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When you asked me about rowing at O. S. C. you probably did not expect to receive any such reply as this is going to be. I am inclined to smile a little at your information concerning "a perfect record as crew coach at Oregon State" and I am sure you would smile, too, should you chance to see our crews in action, to say nothing of the boats in which this "perfect" record was made.

You see. . . our story is long in the telling although our history is brief, going back only to 1927. At that time a group of students, their enthusiasm fired by the success of our neighbor, the University of Washington, in the aquatic field, formed what is known as the Oregon State Rowing Club.

The University of California presented this group with two old shells, and the University of Washington sent down an 8 oared shell barge. Somehow or other they acquired some oars, and the baby was born.

The club taxed themselves two dollars per member per term, and rented an old shed on the west bank of the Willamette River. It mattered not that the shed had no floor, but merely a sloping bank. This combined with a practically non-existent roof made it a most hazardous undertaking to pack a shell in or out. Add to this the fact that there were no doors that could be closed on either end, due to mud slides, no place to change, or to leave clothes if one did change; only a little boxed-in room for oars and so on; twelve dollars a month rent for the whole thing . . . and you begin to get the picture.

The gang had to have a float from which to launch the shells. So they went up the river, cut down trees, floated the logs down stream to

the shed, bought odd lumber and built their own mooring. They tied it to nearby trees with cables, and the training season was on!

They did not know how to row, and there was no one to teach them. But that did not matter, for then came into being probably the first correspondence course in rowing ever instituted. Mr. Fred Newell, then assistant crew coach at Harvard, wrote them several letters explaining various phases of the stroke. On this slender information they began rowing.

Well . . . the head waters of the Willamette are high in the mountains where snow lies deep in the winter. That very snow, however, probably melts faster under the spell of one of our warm "chinook" winds than any other similar volume of snow in the world. So, one morning the crew came down to find their float had departed for places unknown . . . probably the Pacific Ocean.

Without hesitation they cut more logs and built a better float. In due course this also departed in like fashion.

Now too much is enough for anybody; the gang held a meeting to decide what to do about it. The great trouble was that the farmer from whose land they had cut the logs now demanded pay for more logs. The treasury was empty. Yet you can't have an eight-oared shell without a float, so they rustled some timbers from here and there, and some lumber from hither and yon, and built one more float. It was not so nice and roomy as the others, but we still have the blamed thing, and that is something.

About this time the Department of Physical Education decided that any sport that could hold 129 boys in the face of such odds, and keep them interested enough to pay \$2 each per term for the privilege

of participating in it, must be worth looking into. There must be, they reasoned, something pretty much worth while about it, and notwithstanding the doleful predictions of certain of the landlubbers, they decided to lend a hand. They decided not to take over the whole sport and thus destroy all initiative, but did stand by just enough to encourage the group to carry on. They financed a 16 position training barge, granted "gym" credit for crew, bought a few oars, and paid Prof. ^{J. C. Others} ~~I. C. Others~~ (Cornell '16) to spend two hours on two afternoons per week during the fall and spring terms to coach them. "J. C." carried on for a year or two, then left O. S. C. on sabbatical leave.

At this juncture Dr. Langton, dean of the phys. ed. department told "yours truly" to take over the job. Right here I want to put in a word of tribute to Dr. Clair V. Langton. No one else on our campus has ever been more appreciative of the sport of rowing than he. It is he who always stood four square when the course was roughest. Ready at a word to lend a hand, digging up a few dollars here and there out of an already overtaxed budget . . . without his help the old ship probably would have foundered long ago.

I had previously spent what time I could in helping out with the instructions. My home is in Salem, forty miles away, and the sum the department could afford to pay amounted to just over four cents a mile for my car, and nothing for my time. Of course, I could not afford it, but heck! you can't throw a bunch of boys like that down. So, for two and a half years until last spring we continued to mess around in the mud.

Meanwhile we had flood conditions here, and there was four feet of water in the boat shed. The gang stripped down to their b.v.d's. and

wandered around in the bitterly cold snow water up to their necks to dish their beloved old wrecks out of the puddle. They had to, for the building was likely to fall down and smash them even if the flood waters failed to float the shells away. We packed them up and put them in the basement of Old Kidder Hall (one of the dormitories). It was only a mile and a half away, on foot all the way; but that's nothing to a crew man. It is all in the day's work, at least for an O. S. C. crew man. Only last week we packed two 35-foot light poles 16 blocks because we need lights on our floats in order to land safely late in the evening. The power company gave us the poles f.o.b. the pole yard.

Anyway, something had to be done. But what? We heard that there was a depression, but that meant nothing to us. We'd never known anything else in rowing at O. S. C. Another depression more or less wasn't even considered.

Finally, we hitch-hiked down to Portland and looked up S. H. Mills (Harvard '14) and Henry Wessinger (Cornell '15). Both were old time Portland Rowing Club men and we told them our troubles. They said they had troubles, too, but that did not stop their financing a luncheon at the Portland Chamber of Commerce and inviting fifteen or more old rowing men from Yale, Washington and other rowing schools and clubs. Both Mr. Mills and Mr. Wessinger each laid fifty dollars on the table and invited the others to do likewise according to their ability. The result was approximately five hundred dollars. . . to help build temporary crew quarters for O. S. C. at Corvallis, which is eighty-five miles from Portland. Think that over!

You know, this rowing does something to a fellow. Once he becomes infected he never gets over it.

About this time () the Oregon Electric R. R. abandoned its line into Corvallis, and the old depot and baggage room was put up for sale. This depot is located just across the river from the old crew quarters . . . the now forsaken old shed . . . and but a short distance from the water. An abandoned ferry right-of-way leads from the depot right down to the river bank.

Now if we bought the depot, we would have no money left to remodel it. They probably wanted more money for it than we had to spend, anyway. So we again thumbed our way to Portland, turned loose a barrage of oratory, and lo and behold! another miracle! The S.P. & S. R. R. Co. parent company of the Oregon Electric R. R., decided that there was only one way for them to get rid of us . . . that was to give us the old depot and the land if we would pay them one dollar per year, and the taxes. (I might add that Frederick Cook and Lynn Sabin both took part in the oratory.) Mr. Charles Hart, vice president of the S. P. & S. was just as nutty as Messrs. Mills and Wessinger were about rowing.

The department of physical education for men sat up and rubbed its eyes. That little brat of a Rowing baby born back in '27 was getting to be quite some husky youngster. Somebody just had to ride fence on him, so they recommended that a regular instructor be appointed to look after the situation. There was not enough money available to make it a full time proposition, but they did make a half time offer. Beginning with the third term last year (spring of '34) the writer became Instructor in Rowing, Boathouse Designer, Engineer in Charge of Construction and working foreman on the job.

