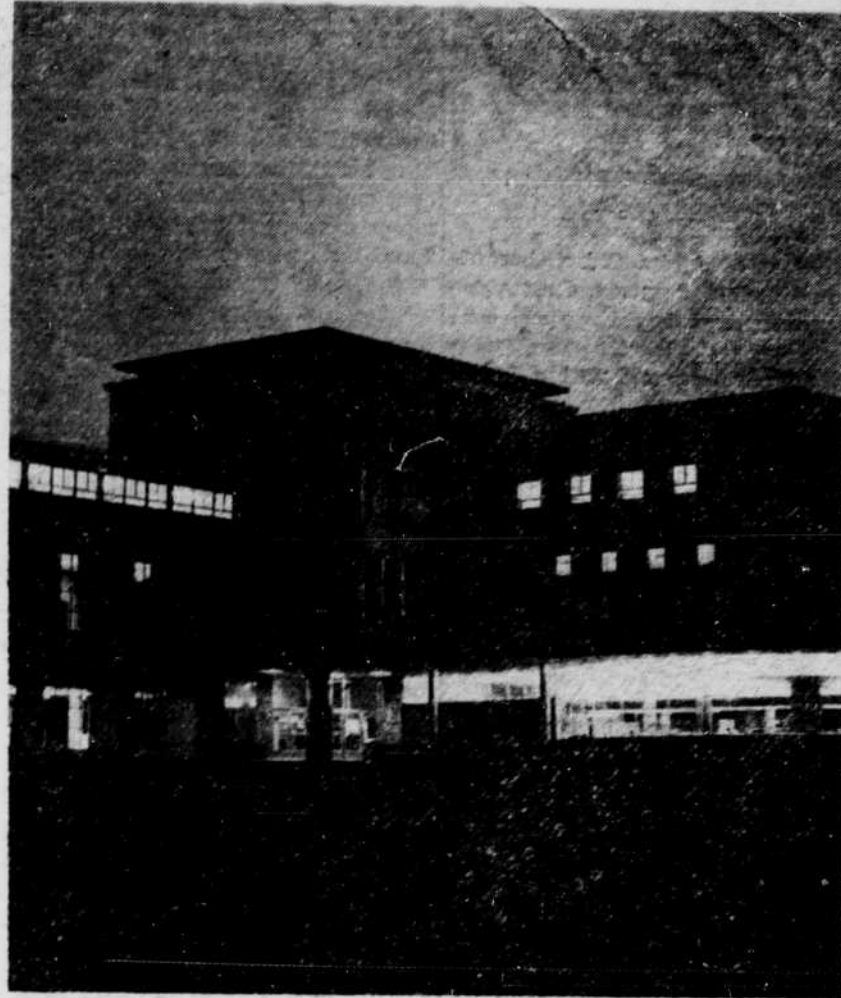
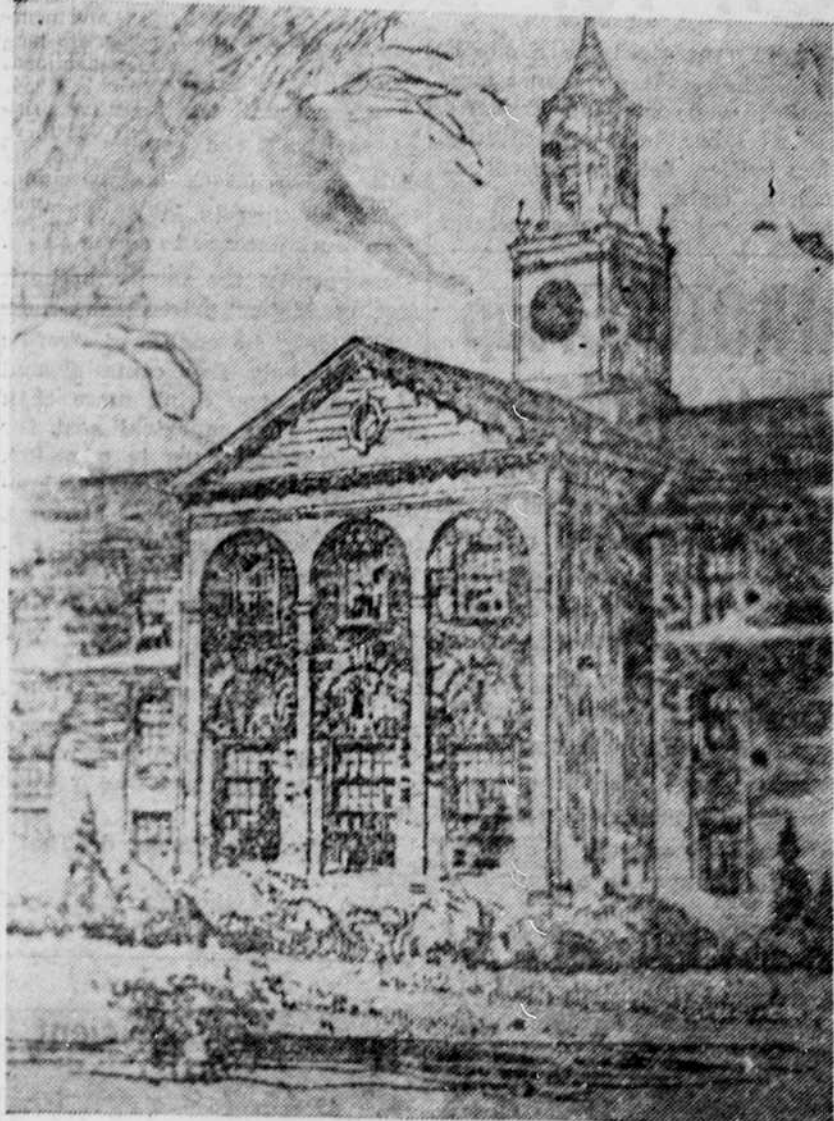


# The Emerald Looks Back



SU 1904? The Emerald files contained this picture to the left of a building labeled as the proposed Student Union in 1904. How the actual building looks today is shown above. The building opened in 1950. Newest addition to the structure will be the campus chimes to be installed by the end of winter term.

