

AMERICAN COLLEGE MORALITY DISCUSSED

National Council of Student Y. M. Workers Meets

VEATCH OREGON DELEGATE

Student Friendship Fund Said to be Growing

"The biggest question on the program of the National Council of Student Y. M. C. A. workers in New York was American college morality," said Roy Veatch, all-Northwestern delegate, on his return to the campus. "The subject wasn't on the program and it came up spontaneously almost at the close of the meeting."

"We found that all of the questions, when we had discussed them, boiled down to this one question, the general and specific looseness of the character and morals of our present day students. We found by actual verified reports that our universities and especially our high schools, which invariably ape the colleges, have been engulfed in a wave of moral laxity which is alarming."

Preppers Barred From Dance

The Chicago Association of Dance Hall Managers, according to Veatch, had passed a resolution forbidding the presence of the high school students of that city at such dances, on the grounds that their actions are objectionable to their other patrons. In another city, high school students were observed by one of the delegates, to go daily after school hours, in pairs, to the lowest filthiest "movie" in the city. Their parents were frequently ignorant of the fact. A school matron from one of the middle-western cities estimated that approximately 16 per cent of the high school students in that city smoke.

An interesting case was cited of a middle-western college, in which the reaction to this condition of open vulgarity took the shape of a bonfire rally. A number of the students decided to undertake the solution seriously, and a week's conference was held. One Saturday night certain of the boys kindled a bonfire in the center of the campus, where they burned all of their questionable books, as well as any suggestive pictures, which they had in their rooms. In addition they visited all of the boys' rooms on the campus and told them of their clean-up, but neither urged nor forced the boys to join them. The bonfire marked the beginning of a thorough moral clean-up. Later all of the high schools in the adjoining towns were similarly uplifted.

Eastern Colleges Doing Much

Regarding the other work of the conference, Veatch said that the first two meetings were devoted largely to receiving reports of the delegates, as to the condition of Christian life and work in their sections and various college communities. A number of delegates reported on the work of some eastern schools in "putting their school on the map on the other side of the world," such as the work done by Yale (in China) and by the Ohio State Student Union in Czechoslovakia. Williams College which has a student body of 570 men was mentioned as contributing \$5,700 to foreign schools.

Another delegate reported that the Student Friendship, which is now in its second year, has received much better support throughout the country than last year. The Pacific coast, was however noted as an exception, the statement being that the support on the coast this year was not equal to that of last year.

OREGON KNIGHTS MAKE CHANGE IN COMMITTEES

Organization Will Sponsor Student Body Dance

Reorganization of the committees of the Oregon Knights was announced Thursday evening at their regular meeting held in the Women's building. The Knights are thoroughly organized now and are working very efficiently along various lines of activities. The committees and chairmen to be used in carrying out their program is as follows: Visiting Teams committee, Doug Farrell, chairman, to meet all teams visiting the University and see that they are entertained properly. Tickets to student body plays or other activities of interest are presented and they are shown the many places of interest here. The Nevada team was entertained in this manner when it was here a short time ago.

Machine committee, Ken Williamson, chairman, to see that machines are provided when occasion should arise, such as the transporting of visitors to and from the University and showing them places of interest; Vigilance committee, Ray Harlan, chairman, to see that Oregon traditions are upheld and for the purpose of supplying freshmen for duty when they are needed for working on the athletic fields or other work. To aid in this work a card index system has been installed with the schedule of every freshman recorded so that when a call is made for men the committee has information available which enables them to get men promptly. Score Board committee, Henry Karpenstein, chairman, has charge of handling score boards for the games played here; Dance commit-

tee, Ted Baker, chairman. Several other committees were announced also, such as bulletin board, scrap book, and publicity. The dance committee has made arrangements with the Student Council to give the first Student Body dance of next term. Another dance will be held later next term, also, to be for Knight members only.

SCIENCE AND RELIGION SUBJECT OF SWEETSER

Very Few Men Give up Lives to Helping Needy Without Thoughts of Gain, Says Professor

"There is no discord between the bible of nature and the Bible of Revelations," declared Professor Albert B. Sweetser, head of the botany department, in a talk on science and religion at the Y. M. C. A. Wednesday afternoon. "It is the fact that we do not understand either of them that makes it hard for us to believe."

Sentimentality prompts most men to give up their lives to helping the needy and uneducated, said Professor Sweetser. There are many apostles in the world, but few who devote themselves to the cause of mankind without some thoughts of remuneration or the hope of achieving fame.

