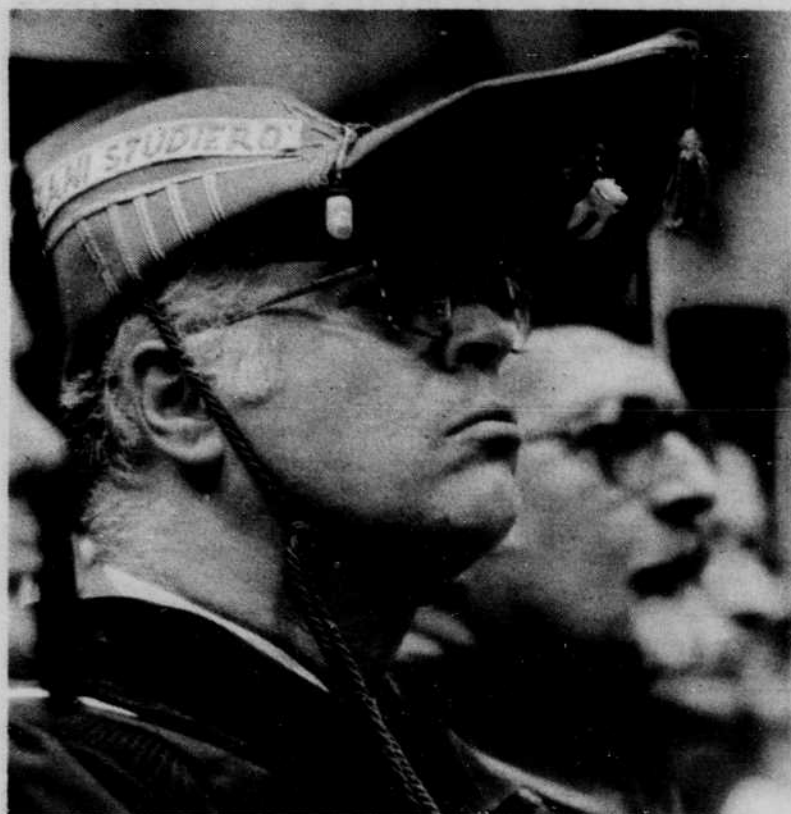
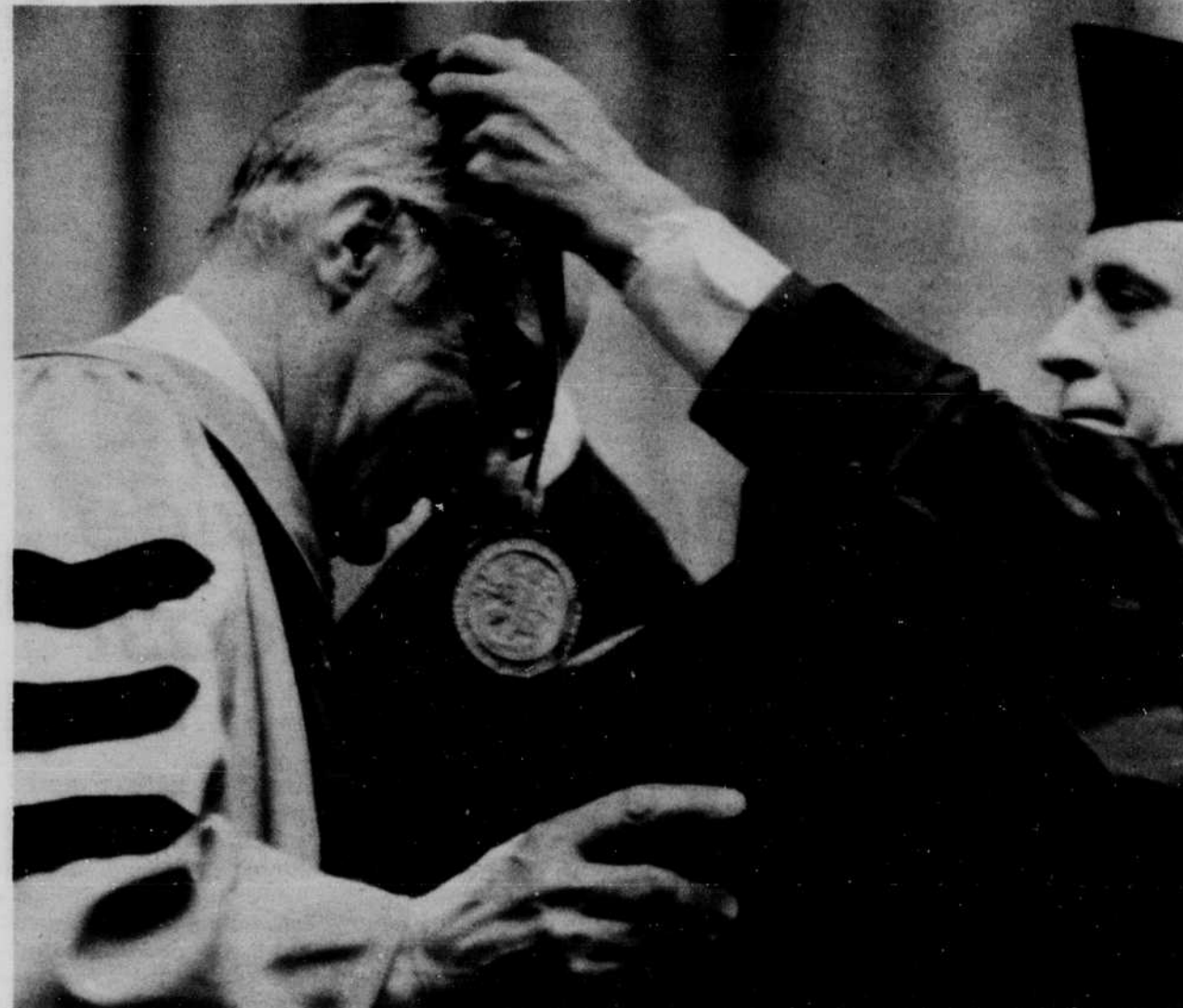