## Presidents In Review



DONALD M. ERB  
1938-43



HARRY K. NEWBURN  
1945-53



VICTOR P. MORRIS  
Acting President, 1953-54



O. MEREDITH WILSON  
1954—

OREGON has actually had five presidents in the years since 1938. Between the death of Dr. Erb, for whom the Student Union was named, and the appointment of Dr. Newburn, who resigned last spring, Orlando J. Hollis, dean of the law school, served as acting president.

# Emerald Celebrates Birthday

by Anne Ritchey  
Emerald Feature Editor

Fifty-four years ago today, the Oregon Daily Emerald was born. It was nothing like the paper we know now, full of campus news and features.

A copy of the first edition of the publication, known as the Oregon Weekly, is pictured on this page. It was the first newspaper to appear on campus, following several attempts at literary-magazine type papers.

When the University was first established a campus publication was not thought to be necessary, and the faculty and administration completely disapproved of the idea.

### Petition for Publication

But literary clubs soon began to spring up among the students, and one of these, the Laureen club, petitioned for the right to sponsor a publication, during the administration of University President Johnson.

The faculty had strict control over the first "magazine," the Reflector. It was started in 1891, and lasted almost four years. It contained such material as class and society features, personality sketches and excerpts from speeches.

The Reflector had no regular publication schedule, and its successor, the Bulletin, was a monthly. It, too, was under the direct influence of faculty and administration, and had a total life span of less than a year.

### Free Press Is Born

Actual birth of a "free press" at Oregon was in March, 1897, when the Oregon Monthly appeared. For the first time since the idea of a publication for the campus had been thought of, the students had a voice in determining that paper's policies.

After abandoning the idea of a literary magazine the Emerald from time to time did print student literary efforts. In 1922, when the late Ernest Haycox, father of Jim Haycox, who was editor last spring, was editor, a Sunday edition was published, containing student work.

Again in 1927 literature was given a place in the ranks of the news stories, and another Sunday literary supplement, the Oregon Spirit, appeared.

### Size, Pages Vary

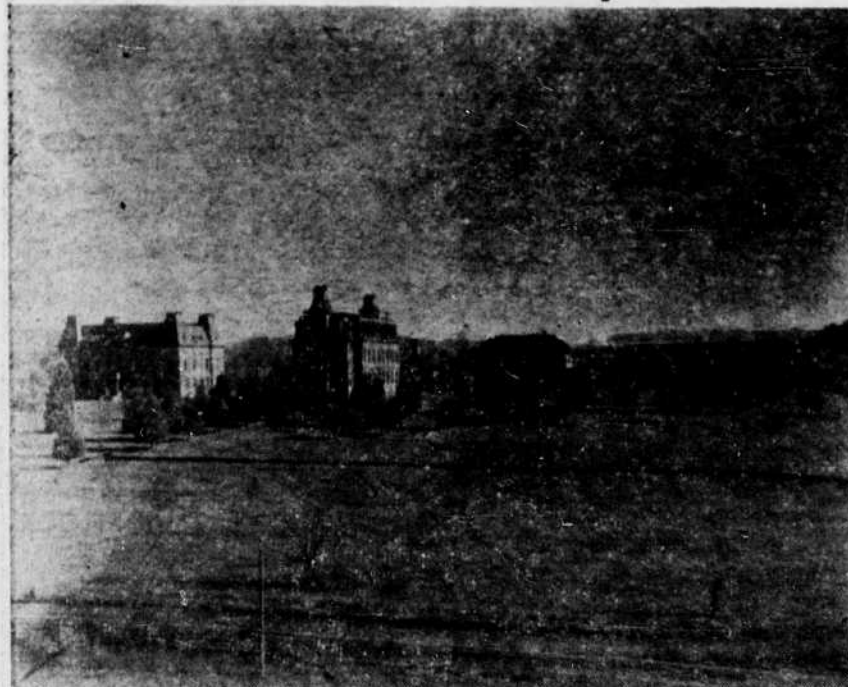
Size and number of pages varied through the years, as has time of publication. In 1912 the Emerald was five columns wide, and was publishing three times weekly. It was still this size in 1920, when it became a daily for the first time.

The paper was eight columns wide in 1929, and in 1941 the familiar five-column page was made permanent. For a long time there were eight pages published every morning, until last April 13, when rising printing costs forced the daily four pages, appearing in the morning, with occasional eight-and-sixteen-page issues for special events.



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## The 'Old' Old Campus



VILLARD AND DEADY halls in the old days. We're not sure just when this picture was taken, but it was during the early days of the University after the turn of the century. Of the other buildings in the picture, only the two mentioned are still standing and although they have been altered and remodeled, they still have their characteristic appearances.