As getters of something for nothing, and general nuisance to all and sundry on the campus who had anything needed to help build a boat house, we had no equal.

Anyhow, here we are, and what we haven't done to that depot! Talk about having your cake and eating it too . . . we even had frosting on ours. Uncle Sam, in the form of our registrar, sent over twenty-three P. W. A. students and told us to put 'em to work, and that he'd pay the bill. We should worry that not one in the bunch knew which end of a nail to drive into a board. We'd teach 'em . . . and we did. We taught them how to tear out partitions and to build a locker room out of them. They learned how to tear down a freight platform and build two new floats out of its 9 by 18 timbers, how to lay flooring, how to take windows and doors out here and put them over there, how to put in our own septic tank and lay several hundred feet of tile, how to sink our own well and even make the paint.

We bought a second hand automatic pump and a used 315 gallon tank for hot water. We mixed concrete and put on paint; we moved 200 yards of gravel by hand. We had four students from Ag engineering here a couple days ago, two of them crew men. They had a 35 "cat" and a scarifier, and what they did to the old roadway where we want to landscape and put lawn was plenty! Others had horses and fresnos. Some had just plain Irishman's buggers and picks and shovels. We piled up twelve cords of wood which students cut up with a college tractor and saw.

We've had two other groups of student labor since the original twenty-three, and each group has required more or less training.

One of our first crew men is taking a course in landscaping, and it is his job to lay out the place. Inasmuch as our land extends some 800 feet back along the highway we contemplate an eight foot bed of shrubbery all along the back side, an outdoor fireplace and a pergola. (We believe in the social side of crew life). Then there will be various

other things peculiar to our layout. Students are propagating cuttings for the shrubbery.

It is some job.

We have no money to buy boats or shells. So we're going to build our own. Students will do the work, and we shall use native Oregon wood entirely. Mr. H. John Campbell, from the B Navy Yard, a Harvard man, is designing these shells. They will naturally differ with the old English or orthodox type of construction.

We have no coaching launch, so will have to build one of those next year. Mr. Campbell has promised to design one to fit our conditions and needs. But right now even a fast outboard motor could work wonders.

Of course we never built eight-oared shells before, but prior to last year, we'd never built oar locks, either. However, engineering students, who were out to row, made some out of Tobin bronze at a cost of about one dollar each. Commercial locks cost \$7.50. This spring a student whom we paid \$2 for his time built us a set which are equal, if not superior, to the commercial variety.

We have torn the braces out of our two old shells and by using the machinery of the department of Industrial Arts now have them practically rebuilt. Within a few days we expect to have woodworking machinery of our own at the boathouse . . . a band saw, a jointer, a sander, etc. We have four F. E. R. A. students and several good crew men ready to start a new shell barge. All of these boys are experienced in the use of tools, or are taking courses in Industrial Arts.

Sure, it's a crazy idea to think you can build eight-oared shells with inexperienced students doing the work, but the whole proposition has been out of the ordinary ever since the club started in 1927.

Wise landlubbers said we could not row on the Willamette River at Corvallis, the current is too strong. Others said Rowing costs too much money; it is a rich man's sport. Stuff! Over one hundred college men rowed on this same river where they said we couldn't row, 86 of them receiving "gym" credit.

As to being a costly sport, note this:

We have three eight-oared shells, an eight-oared shell barge and a sixteen-oared training barge. We have a new boathouse, concrete showers, sanitary plumbing, a locker room and shell storage. It has cost Oregon State College practically nothing.

New eight-oared barges cost one thousand dollars. We need six, for Rowing is now scheduled here for all three terms. We can't row without boats, and we haven't got \$6,000. But call us crazy if you will; we'll build our own and keep right on paddling!

Like Topsy, our third shell did not just grow. We started out, you remember, with two old California shells and one Washington shell barge. It came to us thus:

Another of those fine old Portland Rowing Club men who has been instrumental in helping shape the destiny of Rowing at O. S. C. is Mr. E. C. Sammons, of Portland. Long ago, Eddy, as we old timers always call him, was an enthusiastic car bender. Now, however, since he has become a big whosis in the Iron Fireman Manufacturing Company and a member of the State Board of Higher Education of Oregon, he is rarely free to indulge in his old hobby. Someone told him that University of Washington had a good shell to sell, and that the Oregon State College boys needed one badly. Well, the bug still bites Eddy, for without

hesitation he dug into the old sock behind the kitchen cupboard, and made a present of that shell to the club. Even the Board of Higher Education was not immune to the bug.

Well . . . there you have it.

We now have a decent boat house, and some equipment. We have an unlimited number of the finest specimens of American young manhood, and a river equal to any in the world to row on, in a climate so evenly mild we can do so and enjoy it the year round.

The whole thing is a part of our School of Physical Education for Men. Any student who wants to may row. There are no "cuts" in the squad. Competition for all who turn out is being devised. Both eight and four oared rowing is contemplated. A 150 pound division, and living group competition are being organized as fast as is possible.

Rowing here is a student activity, started by students and largely supported by them. We propose to keep it that way. We have no training rules. Class crews are organized and picked by the men themselves, subject to the advice of the instructor.

We aim to teach more than the mere act of rowing. There is some theory, a bit of anatomy, some rigging, how to live so as to be physically and really fit and finally, but not least, a genuine appreciation of this remarkable sport. We hope and try to make our boys reasonably good oarsmen, able to teach others, if need be, so that if they are so fortunate as to come into a rowing club environment after college days are over, they will be equipped to take an intelligent and active part in that club life, or to still keenly enjoy the role of spectator. We hope they will see the race not merely as one shell ahead of another, but as two live machines composed of individuals; may they see and comprehend what these individuals

are doing or not doing to drive their craft ahead, and thus add keenness to their enjoyment of the contest and the incomparably beautiful spectacle.

To digress a little, the writer ventures to predict that the day is not far distant when there will be courses of instruction in all our schools on "Appreciation of All Sports." Athletics are fast becoming an integral part of American livelihood. One becomes either a spectator or participant, and the need for proper instruction is accordingly greater.

Yes, we have some outside competition. No dog is complete without a tail, and that is as it should be so long as the dog looks after its wagging. Outside competition is necessary as well as desirable when kept supplementary to the main activity . . . letting every man, who will, row. The youth of the land wants to try his mettle, and he deserves a competitor of ability and standing. It supplies the incentive which makes the whole thing possible.

. . . and so you have our story. It has indeed been long in the telling. Perhaps ere this you have grown weary of it and tossed it aside. We do not blame you, for we, here, have threatened many times to heave the whole program overboard. Somehow we never made the threat good. Even if we did, we would probably pick it up again, and keep on paddling along.

