

BOYNTON PLANS FEATURE COURSE

'Vaudeville Physics' Shows Human Interest Side

STUNTS TO BE PLAYED UP

Lectures to be Illustrated to Create Interest

"Vaudeville Physics" is the nickname for a course in physics which Dr. W. P. Boynton, head of the physics department, is planning on giving in his department next term. The correct name of the course, as it is planned to list it in the catalogue, is "Essentials of Physics." "I propose to feature the human interest and historic side of the subject in the course," said Dr. Boynton.

"Most of the physics courses are too theoretic," he said. "They deal with mathematics and facts too much. In this course it is planned to take up more the concrete side. For example, I might start with Aristotle in a bath tub. Perhaps the title of that lecture might be 'The First Bath.'

Apparatus to be Used
"All of the important essentials in physics would be taken up. We would touch on sound and music, radio, light, electricity, and so forth. For music we would probably use a phonograph, or a grind organ. There would be an apparatus to show the sound waves. And of course there would always be the lantern slides to resort to," pointed out the physicist.

Professor Benjamin Snow of Wisconsin university has given a course along these general lines for years. Dean Allen of the school of journalism of the University is a former student of Professor Snow. He has always been a staunch advocate of this way of teaching physics. The Wisconsin professor devotes his whole time to this course. One piece of apparatus which he has is an aluminum arrangement with a gas flame under it built to represent a geyser. And like Old Faithful in Yellowstone National park, it spouts at regular intervals.

Plan Not New One

Dr. Boynton said that this plan for a "Vaudeville Course" is not a new one. He told about an old professor of his who used to give class demonstrations in his lectures. "I remember one time," he said, "when he had a rotary pump set up on the platform in the front of the room. He was demonstrating an experiment. 'Well, the professor looked over the class to find some one capable of turning the crank on the rotary while he performed the experiment. I was selected. I remember when I got the pump revolving quite fast, the professor, being in the middle of his demonstration, paused for a moment, looked at me, and then to class, saying, 'This pump is being turned by a crank.' I was standing with my back to the class," said Dr. Boynton.

Occasionally vaudeville stunts have been tried out on the campus, but never before designed to be the played-up part of a course.

Faculty Is Interested
Dr. Boynton is planning on giving these courses himself. The class being a two hour one is expected to run throughout the entire year, meeting on Monday and Thursday at 8 o'clock. The day before will be required in setting up the experiment.

A great number of the faculty are interested in the experiment. The faculty of the school of education is especially interested, because of the fact that it is a way to present the subject matter of physics in a new light. They look forward to installing some such way in the high schools if it proves successful.

"The course will not be either an upper division or a lower division course," said Dr. Boynton. "The students will go on with the ordinary courses in general physics and other branches of physics the same as usual. And this will not conflict with any of them. The details of the course have not been worked out yet. Physics is one of our most interesting subjects, especially when it is presented correctly," he said.

MEDICAL COMMITTEES TO HOLD CONFERENCE

The committee on graduate work from the medical school in Portland, will have a conference with the graduate council on the campus today, so that the work of the two schools can be more closely coordinated.

Because of special conditions surrounding medical work is not always easy to evaluate medical hours with campus hours. The graduate council is optimistic, however, about the working out of a scheme of coordination, because they believe that the essential thing after all is the quality of the work, and the work of these medical students who come

down here has always been of a high standard. The very fact that they thus delay their medical work to obtain a master's degree, means that the student is interested in science and research. As a consequence, the candidates have received recognition as assistants in the departments.

Graduate Making Honors Recently



Dr. David E. Robbins

Of the 41 men and women who passed examinations held in Los Angeles recently for licenses to practice medicine, Dr. David E. Robbins, who was graduated from the University of Oregon school of medicine last June, made the highest mark, 88.5-9 per cent, according to the state board of medical examiners.

Dr. Robbins took his pre-medical work at Columbia University, New York, and the University of Washington, completing his four-year medical course at the University of Oregon school of medicine.

