

Action to establish UO began in 1850

Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of weekly columns exploring the various areas of student government and the history and development of student activities.

Captioned "This is Your University," the purpose of the article is to present the history and development of Oregon from its inception up to the present day. The articles will be brief, informative pieces, avoiding long series of dates, names and other listings.

The committee heading the Emerald Projects section is a sub-committee of the Executive Committee on Student Government. They will get their information from old Emerald files, the Library, alumni records, even the dusty attic of Johnson Hall. "History of the University of Oregon," by Henry D. Sheldon, will be a basic source of material.

By ROMELLE FOSSEN
Emerald Projects Chairman

The University of Oregon held its first classes in 1876 after some twenty-six years of discussion, planning and preparation. The first action taken to establish a University in Oregon was the Donation Land act of 1850, by which Congress granted the customary two townships to the Oregon territory for a state university.

No real demand

Although there was no real demand for a state university at the time, an attempt was made to found one during the early fifties. In 1851 Marysville, now Corvallis, was chosen as the lo-

cation for the university. A year later the school was relocated at Jacksonville in Southern Oregon. In 1853, the legislature repealed this act and decided that the university would not be relocated at that session.

At the state constitutional of 1857 the advisability of establishing a state university was again discussed. Those opposed to the plan were in the majority. They argued that state universities were usually controlled by some religious denomination, and that Oregon already had enough denominational colleges to supply all the needs of the people. It was voted at the convention to strike out the clause providing for a state university.

Interest revived

In the early seventies there was a revival of interest in the state university endowment. Thomas Franklin Campbell, president of Christian College in Monmouth, made a speech at Eugene asking the people to support, in the legislature, his attempt to annex the university endowment to the Christian College. The citizens of Eugene immediately recognized the opportunity to establish a state university in their own town.

When the legislature met in the fall of 1872 a delegation from Lane County was there with a bill to establish a state university at Eugene. The bill was passed and the governor appointed the first board of regents: Matthew P. Deady, L. L. McArthur, R. S. Strahan, J. M. Thompson, T. G. Henricks, George Humphrey, Joshua J. Walton, William Scott, and B. F. Dorris.

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Local news in brief

Students jailed

EUGENE (P)—Judge John L. Barber Jr. of Eugene Municipal Court sentenced four University students to three hours in jail Friday night. They were fined \$25.

Police picked up the quartet early Friday with a case of beer in the back seat of their car. They told the court that they planned to drink the beer during Friday night's Homecoming bonfire rally.

Their sentence was served while the bonfire was being held.

OSC carries torch

CORVALLIS (P)—A relay of Oregon State College freshmen are carrying a torch from here to Eugene for the Oregon-Oregon State football game.

Fifty students are taking part in the relay over the old road to Eugene. The relay began at 6 a.m. this morning, and will cover a total of 44.2 miles.

When the torch is carried into Hayward Field, it will be lighted as a victory symbol.

Groundbreaking set

EUGENE (P)—Ground-breaking ceremonies are being held this morning by Beta chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon for a new fraternity home at the University.

A. P. DiBenedetto of Portland, president of the Beta alumni chapter, will turn the first shovelful of dirt.

Bill Rutherford, fraternity president, estimated that the cost of the new house will be close to \$160,000. Completion is planned by the start of the fall term next September.

Flu rate rises

PORTLAND (P)—The incidence of influenza continues to rise at a record rate in Oregon, the state Board of Health reported Friday.

There were 430 new flu cases reported in the seven-day period that ended last Saturday.

That represented a slight increase over the 416 cases reported in the preceding week.

The new cases pushed the year's total number of flu cases to date to a record 53,468.

Weekend events continue

Duck-Beaver kickoff at 1:30

By LARRY KURTZ
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In just a little while, the annual 2½-hour long "Civil War" will begin on Hayward Field, and more than 20,000 fans will watch Oregon State's underdog Beavers attempt to upset Len Casanova's high-flying Oregon Webfoots, losers of only one game all season.

Outcome a 'toss-up'

Past performances go out the window for this one, and both squads enter the game undefeated. That's the way it has to be anytime the Beavers and Ducks meet, because the "War" never runs parallel with season-long efforts.

But it doesn't hurt to analyze the overall situations of both teams, and that's what we'll do here.

Oregon, with an 8-1 mark, still stands a chance (slim though it may be) of getting the Pacific Coast Rose Bowl nomination. That's the most significant possibility surrounding today's game.

Beavers tough

But they'll have to beat the Beavers to get it.

And that isn't all. Front-running Washington must lose to Washington State, too, or it's all over except for the happiness in Seattle. The Huskies have a rugged team, a team that edged Oregon, 13-12, in a game that Webfoot fans don't like to talk about. They'd make a good Rose Bowl representative.