Narration and Compilation by

Coach E. A. Stevens, Formerly coach at Harvard.

Edited by Arthur W. Orr

Coastwain

Valentine's Day
1935

A short series of very amusing narrations about the races O. S. C. Rowing Club has rowed in will follow shortly.

P. S. Relative to those races you asked about. Back in '28 or maybe it was '29, I was immortal, a smart ^{Washington} ~~smart~~ rowing ~~fresh~~ Freshman crew and their charming young coach Mr. ^{Tom Butler} ~~Ken~~ ^{Easter} came down to Corvallis to help put the jolly old sport of rowing across and incidentally give the baby a dutiful spanking. They made a grand sight and they could hit a stroke of 54 to 58 and then some.

The College boys were also a sight to behold. As the the "Old Man" Courtney used to say, they looked like a flock of ducks and they couldn't row over 29 to save their lives, but we lined them up and the battle raged. The fresh flashed their 34 and then they whooped it to 36 but the dogged Beavers kept edging ahead. The young coach was ^{most} ~~much~~ disturbed. He couldn't figure what made that pesky Oregon State boat keep right side up such less make progress. We know he was in a quandry over it because he asked us about it not less than a dozen times during the race. Well, they were our guests so we only licked them about 6 feet. You know how it is. The darned fresh put on a last minute drive and nearly hogged the picture. We didn't exactly swallow our heart during those last few seconds, we just nearly choked to death on the blessed thing. We had no more than gotten that jumping heart back where it belonged than it bobbed back up again. We took a look at the Oregon State boat and it only had 7 men in it. What the heck. Had we rowed that race with only 7 men and if so where did we lose him? Holy Socks it was the stroke oar who was missing. He must have been excited about this time. Bob Young, Oregon State Club President and stroke oar, popped his head up out of the water about 20 feet behind the boat and swam ashore. He had caught a reverse crab at the end of the race and it heaved him clean out of the boat.

I want to say in passing that it was due to the leadership and ability of Bob Young, first president of the O. S. C. Rowing Club, more than to any other individual that the whole activity progressed. Oregon State crew men have much for which to thank this youngster.

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That he still displays that ability is evidenced by the fact the Crown Villamette Paper Company by whom he is employed are rapidly advancing him toward an executive position in their organization. You just can't keep a good crew man down.

A couple of weeks later Sacramento Junior College came up to O. S. C., native sons and all that sort of thing. These youngsters were a fine lot of boys, and after we saw them row we went into a huddle. The gang had been pretty badly scared by those freshmen the week before, and they had learned something about last minute drives, so as soon as possible after the start they put 5 or 6 boat lengths between themselves and the Sacramento boat and let 'em drive and be hanged. Perhaps it would be interesting to relate a little episode that occurred at one of our early class rows. The boys had invited our beloved Chancellor, then President of the College, to be guest of honor at the water carnival and he was seated in the referee's launch. On the way down to the start, one of the oarsmen broke an out rigger beyond repair with any tools then available. We didn't want to disappoint our audience by calling the race off so we took 2 men out of each boat, this to leave both sides of each boat "balanced" and rowed that race with 6 men in each boat, and was it a race. Now! It was a dog fight all the way.

We noticed that our guest of honor was quite excited. Any one who can ride along side of two crews battling like that and not get excited has something loose somewhere. Well, pretty soon a hand reached up and grabbed the Presidential hat and Wham! it went into the bottom of the boat. We fully expected to see that lid get thoroughly jumped upon. However you can't jump on hats very successfully in a little kicked boat trying to keep up with two fighting crews and any way there were other things to think of and the hat was soon forgotten.

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not immune to catching cold, so after a while we ventured to remind the owner of the hat of the wind.

After the races were over the President descended to see some lots that had been recommended as a site for a contemplated shell house. He asked several questions concerning their adaptability for the purpose and went home.

Did I say that this rowing does something to a chap? Well it does and it did. Our next President's budget contained an item for several hundred dollars to buy that site and build a shell house.

But was is no. Even Presidential apple carts get upset. An unfeeling governor and a world wide depression pretty nearly upset our whole educational apple cart and we are lucky to have even saved any of the apples.

We won't spend any time crying over some of those trips we took to the U. Of Washington. The baby was not only spanked, he was soundly thrashed. Nor will we talk too much about the friendly ^{cup} race that has raged between ourselves and the P. R. C. It is still at a white heat as a resume of the last year's activity will prove.

In an effort to create interest in the sport on the campus *L. H. Mills*, W. H. Kerns and several other club members came to Corvallis one cold rainy fall day. It was Campus Week-end and a football game was scheduled for the afternoon ^{so} and the race was held in the A. M. to accomodate the crowd. Now *L. H. Mills* isn't exactly a boy any more and he has a son on the varsity crew at Harvard. Bill Kerns is one side or the other of 60, several years one side as a matter of fact. We won't say which side because years mean nothing to a crew man and anyway Bill is only a kid at heart or he wouldn't have been fiddling around us here in the rain and mud to row a boat race with a bunch of college boys. We were still in our old quarters sans floor and roof,

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etc. One of the Portland group was late so by virtue of part membership in the Club, the Oregon State instructor was elected to take his place in the club boat. It mattered not that he had no rowing suit. "You wore BVD's didn't you or something that passed for 'em anyhow". "We'll pin 'em up there's plenty of nails." So we packed the Old Orange Owl down to the creek and prepared to embark. About this time the missing Portland Club man showed up and the sketchily dressed substitute disappeared. Fortunately he was not too well known to the crew who thought he was just another one of that crazy Portland bunch. Oh yes, Oregon State won the race.

The next race was last spring. The Washington 150# crew came to O. S. C. No monkey business now, this was to be a real race and were these kids good. They had their choice of our two shells and Oh Boy they chose the Orange Owl. It was common knowledge around the crew quarters that that old creek had a twist in it at least 17 degrees to ^{port} east. The coach rather doubted that fact. He had other ideas as why the Staters couldn't set it up, but, of course, the coach didn't know everything.

Well, the Washington crew hopped aboard and set sail and were the critics confounded. That lousy old heap set up as steady as a battle ship and she was still up as she quickly disappeared down stream. Of course, the coach didn't know everything, but he had sense enough to keep still for once in his life. The new boat house was unusually quiet that morning as the Staters prepared to liberate us in a short while, now was their state of mind improved when the Washington bunch came back and voted the old creek one grand old boat. Well there isn't much to say about the race. O. S. C. was evidently still scared of a last minute drive, because they had about 5 lengths to the good at the finish just to be safe.

