

OREGON WINNER IN FORENSICS

Three Firsts Taken in Six
Oratorical Contests

NEW RECORD ATTAINED

Four Big Institutions Lose
To Varsity in Debate

One of the most successful forensic years in the history of the University is the one which closed in a double victory for Oregon orators at Stanford and Washington, last week. Of six contests in which Oregon orators participated, three resulted in first place for Oregon representatives; one third place was taken, one fourth, and one fifth. Victories were won in the State Peace contest, the Northwest oratorical contest, and the Pacific Coast tryout for the National Oratorical championship.

Two contests were captured by Benoit McCroskey, and one by Jack McGuire, both of them members of the freshman class.

In debate Oregon men won five contests and lost one during the year. The institutions defeated included Washington, Idaho, Stanford, and Oxford. Oregon women were less successful, tying one meet and losing another. With one year's added experience, however, better results are expected.

Best on Coast in Oratory

In oratory the year has been one of record-breaking.

"Oregon certainly did the best work on the coast in oratorical work this year," said Oscar Brown, coach.

In the extemporaneous speaking contest held at Palo Alto, December 3, Sol Abramson, in his first venture into the Varsity oratorical field placed fourth out of seven representatives of the big universities of the coast.

The Old Line Oratory contest, in which all colleges of the state were represented, was won by the Eugene Bible university, with James Johnson, Oregon orator, taking fifth place. This was also Johnson's first attempt at intercollegiate oratory.

Benoit McCroskey, a freshman, with his oration "The Last Milestone," won the State Peace contest held at Forest Grove, from a field of nine speakers taking a \$75 prize and adding another victory to Oregon's triumphs.

In the Pacific Forensic League contest held at Corvallis, Ralph Bailey represented Oregon, taking third place with his oration on the subject of recognizing struggling Russia.

Seattle Contest Captured

By a unanimous decision of six judges Benoit McCroskey won the Northwest Oratorical contest between Oregon, Idaho and Washington. He gave the same oration used in the former contest and took a prize of \$100.

Jack McGuire, another freshman, on the night of May 22, won first place for the Pacific coast in the National Oratorical Contest sponsored by the Better America Federation of California. McGuire's oration on "The Constitution" was chosen at Washington, D. C., as one of the seven best on the coast, and by virtue of defeating the other six contestants he now represents the entire Pacific coast. He will meet six other representatives of different areas of the United States in a final contest on the night of June 5, in Los Angeles, for nation-wide championship.

Debate With O. A. C. Tied

The men's debating team opened the season this fall with a contest in which they tied with O. A. C. Benoit McCroskey and Sol Abramson, debated the affirmative side of the question of overruling of supreme court decisions by act of congress and Herschel Brown and Lincoln Erwin took the negative side at Corvallis. In each case the judge's decisions were 2 to 1.

By a popular vote of an audience which filled and overflowed the Methodist church auditorium, Oregon won from Oxford, England, on the referendum question. Great interest was occasioned by this debate partly because the leading member of the English team was the son of the then prime minister of the Kingdom. The whole audience agreed on the superiority of the American style of debating as demonstrated by Paul Patterson, Joe Frazer and Walter Malcolm, who composed the Oregon team.

Northwest Title Won

Next, Oregon's two teams each took a 3 to 0 decision in the Northwest Championship debate between Washington, Idaho and Oregon, becoming unquestioned champions in this contest. Speaking of the supreme court question Benoit McCroskey and Ralph Bailey, affirm-

ative, met Idaho here and Sol Abramson and Lincoln Irwin won from Washington at Seattle, debating the negative side of the question.

In the radio debate against Stanford, Ivan Houston and Joe Frazer won a popular decision from the radio audience which heard the debate broadcasted. The Oregon debaters spoke from KGW, the Morning Oregonian and Stanford broadcasted from the Oakland Tribune. The question was, Resolved, that Japanese be permitted to enter the United States on the same basis as Europeans, and Oregon had the affirmative side of the issue.

Women Hold Two Debates

Although results in women's debate were not so happy, it is the opinion of Prof. E. W. Merrill, women's coach, that the girls made the best showing in several years.