Into a lumbering town of Minnesota came the "Sky Pilot," F. E. Higgins, said Professor Sweetser. Nobody seemed to care for the lumberjacks. They squandered their money and led a care-free life. The men urged Higgins to preach a sermon one day and ever since that time he has dedicated his life to bettering their lot.

"The men who have given up their time to the spreading of Christianity have been influenced by inward motives difficult to understand," declared the speaker. "They see things in life that suddenly grip them to do something good. We should always try to aid others, no matter how small a task we perform, as long as high ideals are urging us to do a worthwhile duty," he concluded.

TREES LEFT BY CLASSES ARE TO BE MARKED SOON

Many Different Kinds Planted by Graduates from 1878 to 1900, When Custom Stopped

How many students at the University know that the large tree about 100 feet west of Villard Hall is one of the well known California Big trees and that it was planted and given to the University by the graduating class of '80?

How many know that the campus has an elm tree which was grown from a slip taken from the famous elm at Washington's tomb at Mt. Vernon?

Students and campus visitors soon will be able to locate these trees and many others which were left as mementoes by different graduating classes, for all of them are to be marked with plates or cards that will distinguish them.

The custom of tree planting was first started in 1878, when the first class to graduate from the University—a class of five members—obtained through the assistance of Dr. Thomas Condon, former head of the geology department, an English laurel tree and planted it near the west walk leading from Deady hall to Villard. The next year a Japanese cedar was planted near the English laurel, and in the years following, up to 1900, trees were planted each year by the senior class, with the exception of the year 1882.

Among the different kinds of class trees to be found on the campus are the following: Port Orford cedar, Oregon Fir, larch, spruce, English cedar, California redwood, Linden, myrtle, arbutus, black walnut and oak. Most of the trees are located near Deady and Villard, because at the time they were planted that was the center of the campus.

IDAHO TO HAVE NEW GYM

University of Idaho, March 2.—(P. I. N. S.)—Plans for a new gymnasium to be constructed at the University in the near future are under consideration. Other building plans to increase the housing capacity of different university buildings are also before the executive committee.

DEBATE TRYOUTS TUESDAY

Tryouts for the women's dual O. A. C. debate will be held next Tuesday afternoon in the Commerce building. The debate is an annual event and will be held on April 6. It is expected that a considerable number of girls will participate in the tryouts.

SCHROFF EXHIBIT TO CLOSE

Sunday Last Showing of Paintings at Eugene Chamber of Commerce

The exhibit of the paintings of Professor Alfred H. Schroff of the University, at the Eugene Chamber of Commerce, will close on Sunday evening. The attendance at the exhibit has been very good, and the criticism of the local critics most gratifying, according to Professor Schroff. During the last week the school children of the city have been taken to the exhibit on various afternoons and a large number of University students have attended the exhibit.

The result of the ballot which has been cast on the most popular picture at the exhibit, will be announced early in the week. At that time Professor Schroff will present the picture which is determined by these votes to the Chamber of Commerce.

WEST NEEDS AID OF EAST DECLARES KANSHI RAM

New World is Materialistic, Says Hindu Student

"The West needs the East. Without uprooting hatred, selfishness and greed from the hearts of the younger generations permanent peace in the world is doubtful," said Kanshi Ram, a major in journalism, in an interview yesterday on the world's peace problem.

"The West is concerned only or mainly with organization and mechanism. It puts its trust in a method and a machine. Its heart is in politics, which is strife, and in commerce which is the pursuit of gain. What politics and commerce, and the institutions and mechanisms which are the agents of both, can do to mar struggles and wars and bring about eternal peace the recent great war has shown." The East is concerned only with the things of the spirit and is not a slave, to a great extent, to hatred between man and man, thirst for pleasure and gross materialism—the three enemies of the permanent peace in the world.

"Western Europe armed to the teeth, crowded with factories, maddened by its commerce, troubled with unrests, frenzied with hatreds, and disappointed at its youth and manhood ruthlessly mowed down by its perfect implements of war and machines of destruction should better look to the East for spiritual help."

"The international conferences to stop wars, and settling international disputes by way of arbitration have awakened the spirit of Internationalism, and unless the nations practice its principles and look to the East from which sprung all religions polytheism, Buddhism, Brahmanism, Judaism, Mohammedanism and Christianity, to cooperate in the common cause of Peace, the world will have to go through more terrible wars."

"The East, India in particular, can do much to heal the wounds of a world financially and materially wrecked. Unless the East and West know and help each other; eternal peace is a matter of much doubt," concluded Mr. Ram.

CONFERENCE NOT PEACE

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square were seated the chief leaders of the greatest powers of the world. Secretary of State Hughes, of inspiring demeanor and forcible utterance, President Harding, Elihu Root, Lord Balfour, Premier Briand, characterized by William Allen White as resembling a "Western sheriff," all these Dr. Robinson portrayed in a way that made his audience sense the spirit of the assemblage.