Our next affair was on Decoration Day with P. R. C. at Portland. The Club neck was chaffing under the collar. These pesky upstarts up at the

College were too cocky and a mighty resolution was taken to show them up and Decoration Day was the logical time for the deed. For nearly a mile the Portland boat was a length to the good. They'd show these fresh kids a thing or two about rowing, by Heck, but about this time the kids took stock of the resolution and decided that if any thing was to be done about it they better get busy, so they turned on the heat and came from behind in the last quarter to win by 6 feet. They had learned something about last minute drives themselves.

All of which brings us up to our last competitive effort for the season. The Regatta Festival Association through Mr. Lynn Sebia, assistant manager of the Portland Chamber of Commerce had invited the P. R. C; O. S. C. Rowing Club, and James Bay Athletic Association of Victoria to a regatta on the Willamette at Portland, Festival week.

There are only two shells in the Portland Club and due to a misunderstanding O. S. C. did not bring one down. So it was decided to have Portland and Victoria row as per schedule and if Victoria won, O. S. C. would settle the argument next day with them. Well Victoria did win easily and by a length and the only question that remained to be settled was by what margin would they likewise to the Staters.

It is customary in our Club and for the various oarsmen to get together and row in mixed crews just for the fun of it and so it was that both Victoria oarsmen and O. S. C. oarsmen were paddling around in fours on the days preceding the race. The Staters are much impressed by the quick choppy "catch" of the Victoria men. The old timers have been familiar with it for 25 years. When it was suggested that we change our more deliberate one to conform we agreed to think about it but suggested that perhaps the day before a race might be too late to make any changes. At last the hour of the great *race* arrived. Poor kids they didn't have a Chissamen's change with that Victoria

gang.

Oh, about that race, we were so busy bemoaning our fate we forgot. There isn't much to say. The Staters evidently had thought about that last minute stuff and decided it was too risky to try again because they promptly got about 2 lengths out in front where they could see what was going on and watched Victoria flash the last minute strategy. Although they didn't know it, they also watched Victoria miss the water about 6 inches on each of those fast choppy strokes. We told 'em about it afterward. And that's the end of our "perfect" record to date. We expect to add to it in days to come.

ROWING FACILITIES, INCLUDING COR-
RESPONDENCE, ETC., REGARDING LEASE,
OREGON ELECTRIC DEPOT PROPERTY.

March 23, 1934

Chancellor W. J. Kerr
Oregon State System of
Higher Education
Eugene, Oregon

Dear Chancellor Kerr:

SUBJECT: FACILITIES FOR ROWING

Under date of February 23 you were furnished a report of proposals to improve facilities for rowing, as part of the intramural physical education work at the State College. The Board of Higher Education at its meeting on March 5 authorized our request as recommended, including the leasing of the old Oregon Electric depot, the acceptance of financial grants to aid the rowing program, and the employment of Mr. Stevens as rowing coach. Since that time the Federal government has launched its program of emergency relief to needy college students, and under this authorization we have 187 students working in one form or another in service to the College. We have assigned 20 students to the work of remodeling the old depot building as required for the accommodation of the rowing crew program and in the building of raft and other facilities on the river bank.

Portland business men have pledged \$350 to assist in this work, about \$300 of which has been already made available. Dr. Langton, who has charge of this remodeling job and the outlining of the work for the students assigned to the job, reports that with the limited amount of money represented in the gifts from the Portland business men it will be impossible to install the adequate sanitary features that would be highly desirable, including showers, toilets, urinals, hot water system, with the proper plumbing installation. If some additional money could be provided for improvements in this building, it would be greatly advantageous, particularly in providing more adequate and more complete sanitary facilities. He urges, therefore, that there be granted \$350 to be used in showers, toilets, urinals, and hot water system, etc.

If at any time in the future the College should relinquish its lease on this building, such equipment as that installed could be removed and used elsewhere on the College campus.

(W. J. K. 2.)

It may be correctly stated that the expenditure of this \$350 would be essentially in the nature of a G.W.A. project. The question might be raised as to the justification of spending money on leased property, but for the reasons indicated above the institution should not stand to lose by reason of such investment.

To all essential purposes this is a G.W.A. project, and if you could authorize \$350 from the amount put aside by the Board to subsidize G.W.A. work, it would be very much appreciated.

Respectfully,

Executive Secretary

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Acting President

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February 23, 1934.

Chancellor W. J. Kerr,
State System of Higher Education,
Eugene, Oregon.

Approved By Board of Higher Education
meeting #44, March 4, 1934.

Dear Chancellor Kerr: **SUBJECT: FACILITIES FOR ROWING.**

Rowing at the College has developed during the past few years into an important physical education activity for men. Each term shows increased interest in rowing as an intramural activity. Approximately one hundred students elected rowing during the 1933 spring quarter. Rowing equipment (shells, oars, and such) have been presented as gifts to the College by the universities of Washington and California. Prominent citizens of the State have become so interested that they are giving every encouragement to the development of the rowing sport, even to the extent of making personal contribution of funds for the maintenance and provision of the facilities. The Willamette River, at Corvallis to the north towards Albany, is claimed as ideal for rowing.

A group of prominent business men of Portland have interested themselves to the end of cooperating with College officials in providing better facilities for the rowing sport. Largely through their efforts arrangements have been made whereby the College is given the opportunity of leasing the old Oregon Electric depot (at the end of the Willamette bridge just east of Corvallis in Linn County) at the nominal rental of \$1.00 per year, plus taxes. Taxes are estimated by the Assessor of Linn County at \$28 to \$30 per year. The property is involved in a mortgage which covers all railway holdings, otherwise the building would be presented as a gift to the College.

Under date of February 16, 1934, G. A. Hart (of the firm of Carey, Hart, Spencer and McCulloch, attorneys), of Portland, advises that "The Oregon Electric is willing to make the lessee.....at a rental of \$1.00 per year, lessee to pay taxes and provide whatever maintenance may be necessary..... The Railway Company has no objection to the commencement of this work at once without waiting for the execution of the formal document. It should be understood, however, that the building and site are under the general mortgage of the Oregon Electric covering all of its property and securing an issue of bonds. We cannot secure a release from this mortgage and the lessee must take whatever risk there is of losing the moneys invested in improvements, should there be a foreclosure of the mortgage. We assume, however, that since the railroad into Corvallis has been abandoned, the lessee would likely make some suitable arrangement for protection of what is invested, in the event of change of ownership through foreclosure."

A group of prominent business men of Portland have raised through private subscription a fund of several hundred dollars which they propose to use for the improvement of rowing facilities at the College.

The program in rowing in the past has consisted of the activity as developed from the standpoint of offering service work in physical education for credit, as well as an informal intramural activity. Representative intramural crews have participated with minor crews from the University of Washington and one of the minor California colleges, as well as with the Portland Rowing Club at the Rose Festival.