Only two debates were held. In a triangular debate between O. A. C., Willamette and Oregon, Mildred Bateman and Beatrice Mason won a 2 to 1 decision here and Aline Buster and Dorothy Newman lost at O. A. C. This last debate was declared one of the best women's debates in years.

The second debate was a dual meet with Washington in which Aline Buster and Frances Cherry and Mildred Bateman and Cecil McKercher lost, the first named team debating here and the last in Seattle.

In view of the fact that there was only one experienced debater on the team, Prof. Merrill believes the year a success and looks forward to next year when all of this year's team will be in school, since none are seniors.

CELEBRITIES BROUGHT FOR ASSEMBLY TALKS

Upton Close, Tom Skeyhill Among Headliners

Several celebrities have visited the campus during the college year as assembly lecturers.

Among these, two are writers. Joseph W. Hall, known as Upton Close, is the author of "In the Land of the Laughing Buddha," and is an authority on Chinese affairs. Thomas Edward Green wrote "The Hill Called Calvary," "In Praise of Valor," "The War Trust," and others.

Dr. Arthur S. Coggeshall of the Carnegie Museum of Pittsburgh, an authority on prehistoric life, was the only scientist.

Several speakers have been especially interested in the young men of today. Tom Skeyhill has traveled over much of the world as a lecturer, making noteworthy speeches during the war. Fred B. Smith is internationally known for his activities with the Y. M. C. A.

Norman F. Coleman is president of Reed College besides being widely known for his work on industrial problems.

Dr. Aurelia Henry Reinhart, president of Mills College, is one of the foremost women educators in the United States.

Dr. Jonah B. Wise, rabbi of the Temple Beth Israel, Portland, has a national reputation as a leader in his church.

Ralph Spearow, an Oregon graduate, is an athlete of world-wide fame, having represented the United States in the pole vault at the Olympic games in Paris last summer. His address at the assembly was an explanation of the usefulness of athletics as part of a college education.

NO SENIOR HAS COME SO FAR AS LOOMBA

The member of this year's graduating class, who has travelled the greatest distance from his home to this school is S. D. Loomba, a senior in the school of business administration, whose home is in Jaloun, India, nearly half way around the world from Eugene.

Mr. Loomba, on leaving India, intended to enroll in the University of California, but when he arrived there the large classes and comparative lack of personal instruction decided him to come to the state of Oregon. He enrolled at O. A. C., and attended that school for four years. This is his first year at Oregon.

America, believes Mr. Loomba, has gone a step in advance of the other countries of the world, for it has combined the industrial progress of western civilization with the idealism of the east. In combining the material with the idealistic, this country has produced, he said, a happy, progressive, and contented people.

He likes Oregon, because it is small, and the chance for personal attention is greater.

After leaving school, Mr. Loomba expects to return to his home in India by way of Europe, to go into business.

CAMPUS COOK SEES STUDENTS AS CLEAN, LOVABLE, HAPPY

"Mrs. Mac" Has No Patience With Narrowness of Criticism
Made by Carpers; Likes University People

By M. M.

"If I could just tell Eugene—yes, and all the rest of the world, what I know about college students there would be a lot of surprised people and I'd get a lot of satisfaction out of it, too."

Mrs. Mac's dark eyes snapped and she dug her paring knife into the potato—which was not her custom.

"Who should know college students much better than I do? I've cooked at sorority and fraternity houses on this campus for five years and before that at the boys' dormitory at the University of Michigan. I don't have to work for my living, but the whole thing fascinates me. I guess I'll go on cooking till I'm too old to hobbly up to some house and ask for a job. I want to be with the young people—I just love them."

Mrs. Catherine MacDonald's affection is returned by every one who has enjoyed her joyous outlook on life and her witty comments along with her excellent food. It is an education in itself to stand in the kitchen door and watch her swift, efficient movements. Any one who can scramble eggs with one hand and stoke the fire with the other approaches genius. With quick, short steps, almost hops, she is all over the kitchen and pantry at once, the ends of her white head-gear floating behind her, her stiffly starched white apron crackling.

"I'd rather cook for girls than boys," she said. "I can get acquainted with them better, and strangely, they seem more youthful, happier. They simply bubble over with the joy of being young. Every year that I cook for a group of girls I feel as if I could deduct 365 days from my age."

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