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University of Oregon SEIU Local 503 President Lois Yoshishige hands a petition to Connie Lange.

SEIU members rally for increased wages

University classified employees are also requesting that support in health care to be part of the current contract renegotiations

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NEWS REPORTER

Approximately 65 of the University's classified employees held a labor rally in the EMU amphitheater Thursday afternoon to begin the renegotiation process for new wage and health care contracts. The Service Employees International Union represents the majority of service workers and higher education employees in Oregon and all of the University's service employees.

Classified workers include custodians, food service workers, maintenance workers, administration assistants, public safety officers, department staffers, filers, secretaries, people in charge of class scheduling and many more of

the behind-the-scenes jobs that help the University function.

Purple balloons with SEIU written on them decorated the amphitheater, and a large banner that read, "THE UNIVERSITY WORKS BECAUSE WE DO," covered the EMU stairs. Music played as workers mingled in small groups and walked through the crowd handing out information about the renegotiation process and goals.

SEIU staff director Wayne Moore said that the University's local 085 union came together to show that the union workers were serious about reaching a deal with Gov. Ted Kulongoski on new contracts. The old contracts officially expired on

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The LEGACY LIVES ON

Former University President Robert Clark's influence on the campus will continue far past his lifetime

BY GABE BRADLEY
NEWS EDITOR

Summer of 1975. The University was getting ready to celebrate its 100th anniversary. Dave Frohnmayer was serving his first term in the state house of representatives. The Bowerman Classic track meet was renamed the Prefontaine Classic. And the fledging Oregon Summer Festival of Music made the watershed decision to focus that year's festival on the music of Bach.

It was 30 years ago when Robert

Clark stepped down as president of the University. He left behind a legacy that has endured to this day — a legacy that continues to impact the daily functioning of the University.

In the face of Robert Clark's death last week at the age of 95, we look back at the accomplishments and controversies that surrounded this pivotal figure in University history.

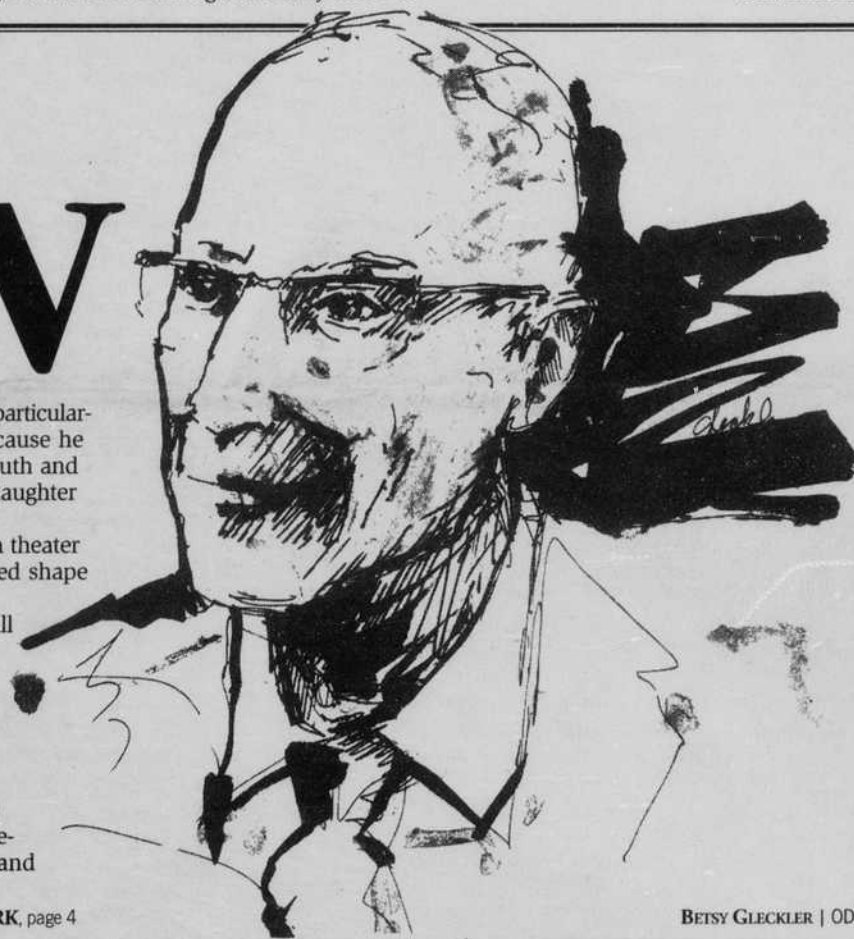
The up-and-comer

Clark was born in Nebraska and educated in California. In college, he was a pole vaulter.

"He loved athletics — particularly track and field — because he was an athlete in his youth and quite good at it," granddaughter Catherine Clark said.

He also participated in theater and debate, which helped shape his career.

"His main focus all throughout his career was speech and debate. In fact, he whooped Nixon's arse in debate," said Catherine Clark, referring to a 1934 debate competition in which Clark's team defeated Richard Nixon and



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University students compete for crown

Women from all over the state competed in the Miss Oregon pageant this weekend in Seaside

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Three University students were among the 22 women competing in the Miss Oregon pageant this weekend.

The competition, held in Seaside, Ore., brought local titleholders from across the state together to compete for the right to represent Oregon in the Miss America pageant later this year.

University students Sharitha McKenzie, Manisha Marberry and Sarah Warner were among the contestants.

University of Portland student Lucy Fleck, Miss Portland, won the competition.

McKenzie, Miss Cascade, has been competing in pageants since high school, according to her father, Leon McKenzie.

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IN BRIEF

Gender discrimination lawsuit against University settled

Former University track coach Sally Harmon received \$375,000 from the University in a settlement of her gender discrimination lawsuit filed late last year, the Register-Guard reported Friday.

Harmon, a University graduate, had been an assistant track and field coach for 18 years before she was dismissed in 2003.

In 2003, the men's and women's track programs were combined. Harmon says she was replaced by a man with little coaching experience.

In her \$1.1 million lawsuit, Harmon alleged that the University "engaged in a pattern and practice of discrimination against women student athletes and employees within the athletic department, including discriminating in pay and benefits."

This settlement involves no admission of wrongdoing by the University. Both Harmon and University General Counsel Melinda Grier have expressed a desire to keep the settlement low-key.

Harmon is now living in Oakridge, working as a real estate agent and operating a bed-and-breakfast, according to the Register-Guard.

— Gabe Bradley

From left: University students Manisha Marberry, Sharitha McKenzie and Sarah Warner compete in the Miss Oregon Scholarship Program held at the Seaside Convention Center June 27 through July 2.



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