The condition under which rowing has been conducted here during the past few years is lamentable due to the insanitary, unhealthful conditions which make it necessary to change the clothing in unsuitable dressing quarters without heat, on a dirt floor, and without the benefit of a warm shower after the exercise. It has also been impossible to provide toilet facilities, all of which have been detrimental to carrying on this activity on a wholesome, healthful basis. This project, as outlined here, is designed merely to enhance conditions under which the activity is offered.

In view of the foregoing facts, it is recommended:

1. That authorization be given for the proper authorities to contract a lease with the Oregon Electric Company for the building and one acre of land, under the terms above specified, namely \$1.00 per year, plus taxes. Total expense will likely not exceed \$30.00 per year; \$50.00 per year would be an outside estimate.

2. That the College be authorized to accept financial grants by Oregon citizens towards improving rowing facilities, and to use such gift funds for equipment and for such improvements in the building as may be determined by College officials.

3. That the employment status of E. A. Stevens, rowing coach, be changed to make his services available for the equivalent of one-half time for the period April 1 to June 15, 1934. Mr. Stevens is one of the famous rowing coaches of the country, having been rowing coach at Harvard University, Cornell University, etc. His residence is now in Salem. For several years he has been giving part time service to the College in coaching rowing. He has been paid a very small salary. The budget for the current year provides only \$285.00 for his services, which little more than covers his actual traveling expense in coming from Salem, where he resides. It is recommended that his status be changed to that of half-time instructor for the period April 1 to June 15, at a net salary of \$154.80 per month. This would require an addition to our present physical education budget of \$307.85.

Yours very truly,

Acting President.

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February 21, 1934

President George W. Peavy
Executive Office

Dear President Peavy:

The enclosed letter from G. A. Hart, attorney for the S. P. & S. Railway Company is self-explanatory. In view of the information contained therein I recommend that the proper authorities enter into a lease with the Oregon Electric Railway Company for the sum of \$1.00 per year plus the taxes on the Oregon Electric station, including approximately one acre of ground, at Corvallis. The tax on this property has been estimated by W. C. Templeton, assessor for Linn County, at \$28.00 to \$30.00. Therefore the lease of this property should never be in excess of fifty dollars per year.

A letter to you under date of February 10th contained the recommendation that Mr. Stevens be placed on a half-time basis to handle the development of this property and the instruction in rowing. This would necessitate an increase in the Physical Education for Men budget to the extent of \$307.85.

It would be of considerable benefit to the project if these two recommendations could be acted upon together. To get the fullest benefit from the use of this property during the third term it will be necessary to begin work as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

Clair V. Langton
Director

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CAREY, HART, SPENCER and McCULLOCH
(CAREY AND KERR)

LAW OFFICES
1410 Yeon Building

Portland, Oregon
February 16, 1934.

Mr. Clair V. Langton, Director,
Department of Physical Education for Men,
Oregon State College,
Corvallis, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 12 with reference to the proposed leasing of the old Oregon Electric station at Corvallis for use as a boat house.

The Oregon Electric is willing to make the lease suggested at a rental of \$1.00 per year, lessee to pay taxes and provide whatever maintenance may be necessary. If you will advise me to what corporation the lease should run I will prepare the document and have it executed.

Mr. Frederick S. Cook advised me a few days ago that you expect to expend several hundred dollars in making improvements and alterations in order that the building may be suitable for your proposed use. The Railway Company has no objection to the commencement of this work at once without waiting for the execution of the formal document. It should be understood, however, that the building and site are under the general mortgage of the Oregon Electric covering all of its property and securing an issue of bonds. We cannot secure a release from this mortgage and the lessee must take whatever risk there is of losing the moneys invested in improvements, should there be a foreclosure of the mortgage. We assume, however, that since the railroad into Corvallis has been abandoned, the lessee could likely make some suitable arrangement for protection of what is invested, in the event of change of ownership through foreclosure.

Yours truly,

(Signed) C. A. Hart

cc--Mr. Frederick S. Cook

LINN COUNTY, OREGON
OFFICE OF COUNTY ASSESSOR
Albany, Oregon

February 15, 1934

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Mr. Sam M. Dolan,
Dept. of Physical Education for Men,
Oregon State College,
Corvallis, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your inquiry in regard to the possible tax on the abandoned Oregon Electric depot located at the foot of the bridge from Corvallis, in Linn County, also including about one acre of ground, will state that the tax, as near as I could state, as you know the millage fluctuates from year to year, will be in the neighborhood of \$28.00 or \$30.00.

If you should succeed in your negotiations for this building, please inform us at an early date so that we can make segregations on the tax roll for the 1934 assessment.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) W. C. Templeton
Assessor for Linn County

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February 10, 1934

Dean George W. Peavy, Acting President
Executive Office

Dear Dean Peavy:

It is requested that the budget for Physical Education for Men for the year 1933-34 be increased to the amount of \$307.85 in order that Mr. E. A. Stevens, the rowing coach, may be placed on a half-time basis. The reason for this is as follows.

Rowing has existed on this campus since 1927 under severe handicaps, financed largely by voluntary student subscriptions; and conducted under unhealthful conditions, that is, without suitable dressing quarters, hot showers or toilets. Until the past three years very little first class instruction had been given. However, Mr. Stevens joined the staff to teach the boys in rowing at a very nominal salary of approximately \$300 per year, which merely covered his gas and oil from Salem where he resides. This was at sacrifice on his part, but the service was gladly given because of his love for this sport.

Under normal enrollment over one hundred students participated in rowing for gymnasium credit (about 70 in the spring of 1933) in addition to several upperclassmen who rowed regularly as a recreational activity, as rowing is a sport participated in on an intramural basis. Recently a group of influential Portland business men have become interested in crew to the extent that arrangements have been made for the leasing of the Oregon Electric station on the east side of the Willamette River for one dollar a year plus the taxes. In addition this group of men have raised a sufficient sum of money to place this building in good condition for the housing of the boat equipment, together with showers, toilet and dressing room. Further, this group has evinced an interest in subscribing money to maintain the sport from year to year.

With this stimulation from the outside and the providing of adequate sanitary quarters, rowing will increase in popularity and numbers. As it will be necessary for someone to supervise the alteration of the Oregon Electric station, and because of the increase in numbers expected to enroll during the spring term due to these added facilities, it is recommended that Mr. Stevens be put on half-time at a yearly salary rate of \$3600, or a half-time salary rate of \$1800, for two and one-half months (April, May and half of June). With the percentage reduction, this would amount

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February 10, 1934

to \$154.80 a month, or \$387.00 for the term of two and one-half months. As Mr. Stevens is on the payroll at the present time for these two and one-half months at \$31.66 per month, or \$79.15, the total amount to be added to the budget would be \$307.85.

