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FIRE HAZARDS IN CAMPUS BUILDINGS FOUND EXCESSIVE

State Officials Inspecting University Reveal Many Alarming Traps

McCLURE IS DANGEROUS

Conditions in Fraternities and Sororities Are Declared Jeopardy to Lives

Fire hazards in various University buildings have been found to be great in an inspection made by Deputy State Fire Marshal Horace Sykes and J. S. Gleason under authorization of State Fire Marshal Barbur. Mr. Sykes and Mr. Gleason have been inspecting all the buildings on the campus and found that the four greatest fire hazards in University buildings on the campus are the library, McClure hall, Deady hall and the heating plant.

The conditions in McClure hall are especially dangerous, Sykes pointed out, because fire may be invited any time, due to the electrical wiring. The whole wiring system in McClure hall should be taken out and a new one installed. "The entire system is extremely deficient," he said. Deady hall in his estimation is a fearful fire trap. Like McClure, the wiring is defective and fire-escapes are limited. There are only two narrow stairs in the building making escape for a large number of students almost impossible.

Library Not Bad
"The library," Mr. Sykes said, "is not so bad, yet conditions in that building are so that fire may start from defective wiring. The wiring in the library is overloaded with electricity and the plugs are hot enough at any time in the day to burn one's hands. Only one fire escape is provided in the library and that is the circuitous stairs leading from the reserve section to the lower floor. This is a bad defect for a building which is used as extensively by the students."

Mr. Sykes declared that the location of the heating plant should be changed because it is now standing among a group of other campus buildings, namely, the sociology building, the architectural building, the arts building, home economics building, and Villard hall. If fire should break out in the heating plant conditions are so bad that nearly all these buildings would be lost. He recommended that it be isolated from the other buildings.

New Buildings Better
All the new buildings under construction including the recently completed Oregon and Commerce halls were found to be in much better condition and the fire hazards are not so great. These buildings have enclosed wall stairs and ample fire escapes. Fire can result only from personal carelessness.

Because of lack of time Mr. Sykes and Mr. Gleason were unable to make a thorough investigation of the conditions in the fraternities and sororities

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WANDERING GIRL QUESTIONS DEANS

STUDENT IS MAKING DILIGENT SEARCH FOR MAJOR SUBJECT

Professor Agrees That She Has Right Idea; Domestic Arts Department Is Not Included in the List

An entirely new phenomenon has cropped up in the student world, it was discovered, when a girl was found today wandering around to the deans of the different schools of the University to get the selling points for their departments. Not a freshman, either, this young lady, who, when she decided to change her major wanted to find out then and there what each had to offer in the way of present courses and future opportunity.

"This is my third day," she said, "and I'm almost around. Do you know of any department that would like a good major?"

One of the professors whom she interviewed announced that he believed she had a good plan, and only hoped that she wouldn't eliminate all of the departments in her final decision since she is a very fine student. The only one she plans not to visit is the Domestic Arts department, for which she was not, she thinks, intended by nature and temperament.

MEN'S GLEE CLUB WILL GIVE INLAND CONCERTS

Trip Will Be Made in Spring; Salt Lake on Schedule

Oregon spirit, expressed in harmony by the University of Oregon men's glee club, will be carried through Oregon, out across the sage-brush plains and the green mountains of Idaho, and into the land of Brigham Young, as far as Salt Lake City, if the schedule just arranged by James Meek, Glee Club manager, is put into effect.

Manager Meek has just returned from a two weeks' trip through the west with a bag-full of promising contracts and the assurance from hundreds of Utah, Idaho and Oregon people that if the glee club comes their way next spring vacation according to the present plan, that the 21 men who make up the singing organization will be royally received in both a social and financial way.

Many Towns Booked
Leaving here immediately after the opening of the Christmas holidays, Meek succeeded in booking about 12 concerts, and is now carrying on correspondence with other places with a view to obtaining contracts.