But Oregon still has a chance, and the Ducks will be giving it all they've got this afternoon. They know, however, that they can't afford to underestimate the Staters.

Webfoots rally

The Webfoots have come from behind six different times to win, and just missed on one other occasion. That fact, in itself, gives about as good an overall picture of Oregon football, 1959, as any detailed essay on team spirit, will to win, etc. could, so let it go at that.

The outstanding quarterback play of Dave Grosz has been a key; so has the hard running of fullbacks Dave Powell and Harry Needham, and the play of such all-around standouts as Al-

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Class convocation slated by juniors

The junior class will hold its first convocation of the year Tuesday from 7-8 p.m. in the Dads' Lounge of the Student Union.

President O. Meredith Wilson and his wife will be guests. Wilson will give a short talk before meeting with the class informally.

A business meeting will also be held, at which time the Canoe Fete will be discussed. Steve Schell, junior class president, urged all members of the junior class to attend.



BETSY LEE

Betsy Lee chosen queen of Weekend

Betsy Lee, a pert junior from Hawaii, was crowned Homecoming queen at the Varsity show Friday night.

A 5'6" Delta Zeta majoring in interior design, Miss Lee is the latest addition to the Homecoming royalty stretching back to 1914.

She will reign over Homecoming events today with her court—princesses Kay Brunn, Pi Beta Phi; Marilyn Mahle, Gamma Phi Beta; Irene Street, Alpha Phi; and Marsha Edge, Alpha Chi Omega.

Hawaii born

The dark-haired queen came to the University from Punahou, one of the oldest college prep schools west of the Rocky Mountains. She has an older sister who is currently attending Radcliff College

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Frost predicts record turnout

By MARY JO STEWART
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An estimated five to ten thousand alumni are expected for today's Homecoming events, according to Jim Frost, alumni director.

"This figure represents pure alumni, exclusive of spouses. It is probably the largest number ever to return for a Homecoming," Frost said.

Alumni registration for Karl Onthank Day began this morning at 8 a.m. Open house in University schools and departments will start at 9:30 a.m. and an alumni-faculty coffee hour will be held in the SU Browsing Room at 10:30.

Ceremony at seal

The freshman class officers, headed by President Steve Hintz will officiate at the traditional scrubbing of the seal, also at 10:30.

The annual Homecoming luncheon will be held in the SU Ballroom. Campus honoraries will be serving as hostesses at the meal, which begins at 11:30.

Pre-game activities at 1:30 p.m. will include introductions of the Homecoming court and "Puddles," Oregon's duck mascot. Karl Onthank, long-time University supporter, will be honored during the half-time festivities.

Onthank reception set

Onthank will also be recognized at an alumni reception following the game in John Straub Hall at 4:15. Open house at living organizations will begin at 5:30.

A half-hour recording of pep talks given by Bill Hayward in 1947, will be the highlight of the 1919 Rose Bowl team's reunion at 6:30 in the Eugene Hotel.

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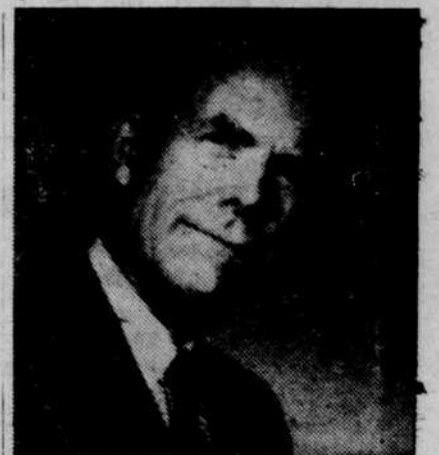
Karl Onthank honored by University today

By BARBARA KAY FRASER
Emerald Staff Writer

Karl William Onthank steamed into Eugene by train in the fall of 1909. Now, a half-century later he is being honored with a Karl Onthank day, November 21 — Homecoming weekend. This day will be devoted to a man who has contributed mightily to the prestige and growth of the University of Oregon; a University which he has served both as a student and an administrator.

Faculty Club residence

Fifty years ago this fall, when Karl Onthank enrolled as a freshman in engineering, the second story of Friendly hall was "at that time the men's dorm, with classrooms, offices and a library downstairs." The once green freshman lived on a campus consisting of the original Deady and Villard halls; Fenton, then a library; a men's gymnasium; and McClure hall, the engineering building (now a part of Lawrence hall).



KARL ONTHANK
In the spotlight...

Collier Hall, now the Faculty club, was the home of President Prince Campbell and his family. Twenty-five to 30 girls resided in Mary Speller hall, and the Kincaid athletic field was located in the vicinity of the Library quadrangle.

His early college days coincided with a period of fraternity growth

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