Under present conditions it is impossible to ask Mr. Stevens to give any more time than he has been giving. This also affords an excellent opportunity to see how this very valuable sport will develop with proper facilities and proper stimulation by an excellent rowing coach on the campus a considerable portion of the day.

Mr. Stevens is an excellent crew coach, at one time coaching Harvard University and also acting as crew coach for the Portland Rowing Club. Mr. Stevens is a graduate of Cornell University, rowing on their crew. He will be an excellent influence upon the boys who will participate in rowing, as well as a very worthwhile addition to the staff. At the same time he will be responsible for developing an activity which has considerable carry-over value due to the fact that it can be participated in relatively late in life. The Willamette River is unexcelled as a rowing course; hence we should avail ourselves of this excellent opportunity to make use of this natural course. In addition, the sport has a considerable social and economic value to the boys participating in that they have a ready entry to the best people in the larger cities where rowing clubs exist.

It is unnecessary to call to your attention the fact that through rowing many influential citizens of the state will have an interest in this institution in a splendid way which otherwise might not occur.

Very truly yours,

Clair V. Leighton
Director

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February 24, 1934.

Professor C. D. Byrne,
State System of Higher Education,
Eugene, Oregon.

Dear Professor Byrne:

Transmitted herewith is recommendation concerning facilities for rowing at the College, including recommendation for increase in time of E.A. Stevens, rowing coach, and request for authorization to enter into lease with the Oregon Electric Company for leasing the old Oregon Electric depot and to accept financial grants from Oregon citizens interested in rowing.

A recommendation covering organization of Lower Division and Service Departments, also health and physical education, was mailed last night to the Chancellor's office.

Of course, you have in mind for your docket the material on course changes now being prepared by Mr. Goode. Mr. Goode expects to get this report mailed to you some time today.

Respectfully,

Executive Secretary.

P. S. Just have your letter regarding staff losses during the past three years. Had already anticipated the desirability of the Chancellor having this information, and had started Mr. Besse several days ago on getting the information in shape for Dean Schoenfeld on his return to the campus on Monday next. Shall expect to have this information in your hands Tuesday or Wednesday next.

OREGON STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
CORVALLIS, OREGON

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DEPARTMENT OF
PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR MEN

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3-15-34 - Dr. Langton in office yesterday. Understood with him that we leave this matter in abeyance until such time as he may have received from Mr. Hart the proposed contract, then we can have our Business Office check on the matter of "suitable protection" for College equity in the building.

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March 13, 1934

Mr. C. A. Hart
1410 Yeon Building
Portland, Oregon

My dear Mr. Hart:

I am sorry not to have been able to give you the information necessary for the execution of the lease you propose in your letter of February 16th. At a recent meeting of the Board of Higher Education authorization was granted for the entering into a lease in regard to the Oregon Electric station. This lease should be made to the Oregon State Agricultural College.

When the lease is executed it will be necessary for me to submit it to the Chancellor, then to the Attorney-General, and then to the President of the Board of Higher Education. I am sorry that all these steps are necessary to precede the formal signing of the lease.

We certainly appreciate your kindness and help in the entire matter.

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March 16, 1934.

Dr. C. V. Langton,

Oregon State College.

Dear Dr. Langton:

This is to advise of approval by the State Board of Higher Education, at its meeting March 5, 1934, of the recommendation providing for the leasing of the Oregon Electric Depot for a crew house, and also the acceptance of funds donated by citizens of the state for remodeling of the building. The Board also approved the addition to the budget of Physical Education for Men the amount of \$307.85, covering salary of E. A. Stevens, rowing coach, on a half-time basis from April 1 to June 15, 1934.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

OREGON STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
CORVALLIS, OREGON

March 23, 1934

Chancellor W. J. Kerr
Oregon State System of
Higher Education
Eugene, Oregon

Dear Chancellor Kerr:

SUBJECT: FACILITIES FOR ROWING

Under date of February 23 you were furnished a report of proposals to improve facilities for rowing, as part of the intramural physical education work at the State College. The Board of Higher Education at its meeting on March 5 authorized our request as recommended, including the leasing of the old Oregon Electric depot, the acceptance of financial grants to aid the rowing program, and the employment of Mr. Stevens as rowing coach. Since that time the Federal government has launched its program of emergency relief to needy college students, and under this authorization we have 187 students working in one form or another in service to the College. We have assigned 20 students to the work of remodeling the old depot building as required for the accommodation of the rowing crew program and in the building of raft and other facilities on the river bank.

Portland business men have pledged \$350 to assist in this work, about \$300 of which has been already made available. Dr. Langton, who has charge of this remodeling job and the outlining of the work for the students assigned to the job, reports that with the limited amount of money represented in the gifts from the Portland business men it will be impossible to install the adequate sanitary features that would be highly desirable, including showers, toilets, urinals, hot water system, with the proper plumbing installation. If some additional money could be provided for improvements in this building, it would be greatly advantageous, particularly in providing more adequate and more complete sanitary facilities. He urges, therefore, that there be granted \$350 to be used in showers, toilets, urinals, and hot water system, etc.

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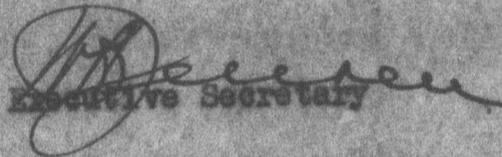
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Executive Secretary

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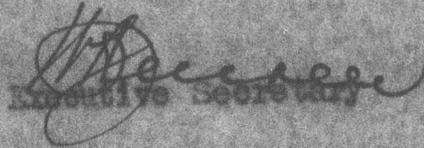
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OREGON STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

CORVALLIS, OREGON

DEPARTMENT OF
PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR MEN

March 19, 1934

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Mr. W. A. Jensen
Executive Secretary
Campus

Dear Mr. Jensen:

In order to derive the fullest benefits from the use of the Oregon Electric station it will be necessary to augment the money which has been donated by the Portland group. This to date is approximately \$350.00.

It would appear to be more economical and by far the better plan to put in first class plumbing equipment. As you know, this type of equipment is rather expensive. If we use only funds which have been subscribed in Portland the plumbing and sanitary features of the building will be quite inadequate and, in the long run, expensive due to the fact that they will have to be replaced. I am therefore requesting that \$350.00 from the money set aside for the CWA projects be diverted for the purpose of installing adequate plumbing in the boat house. This amount will cover such items as showers, toilets, urinals, hot water systems, together with the proper pumping installation in connection with the well which will have to be driven. Unfortunately the city water system does not serve the territory east of the river.