JUNIOR WOMEN SET NEW CANOE RECORD

Augusta DeWitt, Jessie Olds to Represent Class

A new mark in canoeing for women at the University of Oregon was set Saturday when Augusta DeWitt, '25, and Jessie Olds, '25, paddled the mill-race course in 9.14.

The new record was set during the interclass tryouts for the canoeing team, and beats the mark, 9 minutes, 19 seconds, set last year by Rosalia Keber, '24, and Muriel Myers, '24. Miss DeWitt and Miss Olds will represent the juniors in the final races June 7.

Teams selected to represent other classes are: Seniors, L. Lynetta Quinlan and V. Vernetta Quinlan; sophomores, Lucille Perozzi and Alta Knips; freshmen, Genevieve Spear and Gladys Roberts.

The elimination races were all fast, the time between the fastest and the slowest contests being only 30 seconds. The winning team won the race by seven seconds, and was the only one to break the record.

Three teams each were entered by the junior and sophomore classes, while only one team represented the seniors and freshmen. The complete results of the races were as follows: Seniors, Lynetta and Vernetta Quinlan, no time taken. Juniors, Jessie Olds, Augusta DeWitt, 9 minutes, 14 seconds, first; Grace Sullivan and Stella Haglund, 9 minutes, 21 seconds, second; Laverna Spitzberger, Goldie Boone, 9 minutes, 22 seconds, third. Sophomores, Lucille Perozzi, Alta Knips, 9 minutes, 29 seconds, second; Helen Newland, Elsie Houk, 9 minutes, 44 seconds, third. Freshmen, Genevieve Spear, Gladys Roberts, no time taken.

FIRST HOCKEY GAME RESULTS IN TIE SCORE

The first girls' hockey game of the season was played Monday night between the sophomores and the freshmen, resulting in a tie score, 3 to 3. During the first half of the game the playing was slow, but it livened up considerably toward the end. The frosh kept ahead all during the play until the last few minutes, when the sophomores rallied to tie the score.

Arline Butler and Rhona Williams played the outstanding games for the frosh, while Janet Woods and Irva Dale starred for the sophomores.

The second game will be played this afternoon at 5 o'clock between the juniors and seniors. All girls playing in this contest must have their heart O. K.s by then,

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Athletics for the Majority An Ideal Being Realized

Last fall, in his address on Oxford, Dr. Rebec made the statement that the great difference in athletics in English institutions and in America was that in the case of the former there were very, very few spectators and a great number of participants, and that the sport was indulged in for the pleasure and health of the players with no consideration for spectators. American colleges, on the other hand, boast of their football stadiums which accommodate 75,000 people or more, while perhaps 30 men actually participate in a game.

At one time the University of Oregon was no exception to the many American institutions whose facilities and interests were centered on the production of a small, highly developed group of players. Granting that spring is more conducive to athletics than the fall of the year, had Dr. Rebec or anyone else for that matter, walked around the athletic ground of the University of Oregon last Thursday afternoon, or any afternoon when the weather is good, he would have seen approximately 135 girls playing baseball, 40 men out for freshman baseball, 45 to 50 men out for track while from 45 to 50 people play golf in an afternoon and as many as 200 people play tennis in one day. Then should he stroll over to the mill race, he would see canoe after canoe, manned by sturdy students, forging up the stream against a stiff current. The new riding academy also attracts 40 student daily.

All this activity the dean would see out in the bright sunshine. Nearly as much activity is going on under cover. In the men's department six new handball courts, each accommodating four men, are in constant use, the pools in the men's and women's gyms are usually kept splash, while every day hundreds of students take gymnasium work.

In fact should Dean Rebec feel urged to athletic exercise, he would have to make arrangements for a tennis or handball court, or canoe a day or two in advance.

The "why" of all this is rather difficult to explain. Certainly one reason is the recently added facilities; another is that more and more students are realizing the benefits accruing from physical exercise.