Above: Faculty turned out in full academic regalia.
Above, Right: Olum had misgivings about such a celebration in these grim times.
Right: Olum says he is "honored and pleased" to be the fifth University president to be invested.
Top, next page: Olum proudly sports the presidential medallion.
Bottom, next page: The audience held fewer students than anticipated.



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Faculty must watch over the quality of education

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According to a panel of higher education experts, the burden of maintaining quality universities during the 1980s will be placed on faculties.

"It is a folly to think that budgets can be cut without a drop in quality," said Dr. Harold Enarson, president emeritus of Ohio State University. "The faculty must become the custodians of quality."

Enarson was the keynote speaker at the symposium Saturday about universities in the 1980s. The symposium was one of the events surrounding the inauguration of Pres. Olum.

Enarson said few occupations are as sheltered from criticism as are tenured faculty, but in times of budget crunches and declining student enrollments, professors shouldn't be complacent. It is their challenge to reshape curricula and strive for quality, he said.

"The worst possible thing that can happen is to be totally emersed in budget cuts and not create."

"Cynicism has been contagious among faculties recently," he added. "Hope and commitment need to be just as contagious."

A point stressed by the panel was the need for

a resurgence of liberal arts curricula. Former University president Bill Boyd said it is essential to bring back the humanities as a way to cope with the feeling of futility and alienation among youth.

