

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON GRADUATION

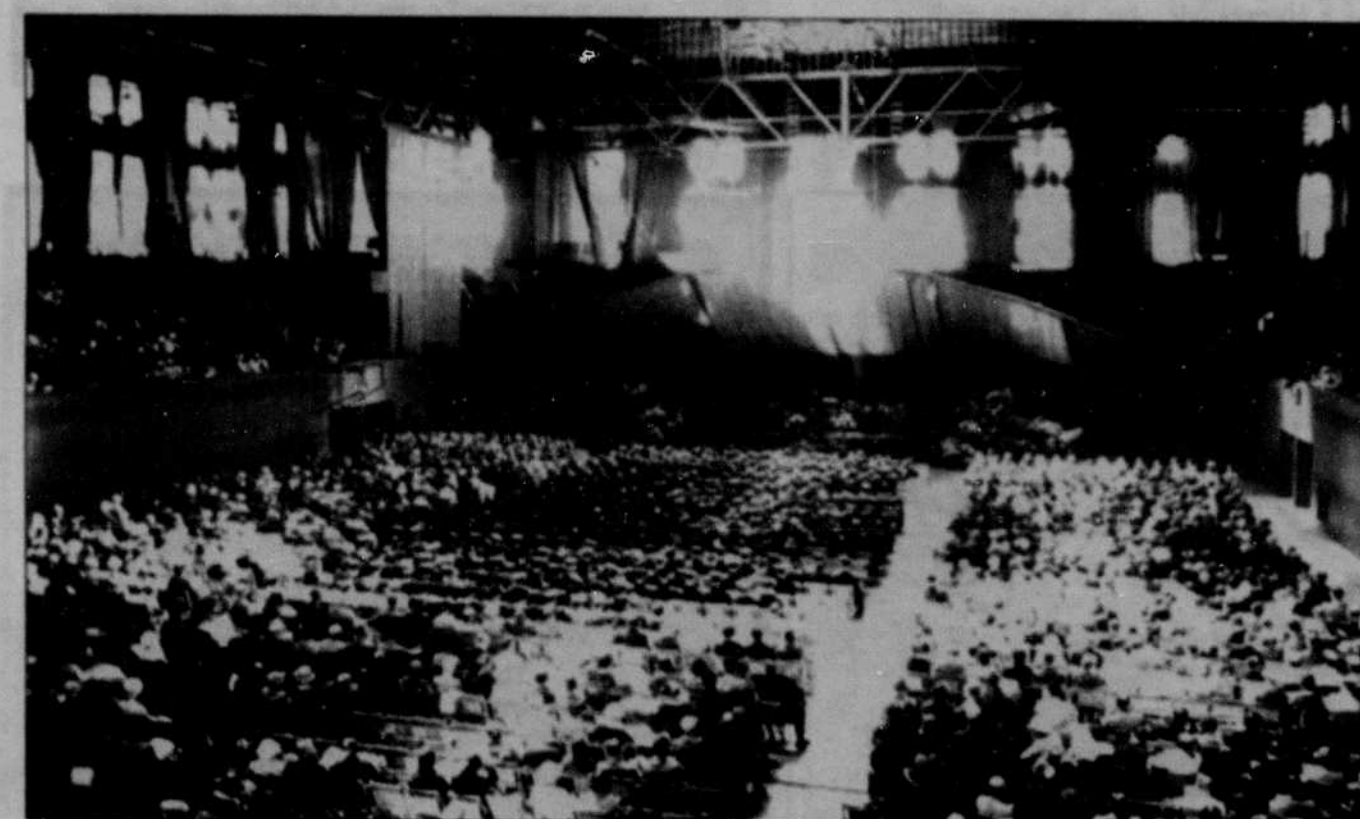
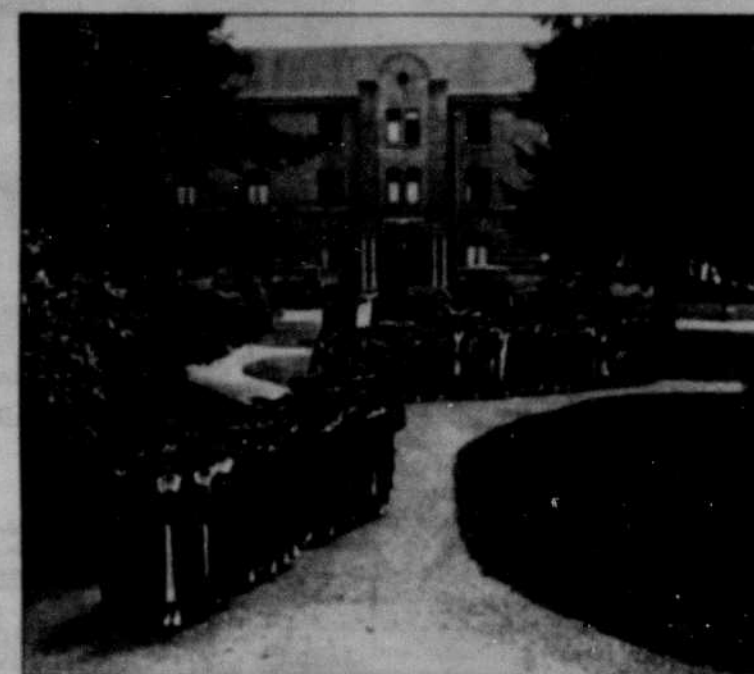
A Degree of Confidence