An early decision regarding this will be of considerable value due to the fact that it is impossible to plan the use of the present moneys until we know if additional moneys will be forthcoming.

Very truly yours,

Clair V. Langton

Clair V. Langton
Director

April 26, 1934

Mr. C. A. Hart
Carey-Hart-Spencer & McCullough
1410 Yeon Building
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

We have just received from the Acting Secretary of the State Board of Higher Education, Mr. C. D. Byrne, the enclosed leases for the depot property east of Corvallis, with the suggestion that if these may be signed by the Oregon Electric officials, they will then be signed by the President of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education and the Secretary. Copy will then be filed with you for your permanent record.

We believe all the provisions in the lease will be satisfactory to you, and we want to again assure you of our sincere appreciation of your many courtesies and considerations in connection with the granting of this privilege to the College.

Respectfully,

Executive Secretary.

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Enclosed is self-addressed envelope.

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May 8, 1934.

Professor C. D. Byrne,
State System of Higher Education,
Eugene, Oregon.

Dear Professor Byrne:

Herewith are the lease agreements covering the rowing crew house and property just east of Corvallis. I believe you will find now that these leases are in every way satisfactory and ready for signature of the Board officials concerned. You will note the letter from Hart, Carey, Spencer and McCulloch attached to the leases.

Respectfully yours,

Executive Secretary.

WILLARD L. MARKS, PRESIDENT
ALBANY, OREGON

C. A. BRAND, VICE-PRESIDENT
BOX 48
ROSEBURG, OREGON

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W. J. KERR, CHANCELLOR
OREGON STATE SYSTEM OF
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EUGENE, OREGON

Eugene, Oregon
April 18, 1934

Rowing facilities

George W. Peavy, President
Oregon State College
Corvallis, Oregon

Dear President Peavy:

When Mr. Marks was about to sign the enclosed leases he discovered that there was no place for him to sign. You will note that the lease as drawn up calls for a lease between the Oregon State Agricultural College and the Railway Company rather than between the State Board of Higher Education and the Railway Company. The signatures called for are the officers of the College rather than the officers of the Board.

Will you, therefore, have this changed and return it to me. I will then secure Mr. Marks signature.

Very truly yours,

Charles D. Byrne

Charles D. Byrne, Acting Secretary
State Board of Higher Education

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April 19, 1934

Mr. C. D. Byrne
Assistant to the Chancellor
State System of Higher Education
Eugene, Oregon

Dear Mr. Byrne:

Your letter of April 18 has been received.
I have had the contracts modified in the particu-
lars you indicated. As they now stand, the sig-
natures are for the Oregon Electric Railway
Company and the State Board of Higher Education.

Yours very truly,

President.

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CAREY, HART, SPENCER AND McCULLOCH

(CAREY AND KERR)

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PORTLAND, OREGON

May 7, 1934

Mr. W. A. Jensen, Executive Secretary,
Oregon State College,
Corvallis, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

We send you herewith two copies of lease from Oregon Electric Railway Company to State Board of Higher Education covering the depot property near Corvallis. The lease has now been executed by the President and Assistant Secretary of the Railway Company. As soon as it has been signed by the officers of the State Board of Higher Education, will you please return one copy to us?

Yours very truly,

Carey, Hart, Spencer & McCulloch

Enclosures

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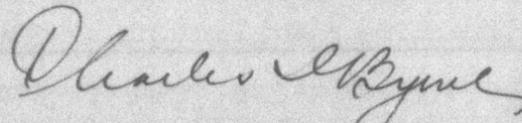
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Dear Mr. Jensen:

I am returning to you, enclosed, two copies of the lease of the Oregon Electric Depot. These copies have been signed by the President and Secretary of the Board.

Will you see that one of these copies is put on file in the business office.

Very truly yours,



Charles D. Byrne, Acting Secretary
State Board of Higher Education

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cc E. M. Smith

June 26, 1934.

Carey, Hart, Spencer & McCulloch,
1410 Yeon Building,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sirs:

Again referring to correspondence in regard to the lease for the Oregon Electric property east of Corvallis, enclosed herewith is one copy of the lease as executed by the President and Secretary of the State Board of Higher Education and by the President and Secretary of the Oregon Electric Railway Company. One copy is retained at the College for official files.

Thank you.

Respectfully yours,

Executive Secretary.

June 26, 1934.

Mr. E. M. Smith,
Oregon State College.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Herewith is one copy of the lease for the Oregon Electric Depot property executed by the different parties concerned. This is sent to you for record and file in the Business Office. The original copy has been forwarded to Carey, Hart, Spencer & McCulloch. The head of the Physical Education Department and others concerned should understand that copy of this agreement is on file in your office.

Respectfully yours,

Executive Secretary.

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Dr. Langton

March 30, 1934

LEASE OF OREGON ELECTRIC DEPOT
FOR USE AS CREW HOUSE.

Dr. W. J. Kerr, Chancellor
Oregon State System of Higher Education
Eugene, Oregon

Dear Chancellor Kerr:

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Sincerely yours,

Acting President

Copy to -
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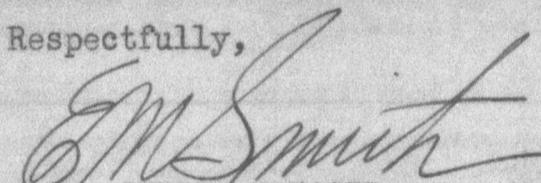
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We have checked the form of lease covering the old Oregon Electric depot and tract of land west of the building, also, conferred with Dr. Langton as to the understanding regarding the lease. As far as we are able to determine, the lease, as drawn, is in accord with the understanding. This lease was evidently drawn by attorneys for the Railway Company and from the form should be executed on behalf of the College by proper official of the Board.

We are returning the three copies of lease together with all correspondence connected therewith.

Respectfully,


E. M. SMITH, MANAGER.

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CAREY, HART, SPENCER AND McCULLOCH
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March 23, 1934

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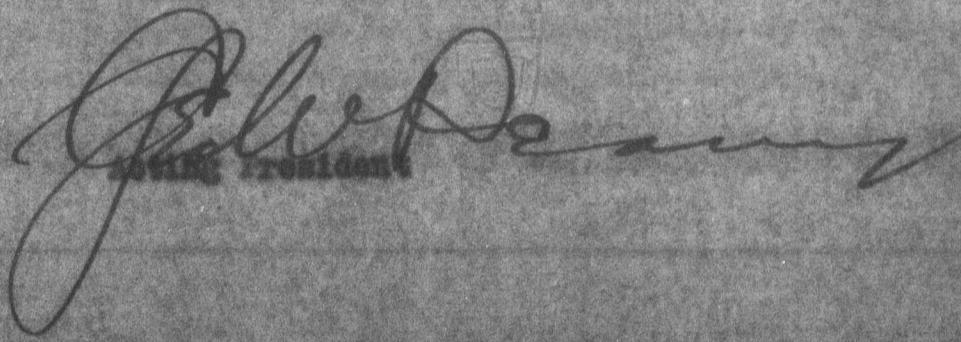
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President G. W. Peavy
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March 26, 1934

Mr. E. M. Smith
Business Office
Campus

Dear Mr. Smith:

Attached are papers relating to the lease of the old Oregon Electric depot across the river, the lease covering the small tract of ground and the building itself. Will you kindly check over the lease as submitted through Dr. Langton. If you have any suggestions to make, shall be glad to have them. Then, I presume the normal procedure will be for the Acting President to forward the lease to the Chancellor with the request that it be approved by any further officers concerned.