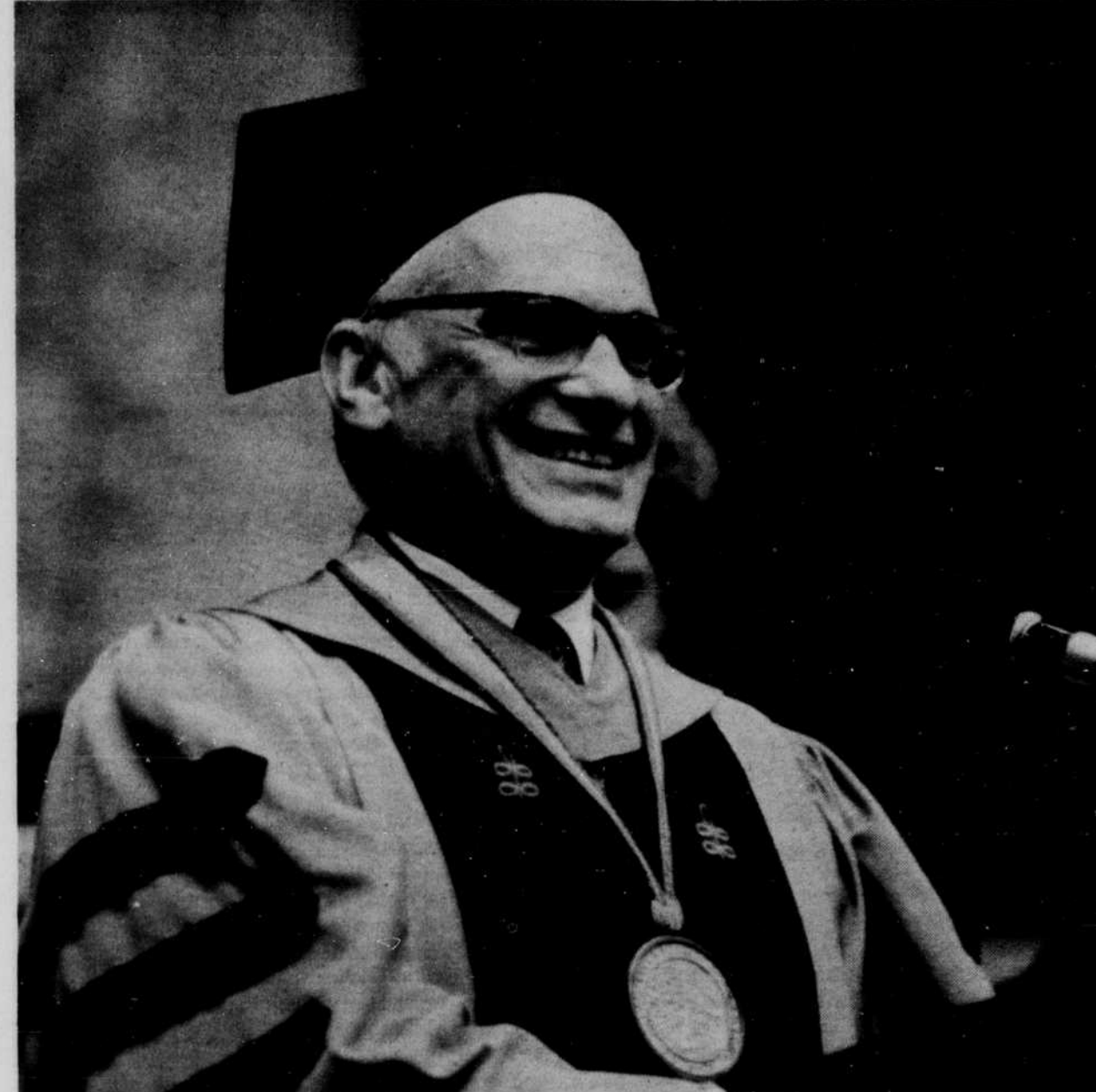
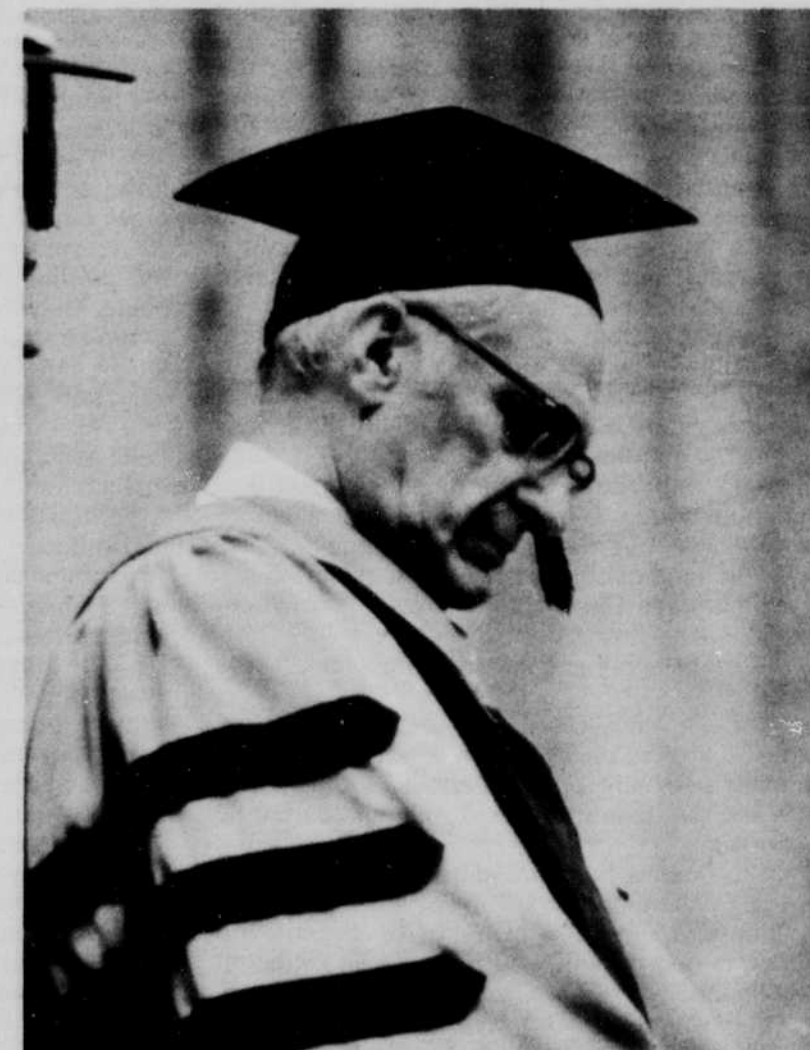
"The anonymity of youth should be the first concern of universities in the 1980s," Boyd said. "A significant part of this will be to bring back the humanities."