After President Harding had delivered the address of welcome, Secretary Hughes in an address that took the entire assemblage by surprise, laid before them America's plan for naval disarmament. The representatives who had expected a long delay filled with social functions were made to realize that the United States was in earnest and success appeared more likely.

The next move of great importance, asserted the speaker, was when Mr. Balfour, leader of the British delegation, arose and accepted America's proposal without reservation. Definite success of the conference was then almost assured.

The speaker then warned his audience of the danger of accepting the results of the last conference as permanent assurances of world peace. Miss Eileen Greene gave a harp solo at the opening of the assembly. She was received with enthusiasm.

Dr. Edgar E. Robinson addressed a large group of students later in the day in the "Y" hut, outlining the work of the newswriters who covered the conference at Washington.

"The real business of the conference was done in the strictest secrecy."—There were reporters who reported the straight news, the interpretative writers of whom Mark Sullivan, Frank H. Simonds and H. G. Wells were examples, and so-called opinion writers, according to the speaker.

The interpretative writers were, he said, by far the most important. They did not confine their attention to news alone, but interpreted it in line with their own preconceived ideas, and did

much toward putting over to the general public the spirit prevailing at the conference.

The official news was given to the American press delegation in the form of a summarized report of the business being transacted, he said. Actual procedure and arguments which went on within the various committees were kept in deepest secrecy, and therefore there was very little news of official character, Mr. Robinson pointed out.

Conferences with the delegates were, however, granted the journalists in semi-official gatherings in which, the speaker said, the newspapermen were allowed to quiz the official delegates. This was a source from which much of the published news came, he pointed out, but added that he was impressed with the fact that the success of such writers as Mark Sullivan lay in their personal acquaintance with social and diplomatic Washington.

"I had always thought that H. G. Wells would be an edition of his own Mr. Britling, but he impressed me as being very much like a typical New York business man," Mr. Robinson said, smiling. "He is slow of speech, a deliberate thinker, and a man who ostensibly likes to be by himself much of the time. I believe," Mr. Robinson said, "that Mr. Wells wrote without an adequate knowledge of American life and conditions."

MISS MARION GILSTRAP BRIDE OF ROSS MC KENNA

Classmates of 1921 on Wedding Trip to British Columbia; Will Live in Portland

Marion Gilstrap, '21, of Eugene, and Robert Ross MacKenna, '21, of Portland were married on Wednesday at the rectory of Trinity Episcopal church, Portland, by Dr. A. A. Morrison. Immediately after the ceremony the couple left for a wedding trip through British Columbia, planning to stop at Vancouver and Victoria.

University students will remember that both Mr. and Mrs. MacKenna were very active and popular while on the campus. The bride, who was prominent in dramatics, is a member of Delta Gamma women's fraternity, and Mr. MacKenna of Delta Tau Delta.

Mrs. MacKenna is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gilstrap of Eugene. Mr. MacKenna is interested in the Oregon Export-Import Company of Portland. After their return from British Columbia they will make their home in Portland.

\$150 VOTED TO BLEACHER

Frosh to Help Erect Permanent Seats For Junior Week-end

At a meeting held Thursday afternoon the freshman class unanimously voted to pay \$150 toward the fund which is being collected here for the purpose of erecting permanent bleachers for the canoe fete which is held every year during Junior Week-end.

It is expected that the bleachers will cost between \$800 and \$1000. The sophomore class has also given \$150 toward the fund. The balance is to be made up by the Junior class and amounts pledged by down-town merchants. It is expected that spectators other than the students, and visitors of the University will be charged a small amount for seats in the bleachers hereafter.

The class discussed the question of decorating the grave of Leslie Tooze, a former student of Oregon, who was killed in action in France during the World War. They decided to cover the grave with a blanket of red, white, and blue flowers on Decoration Day. Fitting exercises will be held at the time. It is hoped that this will be the beginning of a tradition which will be followed by succeeding freshman classes.

O. A. C. HEARS MAN FROM PEKIN

Oregon Agricultural College, Mar. 2.—(P. I. N. S.)—Dr. L. H. Luce, vice-president of Pekin University, who has been in attendance at the disarmament conference, spoke to the students in room 100 Library, Wednesday afternoon.

O. A. C. SHOOTERS WIN FROM EAST

University of Washington, Mar. 2.—(P. I. N. S.)—The recent rifle match between the University of Washington and Boston University, announced as a tie, was declared to be a Washington victory, after examination of targets. The score was 497 to 495.

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