In Salt Lake City the University of Utah has expressed willingness to book the club, and a very satisfactory contract was made. At Logan, home of the Utah Agricultural College, the Ags have agreed to sponsor the Lemon-Yellow organizations if the trip materializes. Gooding, Nampa and Caldwell, Idaho, were all booked. The Oregon towns to be included in the itinerary are Portland, Salem, Hood River, The Dalles, Pendleton, La Grande and Baker.

Committee Must Act
The arrangements which have been made will be submitted to the finance committee of the student body administration.

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HUNTINGTON HAS NOT YET SIGNED SHORT CONTRACT

One-Year Period of Coaching Varsity Gridders Said to Be Refused

COUNCIL WILL RECONSIDER

Definite Action on Problem to Be Taken by Group at That Time

Shy Huntington has not yet accepted the one-year contract which was offered him by the student body through the executive council late last term. At the time, it was predicted that his acceptance was uncertain, and up to last night no information to the effect that he had accepted the proposal had been received.

Before the meeting of the council, many pleas were made through the students and alumni for the election of the football coach for a period of three years. Acting on the recommendation of the football activities committee, however, the executive council re-elected Huntington for the one-year period, offering him the same salary, \$4,000, that he received this year.

Although no definite information is obtainable, it is understood that Huntington has received tempting offers from other schools, and the fact that he has not signed with Oregon bears out this belief, since the contract has been in his hands for several weeks.

Shy in Portland
Huntington is in Portland at present, and no definite information can be obtained from him concerning his position in the matter until his return.

Although impossible to verify, there was a rumor afloat on the campus yesterday afternoon that Huntington's delayed acceptance of the contract offered him has a deeper significance than a mere neglect to sign the contracting papers. It is believed that Huntington will not coach on the terms offered him and will not coach Oregon next year unless the contract is markedly changed. It is rumored—and apparently the rumor is well founded—that Coach Huntington has definitely made it known that he will not consider the one-year contract.

The next meeting of the executive council is Wednesday evening, January 17, and it is probable that at that time definite action on the hiring of the coach will be taken.

LANE COUNTY ALUMNI TO FORM ASSOCIATION

Meeting to Be Held Wednesday Evening at Osburn Hotel; Interesting Program Is Planned

The organization of a Lane County Alumni association will be the main feature of a University of Oregon Alumni dinner and business meeting to be held Wednesday evening, January 17, at 6:30 o'clock.

Anyone connected with the University, including correspondence and Portland Medical or Law students, are urged to be present. All husbands and wives of the alumni are invited to attend.

An interesting program has been prepared which includes a quartet consisting of Elmer Price, George Hopkins, Glen Morrow and Harold White, who will sing Oregon songs.

Robert B. Kuykendall, president of the Oregon Alumni association will speak. President P. L. Campbell, Lamar Tooez, Dean Walker, Herbert Lombard, Welby Stevens and Leon Ray are other speakers of the evening. A representative of the alumni will also be one of the speakers.

Reservations for the dinner are now being made at \$1 a plate. Those wishing to attend the dinner should see either H. H. Hobbs at the United States National bank; Lynn McCready, First National bank, or W. C. Ables, Bank of Commerce.

Committees are working hard to make this one of the most successful alumni meetings ever held. Members of the committees are as follows:

General chairman, Dean Walker. Banquet committee, Gladys Wilkins McCready, chairman, Mrs. L. E. Bean, and Fred Stickle.

Program committee, Harold White, chairman and Dr. Delbert Stannard. Organization committee (nominating of officers), Herbert Lombard, chairman, Claude Washburne and Mrs. Frank Jenkins.

PLEDGINGS ANNOUNCED

Phi Sigma Pi announces the pledging of Theodore Jones of Pendleton.

Kappa Kappa Gamma announces the pledging of Alice Pabst of San Francisco.

DIVERGENT VIEWS EXPRESSED BY FACULTY MEMBERS RELATIVE TO SEMESTER PLAN

Arguments Advanced for and Against System Which Will Divide Year; Student Opinion Sought

Definite crystallization of faculty opinion, relative to the belief that the wishes of the students should be taken into consideration in the final action on the two semester system passed last Wednesday by a close vote, is indicated by the willingness with which deans of the various schools and department heads expressed their stand on the semester question yesterday.

