling, billiards and ping pong and the bridge tournaments and lessons.

Recorded music—In charge of staffing the music listening rooms, special programs and the purchase of records.

Tonight's Sing

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day in the music school amphitheatre.

Judges for the Sing will be Miss Jeanne Scott from Eastern Oregon College of Education at LaGrande, Stanley Glarum from Lewis and Clark college and Howard Miller, from Salem high school.

Basis for judging will be 20 per cent on interpretation, 20 per cent on musical arrangements, 20 per cent on diction, 20 per cent on tonal quality, 10 per cent on following the leader and 10 per cent on stage appearance.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The U. S. civil service commission announces an examination for position of industrial specialist in the U. S. Navy ship building activity in Philadelphia. Salaries range from \$5,060 to \$9,600 a year.

To qualify for these positions, applicants must have appropriate college study or experience in industrial management, planning, engineering or cost accounting. Further information and application forms may be obtained in the graduate placement office.

Jo Martin

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Pre-dance ticket sales were twice as good as last year's according to Tom Wrightson, ticket chairman. Bart Cross, pre-dental junior, won the \$10 first prize for ticket selling. Second prize went to Stacy Hertsche, junior in education. The number of tickets sold was not known at press time.

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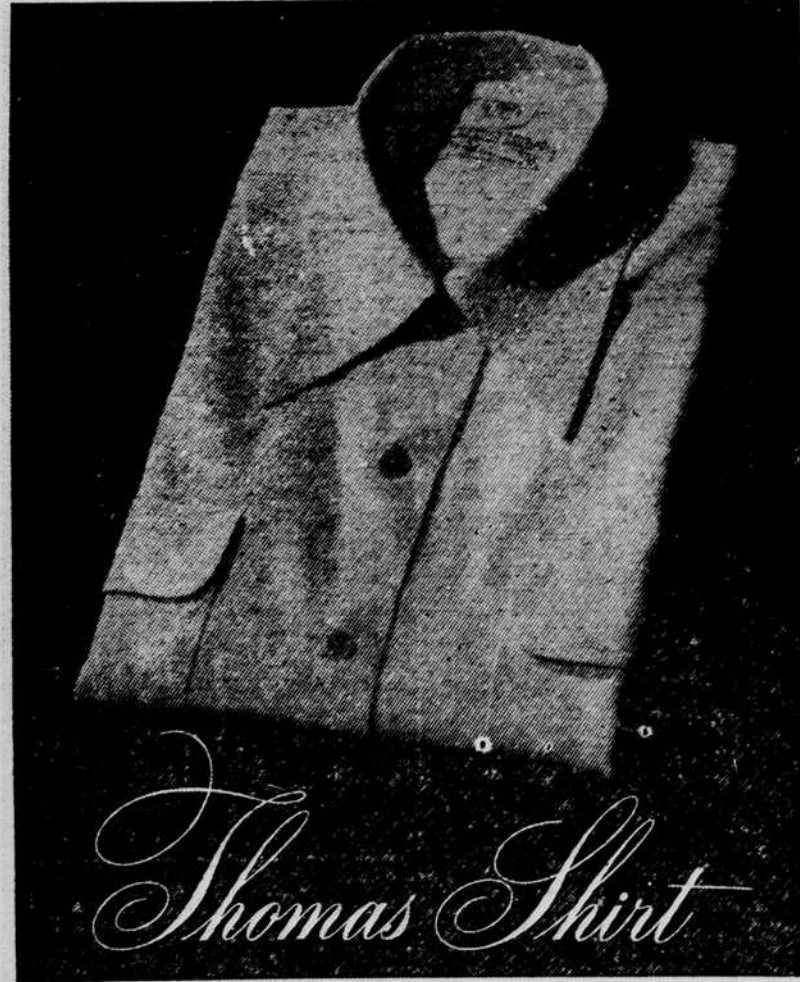
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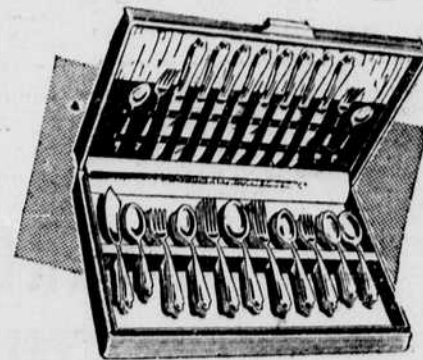
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