1996

FROM THE PAST



Top left: A procession of female graduates from the 1930s. Top right: The Flower and Fern ceremony during the 1970s. Middle: The class of 1921 parading in front of Friendly Hall. Bottom: Commencement held in Mac Court in June 1933.



photos courtesy of the UO Archives

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Hayward Field

LOOKING BACK

The first commencement at the University took place in June 1878. At that small ceremony, 5 men and women graduated from this young institution.

A popular graduation event was begun by Dr. "Luella Clay" Carson. This annual tradition became known as the *Flower and Fern Procession*. Beginning near the historic center of campus, a group of graduates would proceed around campus singing. They collected bouquets of ferns and flowers before the ceremony, and would deposit them in the form of a big O. The tradition was adapted to include mostly women who performed the ceremony in the quadrangle around the Pioneer Mother statue.

One of the most popular presidents of the university was Dr. John Lawrence Erb, who is memorialized by the EMU. His advice to a graduating class was:

"Be intolerant of superficiality, false analysis, evasion, and confusion of issues. Be tolerant in viewpoint regardless of religion, race, politics, economic status or education."

SOURCE: The Story of Eugene

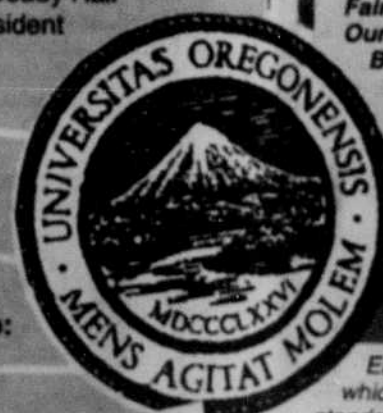
UNIVERSITY SEAL

The University Seal was created by Judge Matthew P. Deady, of Deady Hall fame, who was the first president of the board of Regents.

■ Mt. Hood, as a symbol of Oregon

■ 1876, the year that the university opened its doors.

■ The university motto: *mens agitat molem*—mind moves the mass



SCHEDULE

All Main Graduation events occur at Hayward Field, but see program for individual Departmental Graduation sites.

- Morning Departmental Ceremonies
- 12 noon Candidates gather at 18th and Agate Streets
- 12:30 p.m. Main Commencement Ceremony Begins: Processional Greetings Awards Commencement Address by Ms. Ann Curry Conferral of Degrees
- 2:30 p.m. Recessional
- Afternoon Departmental Ceremonies

1996 SPEAKER

ANN CURRY

- University of Oregon class of 1978 (Journalism)
- Hometown: Ashland, Oregon
- Career Highlights: KTVL-TV Medford KGW Portland KCBS Los Angeles NBC News at Sunrise, Today, and Nightly News 2 Emmys

Oregon Pledge Song

Fair Oregon, we pledge to thee
Our honor and fidelity,
Both now and in the years to be,
A never failing loyalty.
Fair Oregon, thy name shall be
Written high in liberty.
Now uncovered, swear we every one
Our Pledge to Oregon.