Respectfully,

Executive Secretary

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OREGON STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
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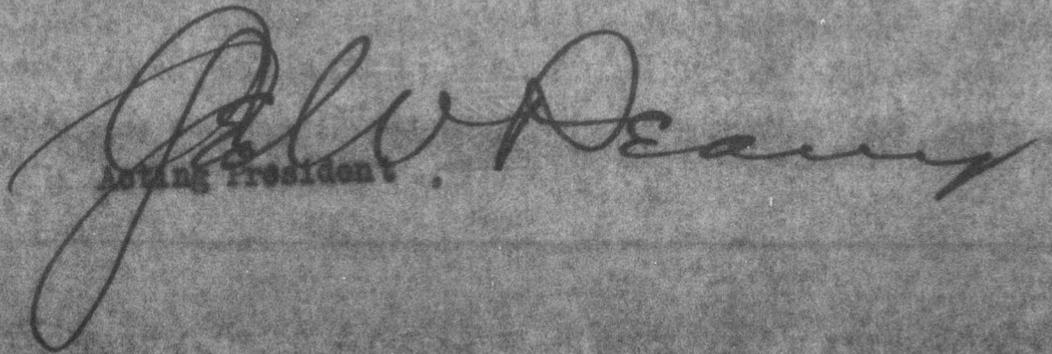
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Eugene, Oregon
March 31, 1934

Prof. G. W. Peavy
Acting President
Oregon State College
Corvallis, Oregon

Dear President Peavy:

I am returning enclosed the three copies of the lease on the Oregon Electric Depot. It will be necessary to alter Item 2 in accordance with the following Board action:

"The Board approved the leasing of the Oregon Electric Depot at Corvallis for a crew house to be used in connection with the intramural rowing sport at the College, the annual rental to be a sum equivalent to the annual taxes plus \$1.00 a year with the College providing whatever maintenance is necessary for the building; and authorized the College to accept funds donated by citizens of the state for the remodeling of the building."

I would suggest that in altering this lease, if it is agreeable to the railroad company, Items 1 and 2 be combined something like this:

The Lessee covenants and agrees to pay the Lessor rent at the rate of \$1.00 per year plus a sum equivalent to the annual taxes, payable in advance.

The reason for this change is obvious. We could not, out of state funds, pay the taxes on railroad property.

If you will have the changes made in these three copies and return them to me, I will have the lease signed up at the next Board meeting.

Very truly yours,

Charles D. Byrne
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State Board of Higher Education

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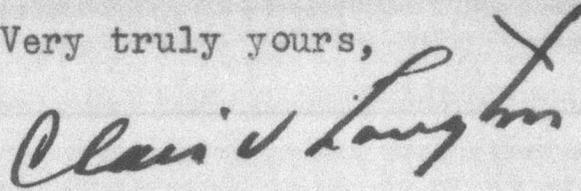
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President G. W. Peavy
Executive Office

Dear President Peavy:

I am returning to you herewith the proposed lease from the Oregon Electric Railway Company to Oregon State Agricultural College which has been changed according to the suggestion in Mr. Byrne's letter.

Very truly yours,



Clair V. Langton
Director

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April 6, 1934.

Professor C. D. Byrne,
State System of Higher Education,
Eugene, Oregon.

Dear Professor Byrne: LEASE OREGON ELECTRIC DEPOT

Under date of March 31 you returned to us the proposed lease for the old Oregon Electric Depot for use as a crew house, with the suggestion that certain modifications be made in phrasing to comply with Board requirements. The modifications have been made as suggested, and the lease re-submitted herewith for executive attention.

Yours very truly,

Acting President.

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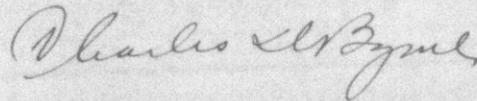
Mr. W. A. Jensen
Executive Secretary
Oregon State College
Corvallis, Oregon

Dear Mr. Jensen:

I have your letter inquiring about the Oregon Electric Depot lease. The lease is in the hands of President Marks now for signature. I gave it to him at the last Board meeting so that he could study it over and sign it.

It will be returned to you just as soon as Mr. Marks has affixed his signature.

Very truly yours,



Charles D. Byrne, Acting Secretary
State Board of Higher Education

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These were sent to Mr. Byrne for
execution by proper Board officer.

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CAREY, HART, SPENCER AND McCULLOCH

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LAW OFFICES

1410 YEON BUILDING

PORTLAND, OREGON

June 14, 1934

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Mr. W. A. Jensen,
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Dear Sir:

On May 7, we sent you two copies of lease from Oregon Electric Railway Company to the State Board of Higher Education covering the Oregon Electric depot property at East Corvallis. This property is now being used as a rowing club. The officials of the Company are asking when the executed copy of the lease will be returned to the Company. Can you give us any information on this?

Yours very truly,

Carey, Hart, Spencer & McCulloch

June 21, 1934.

Mr. C. D. Byrne,
State System of Higher Education,
Eugene, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Byrne:

From Carey, Hart, Spencer and McCulloch, attorneys
in Portland, we have this inquiry:

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You will recall that under date of April 19 we sent to you the corrected contracts for signature. I have not as yet acknowledged receipt of the letter quoted above, preferring to know from you what action, if any, has been taken.

Respectfully yours,

Executive Secretary.

June 25, 1934.

Carey, Hart, Spencer & McCulloch,
1410 Yeon Building,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sirs:

Immediately upon receipt of your letter of June 14, I dispatched an inquiry to the secretary of the State Board of Higher Education, C. D. Byrne, asking for information regarding the status of the lease for the Oregon Electric Depot property east of Corvallis. Mr. Byrne advises that he placed the lease in the hands of the president of the Board, Willard Marks, who was going to study the lease and attach his signature. If you have not received the lease by this time, I am sure you will in the course of a few days.

Respectfully yours,

Executive Secretary.

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