

Ellis Stebbins Honored for Distinguished Service

Ellis A. Stebbins, former dean of administration at Oregon College of Education, was named recipient of the association's Past-Presidents' distinguished service award at the General Council Nov. 16.

The award was presented by Darryl Storm, former two-term president of OSEA in 1961 and 1962.

Stebbins was employed at OCE 40 years, from 1928 until his retirement last May.

"In a career spanning 40 years, a man has the opportunity to see his labor and dreams, along with those of his co-workers, turn into reality," Storm said.

"The change of OCE from a quiet normal school to a bustling four-year college and all that such a change implies, was one concrete example of the work and dedication of Ellis Stebbins and his colleagues. The constant expanding and upgrading of the faculty over the years was another," Storm noted.

Storm said one of the most difficult and significant decisions Stebbins had to make came in 1962 when Gus Hall, secretary of the U.S. Communist party, was invited by student groups to speak at the OCE campus.

Stebbins, who was acting president at the time, had to make the decision.

"Amid a swirling storm of controversy and hysteria on both sides, amid numerous crack-pot letters to the editors of local newspapers and some newspaper editorials warning against Hall's appearance, Ellis Stebbins made his decision. Hall was allowed to speak," Storm said.

Commenting about the incident later, Stebbins said, "I'm not sorry I did it. The effect on the students was tremendous—not Hall's speech, because he was a flop, but as an example of mass psychology."

"Our students, as well as a lot of other people, had a real laboratory lesson that week. I'm confident we did more to fight Communism than a life-time of work by rabid anti-Communist groups," he declared.

For his stand on the Hall controversy, Stebbins was nominated for the Meiklejohn Award, given each year by the American Association of University Professors to the "person in higher education who contributes most significantly to academic freedom."

In his 40 year career at OCE, Stebbins served as executive secretary to the president, business manager, registrar, acting president, and in 1961, he was named the



STEBBINS HONORED Ellis A. Stebbins, left, former Dean of Administration at Oregon College of Education, was awarded OSEA's Distinguished Service Award by Darryl Storm, former two-term president of OSEA in 1961 and 1962. Stebbins retired last May after 40 years at OCE. The award is presented each year by the association's Past-Presidents' Council.

school's first dean of administration.

"For 33 years, Stebbins served students at OCE as faculty advisor to the Student

Council. In 1955, he was named by the Student Council as the Outstanding Member of the Faculty," Storm said.

Stebbins was the first

president of OSEA's local chapter at the school—OCE Chapter 43—which was founded in 1948. Since then, Storm noted, he has been a member of OSEA and has actively supported it by being a consultant and an advisor to his chapter.

Service to his community includes nine years as a member of the Board of Directors of the Monmouth Public Schools, and eight years as a member of the Monmouth City Council.

OSEA Elected By Motor Pool

Employees of the Salem Motor Pool have elected OSEA as their exclusive collective bargaining representative.

The vote was fifteen for the association and one for "no representation." Two employees did not vote.

The election, conducted by the Civil Service Commission, was held November 27th.

The association was unopposed on the ballot.



UO SIGNS CONTRACT A basic collective bargaining contract between OSEA and the University of Oregon was signed Oct. 30. Executive Secretary Thomas C. Enright, seated left, signed for OSEA, and Acting President Charles E. Johnson, seated right, signed for UO. In the background are Jack W. Steward, UO personnel director, and John M. Schoonover, OSEA field representative.

OSEA Bargaining Pacts Signed by 2 Schools

Two schools under the State System of Higher Education signed OSEA's basic collective bargaining contract recently.

They are the University of Oregon and Portland State College.

The association now has bargaining contracts with all seven Higher Education schools plus the University of Oregon's Dental School and Medical School in Portland.

The University of Oregon contract was signed by Charles

E. Johnson, acting president, on Oct. 30. Approximately 1,050 classified employees now work under its terms.

Gregory B. Wolfe, president of Portland State College, signed OSEA's contract for that institution Nov. 4. It covers some 460 classified workers.

Both contracts were approved by the attorney general for the State System of Higher Education.

UO Electricians Vote OSEA; IBEW Protests

OSEA won a protested collective bargaining election November 27 for the right to represent ten employees in the University of Oregon's Electrical Shop in Eugene.

The association was opposed on the ballot by Local 280, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL-CIO.

The vote was five for OSEA and four for the IBEW. One employee did not vote. A union representative challenged one employee's ballot on the grounds that he was a foreman and therefore should be excluded from voting.

Civil Service Director Melvin H. Cleveland ruled that

his agency had no authority to exclude the ballot. That authority, he said, is given to the appointing authority under civil service rules.

Nevertheless, the union spokesman protested the election and has appealed Cleveland's decision. The matter will be heard by the commission at its December 20th meeting.

The IBEW has been the exclusive bargaining representative for the Electrical Shop employees for over two years. Last month, at a decertification election, it was ousted by a vote of five to four. OSEA then petitioned for another election.

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