

The University inaugurates its 13th president



'There's a lot to be said for having a gathering with some circumstance...sort of as a declaration to the world that we're alive and well and flourishing and that we're not going to let all our troubles get us down.'

—Pres. Paul Olum

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On Sunday, Paul Olum will be officially inaugurated as the 13th president of the University, although there have been only five presidential inauguration ceremonies in the school's history.

Some presidents have opted to forego the pomp and circumstance of a full-blown ceremony and were simply "installed," while others marked the start of their academic reign by a ceremony filled with optimistic speeches, visiting dignitaries and impressive inaugural banquets.

The first presidential inauguration was held in Villard Hall on Sept. 18, 1893 to install Charles H. Chapman, the University's second president in the college's 18 years of existence.

A few speeches and a musical performance by a violin, organ and piano trio marked the arrival of the new president — a John Hopkins scholar who had "come so many miles to be in our midst as our guide in the path of knowledge," according to a

student reporter for the University's first publication, The Reflector.

The 1926 inauguration of Arnold Bennett Hall — one of the most impressive shows of pageantry in the University's history — also marked the celebration of the semi-Centennial of the University.

Thousands of people — including 22 university presidents and delegates from 170 universities — filled the grandstand at Hayward Field to watch the faculty procession in the "colorful and academically impressive" event. An inaugural banquet, symposiums, dedications, memorials and homecoming followed the inauguration.

With slightly less pageantry but just as much pomp, Olum's inauguration will take place at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Old Campus Quadrangle near Deady and Villard halls.

The inauguration will be a ceremony of the old and the new. Professors, deans and administrators will appear in the full regalia of their alma maters, donning robes and hoods usually worn only at graduation ceremonies.

In addition, school and college repre-

sentatives will carry in newly designed banners representing each discipline and English Prof. Edwin Coleman III will carry in the University's new mace, a traditional symbol of authority (see story Page 12).

Former University Pres. Bill Boyd will make inaugural remarks. Boyd was Pres. Olum's first and only choice for inaugural speaker. Attorney General Dave Frohnmayer will bring greetings on behalf of the people of Oregon. Participating in the investiture will be Chancellor Roy Lieuallen and Edward Harms, president of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education.

Joining the University faculty in the academic procession will be delegates representing Oregon colleges and universities, Pacific 10 Conference schools and Association of American University institutions. Carrying the banner with the University seal will be ASUO Pres. Rich Wilkins.

The public is invited to both the inauguration and the inaugural reception, which will be held at the Museum of Art. For details and times of other inaugural events, see story on Page 12.