

# Old Emerald Pictures Historic Battle

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Relations between Oregon and Oregon State were not always as peaceful as they are today. Today's actions between the two schools is usually conducted with paint brushes on campus sidewalks and the Oregon "O" on Skinner's Butte. However, back in 1937 an event now known as "The Great War" took place on the Oregon campus.

It seems that Oregon State beat Oregon 14-0 at Oregon's Homecoming that year. The win caused so much excitement on the OSC campus that students left their classes and danced in the streets Monday morning.

At about 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 25, 1937, the word was spread on the Oregon campus that about 1500 "Staters" had passed through Junction City on their way to Eugene.

### Equal to Challenge

Oregon students were equal to

the challenge. Students generally left classes to gather at the College Side Inn to meet the invaders from the North. Outside the Eugene city limits the invading Beavers were met by Eugene and State

### Religious Council Sponsors Assembly

The University Religious Council will present a Thanksgiving dramatic service Tuesday, Nov. 25, during the assembly hour.

Beginning with the pilgrims and continuing down through history to modern America, the program will present incidents illustrating the history of Thanksgiving. The service, which is being planned by a committee headed by Laura Lee Newton, will include choral music by a choir composed of students from all religious groups on the campus.

police and warned against "rough stuff."

The "Staters" victory parade, with three patrol cars as escorts, wound up Willamette, out 13th past the "Side", down University to 11th and back downtown. All was peaceful between the two sides until an OSC car stalled on 11th between Hilyard and University streets.

Then, the Oct. 25 Oregon Daily Emerald says, "Oregon students seized the four occupants of the car and marched them to the mill race." Students clamored for "more Beavers" and the story continues "It wasn't long before parties of Oregon students were blocking all the intersections about the campus, stopping cars and grabbing all Staters and taking the victims to the race."

### Mill Race Bridge

Activity centered for a time at the bridge over the mill race on Alder street. Then the action moved up 11th to the Anchorage, a for-

mer restaurant between 11th and the race, where more OSC students were ducked, many minus all their clothes except shorts.

When all the invading Beavers had been cleared from the campus area, Oregon students spread out

### Floor Level Raised For 'Henry IV' Set

A "first" in University Theater history will have been achieved when "Henry IV," part I opens Dec. 5. This will be the first time for any production that the orchestra pit floor level will have been raised, creating a seven foot acting area in front of the foot-lights.

The set for "Henry IV" will be made of levels and will have burlap covered flats and risers. The raised level for the orchestra pit will also be used in the forthcoming production "Death of a Salesman", scheduled for winter term.

over the Eugene area, hunting for more Beavers. They found 50 OSC men in Seymour's cafe at 10th and Willamette. Before the angry Ducks could get inside the restaurant, Seymour's locked the doors, which were guarded by Eugene patrolmen. Students continued to mill about in front of the cafe, blocking downtown traffic. Patrolmen cleared the street enough to permit traffic to move.

When the OSC men refused to come out and the Oregon students were unable to get in, pickets appeared, bearing signs which said "Unfair to Oregon." Finally, through arbitration by the police, the "Staters" came out of the cafe to be thrown in the mill race and then led to Skinner's Butte to paint the "O".

### 'O' Painted

The painting of the "O" was the second stop for most of the OSC men. Enthusiastic Oregon students used three cases of yellow paint while sliding the Beavers down the sides of the "O" by the seat-of-the-pants method. One unfortunate incident reported by the Emerald was that some of the OSC men who were walked barefoot to the butte from the campus, cut their feet on broken glass.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon helped divert some student attention from the riot by holding an informal dance on the tennis court beside the house. About 1000 students attended the dance where some of the Beavers were made to sit on the piano and sing "Mighty Oregon" or get thrown in the mill race, according to the Emerald report.

### French Revolution

Classes for the most part were dismissed. However, one professor, Arthur Marder, refused to let out his history class. The Emerald said, "The discussion of the French revolution of 1830 went on with sound effects." It was also reported that the ROTC classes were dismissed with the advice to go out and get some practical experience in "war."

The Emerald went on to say, "OSC student leaders said that rioting was not their purpose in coming to Oregon, that they wished to have an informal get together with Oregon students for an all-around good time."

No action about the riot was taken by the State Board of Higher Education and University officials did not seem to be too displeased with the affair.

The Emerald quoted then University President Boyer as saying, "I am surprised that victory should mean so much to Oregon State that they should want to come over here to lord it over our students." As long as the least possible damage was done, we should be satisfied with our victory today, as any marching back over there is uncalled for."

Virgil Earl, dean of men, issued this statement about the incident, "I think the students of the University should be complimented on keeping their heads as long as they did. What developed later was unavoidable and occurred under very trying circumstances."

This "Great War" was the biggest clash between the two largest state schools. This Saturday, the traditional rivalry will be renewed on the football field of Portland's Multnomah stadium.

### Honorary Group To Hold Initiation

Beta Gamma Sigma, national business administration scholastic honorary will hold an initiation and dinner at the Student Union tonight. C. Ward Macy, head of the department of economics, will speak on "The Citizens' Stake in Government Finance."

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