

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

5000 Expected

by Anne Ritchey
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"More than 5000 alumni are expected for this year's Homecoming activities," Les Anderson, University alumni director, said Friday. Regular reunions for the classes of 1941, 42 and 43 will be held during the weekend, in addition to private gatherings of other classes, he said.

Regular annual reunions, organized under the Alumni Association, are held during Commencement week as one of the regular activities of the group. For the purpose of contacting alumni a permanent record of 35,000 alumni with permanent address files for 24,000 is kept in the alumni office in the Student Union.

The association, founded in 1880 by a group of twelve alumni, mostly from Eugene, was organized under Robert S. Bean of Portland as its first president.

Alumni Serve

Outstanding alumni who have served as president of the group include Homer Angell, congressman from Portland, who was president in 1906; Ernest Haycox, prominent author, president from 1946-48; Congressman Harris Ellsworth, president in 1942, and Edgar McClure, University chemistry professor for whom McClure hall was named, serving in 1890.

According to Anderson, the association "only existed" until 1919, when members decided to maintain a permanent alumni secretary. A woman, Charlie Fenton, first served in this capacity, also editing their official publication, Old Oregon. First edition of the magazine appeared in March, 1919, and its publication is still the responsibility of the alumni secretary, with Paul Deutschmann, professor of journalism, now serving as editor.

An example of the active role played by the group in matters affecting the University occurred in 1932, with the referral of the Zorn-McPherson bill to the people in that year's election.

Consolidation Proposed

The bill proposed to consolidate Oregon campus with Oregon State college, calling the new combination the Oregon State university. The education school would remain in Eugene, with all the other teachers' colleges moved here and junior colleges established in Ashland, Monmouth and LaGrande. Because of the opposition of the association, the bill was defeated by a 6-to-1 vote.

Now organized under an administrative body, consisting of a president and a twelve-member executive committee, the group maintains chapters throughout the state and in such places as Man-

ila, Honolulu, Dallas, Texas and New York City.

Four regularly-scheduled meetings are held annually, and supplementing the activities of this administrative group are the county directors, who direct all the local events sponsored by their members.

Separate from these are the alumni clubs, distributed throughout the nation, with the one local group located in Portland. Largest of these is the San Francisco club, with a membership of 18,000.

Separate Functions

Separate functioning committees of the total group include the Alumni Athletic committee, which makes recommendations of policy for the athletic program, and which, through the athletic booster clubs in each city, helps stimulate interest in the University's athletic program locally.

Now in the process of being organized is the Alumni Scholarship fund, which last year raised \$45,000, providing scholarships for 16 students. In a trial of concentrated local solicitation for the scholarship committee in Bend, \$13,000 was raised last year. Plans are now being made for similar concentrated efforts in twelve communities next fall.

Alumni educational tours are another of the activities sponsored by the Association, in which four of five faculty members visit a town to "bring the University to the alums" in short sessions.

Version Concentrated

A more concentrated version of the same type of meeting is the Portland Alumni institute, which consists of all-day sessions with an evening banquet featuring prominent national speakers.

The four alumni firesides, held winter term, are another project of the association. Another duty of the group is assisting the local clubs in social events, such as pre-game parties.

Administrative headquarters for Homecoming, the secretary's office works with students in planning all the week-end's events.

Prominent alumni-members are Gov. Len Jordan of Idaho and Oregon's Gov. Paul Patterson, who graduated in 1923. They were roommates here. Three of the four present Oregon congressmen are UO alums, as is Earl Latourette, chief justice of the state Supreme Court.

E. Palmer Hoyt, publisher of the Denver Post, is a member, as is William Murphy, who won the Nobel Prize in 1934 for research. Norman Van Brocklin, celebrated football player now with the Los Angeles Rams, was a '49 graduate, and Actor Edgar Buchanan is also a member of the association.

Record Ticket Sales Begin Theater Year

by Dave Sherman
Emerald Reporter

The record-shattering sale of over 2300 season tickets started the 1953-54 season for the University theater off with a bang. Ticket sales topped the 1952-53 figure by over 500, announced UT Business Manager Mrs. Gene Wiley.

The schedule for the current season includes six major productions, one a musical, and various bonus shows. The season opened last month when Philip King's farce comedy "See How They Run" opened under the direction of Horace W. Robinson, associate professor of speech.

A sample of Sean O'Casey's work will be seen in production number two, "Juno and the Paycock," which opens in two weeks on the theater main stage, under the direction of Frederick J. Hunter, instructor in speech.

The widely-talked about adult comedy by F. Hugh Herbert, "The Moon is Blue," will open the last of January in the arena theater under the direction of Robinson. The small-cast production has already gone into rehearsal and will have triple-cast leads.

Ottillie T. Seybolt's final production of UT will be Shakespeare's classic tragedy, "Richard II." It will open on the main stage the last of winter term. Production-wise, "Richard II" will be the biggest staging job UT has ever done, according to Howard L. Ramey, technical director.

The annual musical, this year under the direction of Hunter, will be the first production of spring term. "One Touch of Venus," by Ogden Nash and S. J. Perleman with music by Kurt Weill, will be presented on the main stage.

Title of the final UT production has not been announced. As is the policy of the theater,

there will also be some bonus productions for season ticket holders only. The first of these, a special performance of summer session's final production, "The Man," was given early fall term. Plans for "Theater Excitement" number six are underway to give theatergoers a special helping of both dramatic and comic numbers.

Two Elections at Illinois

There were two elections for Homecoming queen at the University of Illinois. All ballots cast in the first election were declared null and void because of a polling place mixup.

Contrary to the rules, misinformed judges allowed one vote for each identification card presented; some students presented large blocks of votes by getting several cards together. Since each student is entitled to only one vote, the who's election had to be run off a second time.

UO Singers Slate Banquet Concert

The University Singers will provide special entertainment at a banquet for the state board of higher education and University faculty members Friday night, in their first public appearance of the term.

The banquet will be held in the Student Union ballroom at 6:30 p. m., according to Les Anderson, alumni secretary. The meeting is the regular monthly session of the board, with meetings to be held at Johnson hall Friday and Saturday.

Three numbers will be presented by the Singers at the banquet, including "When Silence Falls," "Glory and Honour and Laud" and "Oh dear, What Can the Matter Be?" Clyde Kautzer, associate professor of music, will direct the group.

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Dads Day Set For January

Petitions for Dads Day general chairman have been called for by ASUO Pres. Tom Wrightson. Deadline for application has been set for Dec. 3 at 5 p. m. in the ASUO office, Student Union 304.

Dads Day weekend, the time set aside for fathers of Oregon students to visit the campus, is scheduled for January 23. The ASUO senate will appoint the chairman following interviews of candidates during their Dec. 3 meeting, Wrightson said.



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