

Past Year Boasts Parade of Events

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The year 1954 is past and the top news stories of the year have been clipped and filed for future reference, but many of the top stories of the year are worth recalling before they are lost in the swirl of 1955 events.

The past year was a good one for the Oregon Daily Emerald, not only in expanded news coverage, but also in the partial solution of some long-standing production problems.

For the first time since the winter of 1952-53, the Emerald published an eight-page edition weekly during the spring and fall of 1954. The financial problem was solved to the point that the Friday eight-pager became a regular feature of the Emerald.

Fall term saw expanded picture coverage in the Emerald. Installation of a plastic engraver at the Springfield News enabled the Emerald to pictorially cover events more rapidly. Examples of such coverage were the picture page following Homecoming Weekend and the photo coverage of the impromptu victory rally after the Oregon State football game.

Following are some of the stories that made campus news during 1954, listed with no attempt to rank them according to importance.

1. ASUO Elections: Collecting 998 of 1841 votes cast, Associated Greek Students Candidate Bob Summers was elected student body president. Hollis Ransom, United Independent Students' candidate, was elected vice-president with 763 votes. AGS captured the four class presidencies in addition to Summers' decisive victory.

2. Sports: Three championships in spring sports and the end of Oregon State's five-year football victory string over Oregon were the outstanding

sports headlines of 1954 in the Emerald. The Ducks won the Northern Division baseball, track and golf championships in the spring. Bill Deilinger, crack Duck miler, went on to win an NCAA championship in his track event. Led by George Shaw, the nation's total offense champion, the Ducks finally beat Oregon State, 33-14 to highlight the 1954 football season. Shaw,



BOB SUMMERS
998 votes...

Guard Jack Patera, and Center Ron Pheister were selected for the Shrine East-West classic in San Francisco Jan. 1.

3. Campus politics: The ASUO entertainment commission, the all-campus primary, and the ever-present Millrace were all prominent issues in 1954 campus politics. The establishment of the ASUO entertainment commission after protests by Portland high schools about the "sophisticated" entertainment provided by Oregon and OSC exchange assemblies was a major political

issue. Just a year after its establishment, the all-campus primary also came under fire. AGS urged a return to the closed primary elections of the past. Meetings with the city officials and discussions among student groups, primarily the ASUO senate, attempted to find a solution for the problem of the Millrace, but as 1954 ended, the 'Race was still a standing mudhole and a far-cry from the stream which had been an important part of the Oregon tradition.

4. Death of Students: Emerald headlines and news coverage reflected the tragedy of campus life along with the brighter day—today happenings on the campus. Three Oregon students died in accidents during 1954—Doyle Higdon, Kenneth Sweitzer and Donald Lewis. Higdon was killed by a dynamite explosion during the summer while working in the woods near Cottage Grove. Lewis and four other employees of the Larson construction company of Astoria were drowned Aug. 20 when their tugboat sank below Bonneville dam. Sweitzer, a 1953 all-coast selection as a football guard, was fatally shot while hunting with several members of the 1954 football team.

5. Buildings: University expansion continued at a fast rate during 1954 with the opening of Eric W. Allen hall, the new \$675,000 home of the school of journalism, and the remodeling of McArthur court at a cost of \$250,000. One of the old Vets' dormitories was torn down after being branded "firetraps" by the fire marshal. Construction was begun on the \$1,250,000 men's dormitory, Virgil D. Earl hall. Plans for extensive further remodeling were approved by the state board of higher education during the fall.

6. Charter Day: The University observed Charter day for the first time in its history Oct. 19. Featured was the inauguration of O. Meredith Wilson as the ninth president of the University. Several distinguished guest speakers addressed students, faculty members and 300-odd representatives who came from colleges and universities throughout the United States for the event.

7. Dick Williams: Richard (Dick) Williams, who had served the Student Union as director since before its official opening in 1950, resigned early in the year. A. L. "SI" Ellingson, counselor for men, was named Student Union director during the summer, and assumed his new duties at the beginning of Fall term.

8. Waldo: Waldo, the large black and white dog who served as the Theta Chi mascot for three years, left Oregon to go to Washington State college when his escapades began to get out of hand. The past football season marked the first in four years that the tree-climbing, squirrel-chasing Waldo had not been on the field for at least one home game.

9. The Jensen Case: The campus news story which was probably the most controversial and widely-discussed was the confusing story of John Jensen's appointment and subsequent resignation as director of the University exchange assembly. More heat than light came from the story from beginning to end. A misunderstanding, some beneath-the-surface-politics and varied interpretations of good taste appeared to be at the roots of the entire story.

These weren't all of the big Emerald stories for 1954, but they were among the top ones.

Many outstanding speakers came to the University: Sena-

tor Wayne Morse, former dean of the law school and one of the most controversial figures in Washington; Douglas McKay, former governor of Oregon now serving as secretary of the interior; Julian Huxley, noted British biologist, and Zechariah Chaffee, Harvard law professor, to mention only a few of the visitors.

The first important change in the deferred living plan occur-



HOLLIS RANSOM
...to 763 votes

red when a plan was approved to permit Eugene freshmen to live in fraternity houses spring term if they had made their grades the previous term. The state board of higher education set a precedent when it approved a \$22,000 loan to Lambda Chi Alpha, and steps were taken by the University to offer financial aid to living organizations in other financial areas. Both men's and women's rushing attracted more freshmen than in any recent years.

The "blastproof" Oregon "O" on Skinner's Butte was slightly damaged fall term when vandals set the wooden structure afire.

More excitement occurred when a shotgun was accidentally discharged in Gamma hall, burning Birger Brandt, sophomore in pre-med. Rolfe P. Lun-

gren, the wielder of the weapon, was suspended from the University indefinitely.

Several events of worldwide and national importance were covered by the Oregon Daily Emerald. Conflicting publication time and wire service made extensive timely coverage of off-campus events practically impossible.

Two big stories covered by the Emerald were the heated Oregon race for the United States senate and the death of Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky.

Langlie Gets Power Post

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Gov. Arthur B. Langlie of Washington State has been selected "at least temporarily" as chairman of the Northwest Governors' Power Policy committee, outgoing chairman Len Jordan said Monday.

Jordan has completed his term as governor of Idaho and will leave shortly for Washington to assume the chairmanship of the International Joint commission.

He said Langlie would call a meeting of the committee "as soon as the administrative and legislative duties of the governors permit."

In a letter to members of the committee Jordan said, "I wish to express my deep appreciation of the help and support I have received... It is my hope you will give the new chairman the wholehearted support you have given me."

Language Professor Attends Annual Meet

Chandler Beall, professor of romance languages, was a delegate to the annual meeting of the Modern Language association in New York during vacation.

While in New York he conferred with the staff of Comparative Literature, scholarly literary journal. Beall is editor of the publication.

Greeted Alums



HONOR ROLL grades and beauty too are attributes of Ann Erickson, who was queen of the 1954 Homecoming weekend. A native of Eugene, Miss Erickson also has been active in YWCA.

Ruled Weekend



JANET WICK reigned as Junior Weekend queen last spring. Active on campus, she is AWS president, a member of Mortar Board and is on the student affairs student-faculty committee. She is a Pi Beta Phi.