

Collier House marks centennial with traditional strawberry cake

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The second-oldest building on campus will celebrate its 100th birthday Saturday with a strawberry birthday cake and biographical sketches of its founders.

The Collier House, better known as the Faculty Club, has been home to University professors and presidents and has even housed male bachelor faculty members since it was built in 1886.

Built by physics Professor George Collier, the house was host to the first Junior Class Strawberry Supper about a month after it was completed. Today it is a restaurant and public meeting room.

Faculty Club President Charles Thurber said the strawberry cake planned for Saturday will be eaten in honor of the Junior Class Strawberry Supper, the first public event held in Collier House.

Two descendants of George and Sybel Collier, Eleanor Ehlers of Klamath Falls and Dr. Robert Collier of Bellingham, Wash., have been invited to cut the first slice, Thurber said.

After visitors are served coffee and punch at 9:45 a.m., biographical sketches of the Colliers, who lived in the house for 10 years, will be presented by history Professor Alan Winkler and Barbara Mossberg, acting dean of the Graduate School. Winkler and Mossberg are also co-directors of the University's American Studies program.

Guided tours of the house will run from 10-2 p.m. University architecture Professor Michael Schellenbarger and graduate students in historic preservation will lead the tours. Written guides prepared by Schellenbarger will also be available for those who wish to take self-guided tours.

When the University purchased the house from the Collier family in 1895, it was the only building on campus besides Deady and Villard Halls, said University Archivist Keith Richard. For about \$500, eight acres of land stretching from the edge of Johnson Hall to Pioneer Cemetery became University property, Richard said.

The house was remodeled and the second floor became home to Charles Chapman, the University's second president. The first floor served as the library.

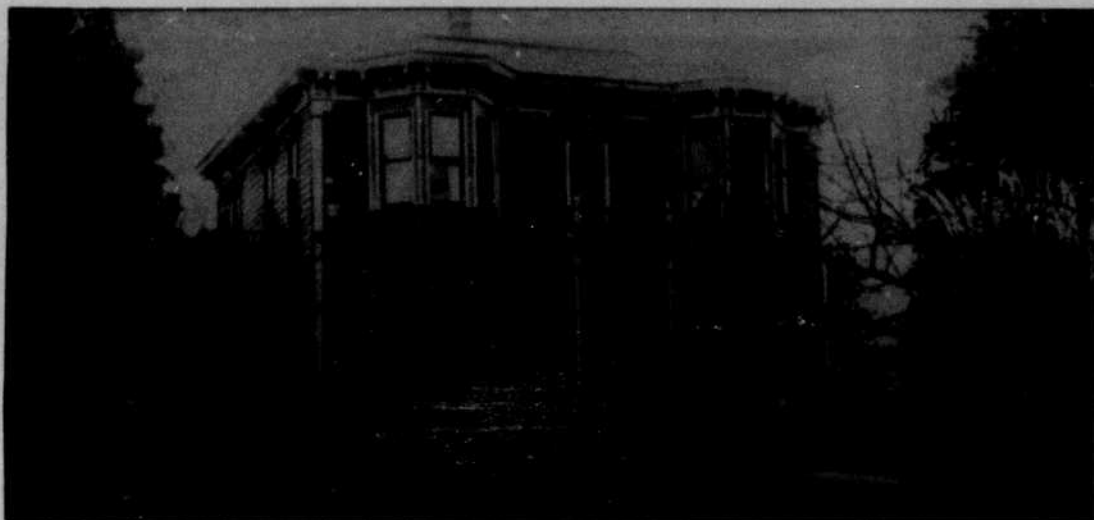
For the next 45 years, Collier House was home for two state chancellors of higher education and five University presidents, including Prince Lucien Campbell and Donald Erb.

After a chancellor's house was donated to the University, the Faculty Club began renting the Collier House from the University for about \$150 per month. The second floor was renovated, and bachelor faculty members rented rooms until the 1960s.

Romance languages Professor Jack Powers lived in the Collier House for four years. Powers remembers the experience as "very pleasant and inexpensive." Rent was \$25 per month, he said. "The house had one of the largest bathtubs I've ever seen, but it had to be removed," Powers said.

In preparation for Saturday's celebration, a major restoration of the original rooms on the ground floor was completed last October, Thurber said. New archways and historic trim were carefully reconstructed and new oak flooring was laid.

The Faculty Club is open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays and features new art shows each month. Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Collier House, shown here at the turn of the century, is celebrating its 100th birthday Saturday. Courtesy Photo

Student group holds event to help the nation's hungry

In conjunction with USA for Africa's "Hands Across America" event, in which 6 million people are expected to join hands from Los Angeles to New York City, the Student University Relations Council is sponsoring "Hands Around the Campus." Both events are designed to raise money to fight domestic hunger.

University students, staff and members of the community will join hands around the block that contains the EMU Sunday at 2 p.m. Anyone can participate.

For the national event, SURC is sponsoring a banner-signing. For a donation, people can trace their hands on a banner to be held along the national chain May 25. The banner has been signed by University President Paul Olum, U.S. Sen. Bob Packwood, Lane County Commissioner Peter DeFazio and state Rep. Mary Burrows. Signing will continue through 4 p.m. today with an additional session Sunday from 1-3 p.m.

Money is being raised both locally and nationally through donations from participants and others. Celebrities involved in the national event include chairpersons Kenny Rogers, Bill Cosby, Lily Tomlin and Pete Rose. The chain will wind through cities including Phoenix, Albuquerque, St. Louis and Washington D.C. before ending in New York City.

"There was a rumor that there would be a chain stretching from the Canadian border through Eugene and then connecting with the chain in Los Angeles," said Eugene resident Mary Carter, who along with roommate Judy Francis, will participate in the national event.

"I really like being part of a humanistic cause, joining with other people to make a difference. It's a dream. Hopefully, the fund raiser will make a large dent in the hunger problem," she said.

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MEETINGS

The Malaysian Students Organization will meet today at 4 p.m. in Room 101 EMU to hold its general elections.

LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Carolyn Kizer will give a free poetry reading tonight at 8 p.m. in Room 138 Gilbert Hall.

The Eugene Natural History Society will feature Art McKee, who will speak on "Ecology is Alive and Well at Andrews Experimental Forest" tonight at 8 p.m. in Room 123 Science I.

INTERVIEWS

Submit bids for campus interviews on Monday through Wednesday in Room 244 Hendricks Hall for the following recruiters:

May 20: Coos County Education Service District (speech pathologist; TMR; school psychologist; Learning Disability Resource; visually handicapped); Upjohn Company (pharmaceutical sales rep), group meeting, 7-8 p.m. May 19 in Century Room A EMU.

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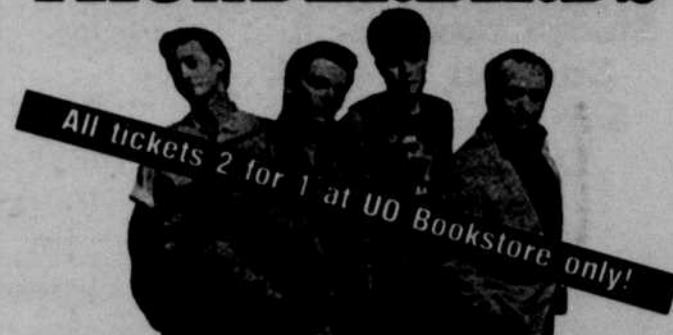


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