Whether so much college activity is reflecting back to the high schools, or whether a new spirit is manifest in the younger students is not known,

but Miss Harriet Thompson of the physical education department, says the general turn to athletic play is due to the fact that a different type of girl is coming to college. Girls fresh from high school are demanding such sports as hockey, baseball, tennis, basketball, swimming and canoeing. "In the former days I hated to play with the newcomers because they did not know how to play, now I hate to play with them because they play so well!" Miss Thompson said in describing the new tendency. She estimated that at the time she came to the University, in 1911, not more than 15 girls knew how to swim, and many girls would not sign up for baseball or similar sports because they did not know what they were.

"The replacement of competitive games for formal, monotonous gymnasium exercise has been a great factor in the change," said Dean John F. Bovard, of the department of physical education. The excellent facilities now available are also cited as one of the chief reasons. Dean Bovard also commends the entering students for a keener desire for sports, and says they actually are in better condition than former freshmen were. The spirit of play, developed through community playgrounds, and a vigorous educational campaign, has reached clear down to the grammar schools with great beneficial results, he thinks.

"The method followed in the physical education program is also very constructive and conducive to greater interest in sports," the dean said. A physical ability test is given to all men desiring to take it, and should they pass, they are allowed to choose the sport they wish, instead of taking gymnasium work. Over 50 per cent of the men now take this test.

Thus with 700 or 800 students participating daily in a great variety of sports, Oregon need no longer worry about becoming a "grandstand" school, nor does she need to fear specialization in a few sports by a few highly trained individuals. If the present program is continued, it will only be a matter of time until the coaches will have the entire student body from which to pick their varsity teams. And the best thing about it is that when the squads are "pruned down" to a score or less of men, those not among the chosen can still go on playing their favorite sports, thus deriving their just share of the benefits and pleasure.

'BOB' KUYKENDALL, 13, POLITICAL CANDIDATE

Alumni President Desires Attorney-Generalship

Of particular interest to the students of the University comes the announcement by Robert B. Kuykendall, '13, of his candidacy for the Republican nomination for attorney general. In the primaries on May 16, he will face but one opponent, I. H. Van Winkle, the present incumbent. The nominee then will have no Democratic or other opposition in the general election in November.

"Bob," as he is familiarly known to his campus friends, was recently made president of the alumni association, and is the alumni chairman of the Gift Campaign. He is at present engaged in the private practice of law in Portland, having but recently left the law firm of Carey & Kerr, with whom he was associated for several years.

After graduating from Oregon, he went east and graduated from the Columbia university in New York city, later commencing his legal training in the office of his brother, D. V. Kuykendall.

While in the University, Bob did not stand out as a campus leader, but was quiet and rather inconspicuous, stated Karl W. Onthank, who

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GEOLOGICAL RECORDS OF OREGON COMPILED

Dorothy Dixon Completes Bibliography Work

A record of all geologic publications concerning the geology of the state of Oregon is being completed by Dorothy Dixon, a major in the geology department. The bibliography considers the works of 896 authors who have written concerning some geologic phase of the state. Five hundred subjects have been included in the bibliography. Not only are volumes considered, but data from 60 magazines have been compiled. The report contains an index of authors and a subject index with the scientific name, place name, generic name and counties. The bibliography will be published, it is hoped, within a short time. The first geologic bibliography of Oregon was begun by two students in the geology department in 1911. Miss Dixon has brought the record to date.

She will spend two weeks this summer at the libraries of the University of California and Leland Stanford university, checking over her report and comparing it with the files of those libraries.



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When war was declared in 1917 he entered the first officers' training camp at San Francisco and when commissioned was assigned to the 91st division, which he accompanied to France. He is the son of Dr. Wm. Kuykendall of Eugene.

Arthur Rosebraugh, chairman of the campus Republican club, stated last evening that cards announcing Kuykendall's candidacy will be distributed at the various houses soon, so that students desiring to boost for him can put the cards in their letters. "Competent legal service for the state," is Kuykendall's slogan during the campaign.

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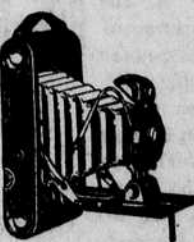
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