It is apparent that there is a clear-cut division in the stand taken on the semester plan by the members of the science faculty on one side and members of the art and education departments, on the other. Dr. Harry B. Yocom of zoology department, was the only member of the science faculty who favored the abandonment of the present tri-semester or quarter system. He believes the semester system would bring Oregon more closely in line with other collegiate institutions of the coast in times of opening and closing, and that eventually students will appreciate its merits. It would also suit his courses better, he says. Dr. Yocom stated that railroads objected to giving special student rates at vacation periods when O. A. C. does not complete the terms at the same time.

Scientists Oppose Plan
Faculty members of the geology department are among the strongest opponents of the semester system, which will go into effect next fall unless adverse action is taken. Dr. Warren D. Smith, head of the department, believes the return to the semester plan is a decidedly backward step in the progress of the University. Nearly all of the larger universities of the country, a notable example of which is the University of Chicago, are tending toward the three-term method and in no institution other than the University of Oregon has the semester plan ever been readopted.

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The girls are working on the question concerning the cancellation of war debts which was used for doughnut debates and which will presumably be the question for debate with O. A. C. Arrangements with Washington are not definite as yet. The girls who have already been chosen on the team and those who are trying out for the vacant position, will meet Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of next week, according to C. D. Thorpe, debate coach.

Tryouts for the selection of a representative from Oregon for the annual state oratorical contest will be held two weeks from Friday.

NEW STRUCTURES MEET WITH FURTHER DELAY
Journalism Building May Be Dedicated in March; Fairbanks to Move His Properties Next Week

The new art and journalism buildings, now being erected near Twelfth and University streets, will not be fully completed until next term, according to John L. Hanna, superintendent of buildings.

Avard Fairbanks of the art department expects to be able to move his work into the art building by next week, although Miss Maude Kerns and Miss Victoria Avakian do not expect to hold classes there until spring.

Dean Allen hopes to dedicate the new journalism building in March, during the editors' convention which meets from March 21 to 23. No classes will be held there until after that time.

Work was first started on the two structures about October first. There has been a good deal of delay owing to the recent weather conditions.

CAMPUS CLEAN-UP STARTS

Old Buildings and Unightly Walks Disappear During Vacation

A general cleanup campaign was carried on about the campus during the Christmas holidays, as shown by the altered appearance of the grounds today. The old shack which stood west of the Oregon building and was used as a bicycle shed has disappeared with the unsightly bulletin boards in front of the library and Deady hall.

The high wire fence surrounding the tennis courts between the library and Commerce building on Thirteenth Avenue East has been torn down, and the pile of boards at the north end of Oregon hall has been carried away along with the walk connecting the "Y" hut with the Oregon and Commerce buildings.

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CHARACTERS OF RILEY'S POEMS APPEAR IN PLAY

Reddie's Production Will Be Staged in Two Weeks

Lizabeth Ann, who believes in dreams and takes a journey because that is the thing to do when one dreams of one's teeth falling out, and The Raggedy Man, whom she meets on the eventful trip, are only two of James Whitcomb Riley's characters to be seen in the next Guild hall production, "The Raggedy Man," January 24, 25 and 26. All that is incident to the meeting of these two delightful persons makes the play a mixture of hilarious comedy and wistful pathos, and brings into the action stories of several other lives, all of which are intricately woven together in the neighborly life of Griggsby Station.

Mrs. Hammond, longing vaguely for city life, a large house, and opportunities, and grown up to the inadequacies of her dreamer husband and his unceasing inventions, is pleasantly surprised at his final success, and the story of the Hammonds in the city is at once funny and pathetic.

Everyone who has ever read Riley remembers Old Aunt Mary, whose crowded heart and home yet have room for Little Orphan Annie, the imaginative child of the old rhymes. Grandfather Squeers at his usual post by the stove in the store exchanges reminiscences with Zeke and Almon. Grandmother Squeers bustles about, determined "Not to be beholden to the children yet awhile."