Boyd said universities also need to take serious steps to change the plight of elementary and secondary education. He said the quality of teachers turned out by the universities must be upgraded.

"We should give renewed attention to the preparation of teachers," he said. "There have been three national studies on secondary education in recent years and they all point to grave problems."

Enarson backed Boyd's statement, emphasizing "it's impossible to have a strong university that does not rest on a strong public education system."

Enarson added that universities are too isolated and that they should become "critics of social order." At present there are few ways to address social and political issues at universities, he said, "only demonstrations, which are met with either indifference or violence."



Olum invested Sunday

More than 60 college and university delegates joined University faculty, community members and a handful of students at the inauguration of the University's 13th president Sunday afternoon.

Chancellor Roy Lieuallen and Ed Harms, president of the State Board of Higher Education, conducted the investiture of Paul Olum, held in MacArthur Court because of Saturday's rain.

Harms placed the president's centennial medallion around Olum's neck, symbolically placing upon his shoulders the responsibility for upholding the University's authority and goals.

The medallion was commissioned in 1975 to be worn by University presidents as a badge of office.

The inaugural ceremony took place six months after the State Board of Higher Education selected Olum to replace William Boyd as the University's president. Olum had been acting president since June 1980.

Olum is the fifth of 13 University presidents to be formally invested, in spite of his earlier misgivings about staging the inauguration during such a financially "grim" year.

But the inaugural speakers cast off pessimism as they praised the University's new president.

Representing the state of Oregon, Attorney General Dave Frohnmayer called Olum a man of "honor and integrity."

Frohnmayer, a former University law professor, said Oregonians "profoundly hope (Olum) will lead with dignity and distinction."

Former University Pres. William Boyd, Olum's choice to deliver inaugural remarks, expressed confidence in the ability of his former colleague to advance the University's quality in spite of financial restraints.

"Paul Olum fought for higher quality when he was provost, and he will continue, from a broader foundation, to fight for higher quality as president," Boyd said.

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