COLLEGE SEALS

Each College and School has a distinctive seal which is displayed on banners and carried by standard bearers.

SOURCE: UO Graduation Program

WITH HONORS...

Graduates who have a high GPA during their graduating term and 90 resident credits are eligible for Latin Honors:

- Cum Laude: upper 10 % of class
- Magna Cum Laude: upper 5 % of class
- Summa Cum Laude: upper 2 % of class

School of Architecture and Allied Arts



College of Arts and Sciences



Lundquist College of Business



College of Education



Graduate School



Clark Honors College



School of Journalism and Communication



School of Law



School of Music



THE WELL-DRESSED GRADUATE

■ **MORTAR BOARD:** This cap is removed during the pledge song and during the commencement address.

■ **TASSEL:** Each Bachelor's Degree candidate moves the tassel from the front right to the front left when the degree is conferred.

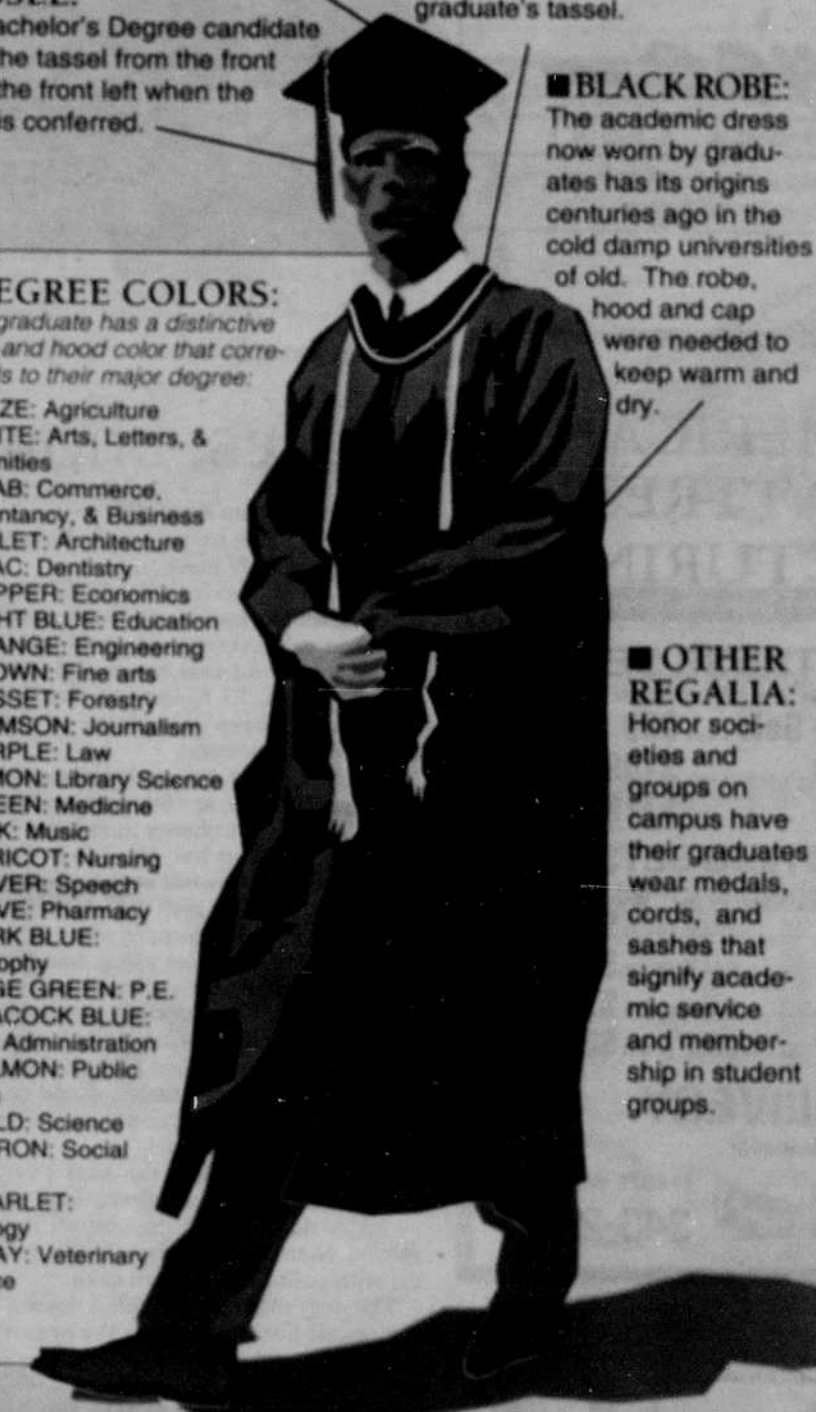
■ **DEGREE COLORS:** Each graduate has a distinctive tassel and hood color that corresponds to their major degree:

- MAIZE: Agriculture
- WHITE: Arts, Letters, & Humanities
- DRAB: Commerce, Accountancy, & Business
- VIOLET: Architecture
- LILAC: Dentistry
- COPPER: Economics
- LIGHT BLUE: Education
- ORANGE: Engineering
- BROWN: Fine arts
- RUSSET: Forestry
- CRIMSON: Journalism
- PURPLE: Law
- LEMON: Library Science
- GREEN: Medicine
- PINK: Music
- APRICOT: Nursing
- SILVER: Speech
- OLIVE: Pharmacy
- DARK BLUE: Philosophy
- SAGE GREEN: P.E.
- PEACOCK BLUE: Public Administration
- SALMON: Public Health
- GOLD: Science
- CITRON: Social Work
- SCARLET: Theology
- GRAY: Veterinary Science

■ **HOOD:** The hood is worn by Master's and Doctoral candidates. It is lined with the official colors of the degree conferring institution, (green and yellow). The trimming matches the color of the graduate's tassel.

■ **BLACK ROBE:** The academic dress now worn by graduates has its origins centuries ago in the cold damp universities of old. The robe, hood and cap were needed to keep warm and dry.

■ **OTHER REGALIA:** Honor societies and groups on campus have their graduates wear medals, cords, and sashes that signify academic service and membership in student groups.



SOURCE: UO Graduation Program

BY THE NUMBERS

NUMBER OF GRADUATES(1995):

3,468

MOST POPULAR DEGREE (1995):

PSYCHOLOGY

327 (9.4%)

SOME NOTABLE GRADUATES:

- Ahmad Rashad NFL Football Player
- David O. Stiers "Winchester" on M.A.S.H.
- Ken Kesey Author
- Harry Anderson Comedian/Magician
- Lindsay Wagner The "Bionic Woman"
- Phillip Knight Nike CEO

SOURCE: UO Registrar

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THE 1995-1996 SCHOOL YEAR IN REVIEW



OCTOBER

October was a month of vigils. One prayed for two student hikers lost in the Cascades, while another mourned the death of Israeli leader Yitzhak Rabin.



NOVEMBER

The Ducks achieved 11th in the A.P. football poll with victories over UW and OSU. Crowds at Autzen Stadium reached all time high levels.



JANUARY

The Oregon football team played the Colorado Buffaloes in the Cotton Bowl. It was the third major bowl game for the Ducks in the last four years.



FEBRUARY

Ron Wyden won the election to fill Bob Packwood's vacant Senate seat. Gordon Smith narrowly lost but, vowed to run for Mark Hatfield's seat.



FEBRUARY

Freak winter weather blustered through Eugene, with the worst floods in 30 years. Fallen trees plagued campus, while the electricity was off throughout Lane County.



APRIL

Ruth Taylor, a 16-year UO employee was shot and killed. Her husband was arrested for the crime while the campus community mourned the loss.



MAY

Nobel prize winner Elie Wiesel joined other renowned Holocaust historians for the "Ethics after the Holocaust" conference sponsored by the University.