The comedy element is best portrayed in Addeline Bowersox, the postmistress, information bureau of Griggsby Station and the butt of many jokes.

In writing "The Raggedy Man," Mr. Reddie has achieved a real triumph, weaving the story from many poems in a way that would have pleased the poet himself, and making these dearly-loved figures live for the audience for a few brief hours on the stage. The interest lies chiefly in the characters rather than in the plot, although the plot is definite and interesting. The cast will include several children; Billy and Betty Allen, Janet Thacher, and Maxine Elliot.

OREGON HOOPERS SWAMP DENTISTS IN EASY CONTEST

Varsity Quintet Takes Visitors into Camp 42 to 20 in Game Played in Armory

PLAYERS SHIFTED OFTEN

Several Combinations Tried Out by Bohler in Tilt; First Group Best

By Ed Fraser

Don Zimmerman and Hunk Latham proved too much for the Dental college team in last night's contest and by scoring 12 and 14 points, respectively, rolled up six more counters than the entire visiting quintet could amass.

The final count of the contest was 42 to 20, with the Varsity on the long end of the score for the first time in many moons in a game played on the home floor. The combination which started the game was Latham at center, Zimmerman and Schaefer at forward, Zimmerman and Chapman at forward and Chapman and Couch as guards.

The squad which worked together best seemed to be Latham as center, Zimmerman at one forward, and either Altstock, Gowans or Rockhey at the other, and Chapman and Schaefer as guards. Schaefer is evidently out of place in a forward position but plays a fast, heady game when shifted to guard.

Oregon started the scoring with a foul converted by Latham, but the Dentists came right back and by caging two pretty baskets put the score at four to one in their favor. Zimmerman came to the rescue at this point and by garnering two baskets put Oregon in the lead, which was maintained till the end of the game.

Long Shots Made

The Oregon passing was poor for the most part, and in the first half the visitors had all the best of this part of the game, but were unable to stop the long baskets which Latham and Zimmerman repeatedly caged.

At the end of the first 20 minute period, the score stood 23 to 12 for the Varsity, but a new squad was sent in at this time, which was unable to score many points against the Dentists. Toward the middle of the period Coach Bohler again sent in his first string team and it started scoring operations and soon reached the 40 mark.

Coach Bohler was evidently attempting to find just which aggregation would work the most effectively, for he shifted the men even more often than in the games last season.

Combination Is Effective

If the playing of the men on the barnstorming trip and in last night's game is of any value it would seem that Bohler should play the combination of Latham, Zimmerman, Chapman, Schaefer, as they converted oftener, and worked better together than any other group. The selection of a forward to play with Zimmerman is a hard task though, and with several men available this seems to be merely a matter of elimination.

The work of the team in this game plainly shows that the men can be counted on to win a goodly share of their games this season, for there was a noticeable improvement over the passing and teamwork of last year. The shooting and floor work of Hunk Latham has added a great deal to the offensive strength of the team. Zimmerman also has improved and ranks with Hunk as a scorer.

Chapman Working Nicely

Chapman at guard certainly plays a nice floor game, and it seems probable that he will eclipse his brother, Nish, in the court game, although Nish was picked as all-Northwest guard one year.

The team meets stronger competition tonight when the men line up against the Multnomah Club outfit. The Winged "M" bunch has already won from them once and expects to turn the trick again. The Lemon-Yellow has a fine chance to turn the tables though as this game is on the home floor, so it will no doubt be one of the best and closest games seen here for a long time.

The line-up last night:
Oregon—42 North Pacific—20
Zimmerman 12.....F.....Pepin 6
Schaefer 4.....F.....McLaughlin 2
Latham 14.....C.....Rogoway
Chapman 6.....G.....Butler 8
Couch.....G.....Michelson
Altstock 6.....S.....L. Rassier 2
Gowans.....S.....Lutz 2
Burnett.....S.....W. Rassier
Rockhey.....S.....Webster
Brown.....S