

# JANUARY 12 SET AS TRYOUT DATE FOR DEBATERS

### Opportunity Extended to Undergraduates; Five Contests Are Listed

### Suitable Prizes Offered; Forensic 'O's' Will Go to Oregon Entrants

Oratory will hold the attention of University speakers for the next week or two, since tryouts for the five oratorical contests in which Oregon takes part will be held on Tuesday, January 12, less than a week from today.

Six representatives will be chosen at the tryouts to compete with Oregon's opponents in oratory. By Friday evening of this week all of the 15 or 20 contestants in the tryouts will, at the request of J. Stanley Gray, head of the public speaking department, submit to him typewritten copies of their orations. Speeches will be judged on composition previous to the tryouts.

**Delivery Time Limited**  
While the manuscripts must be of a length which can be delivered in 15 minutes, only five minutes will be allowed for delivery at the time of the tryouts, merely long enough for the judges to compare the respective abilities of the candidates and allow them to make the selection of the six best speakers. Any undergraduate student in the University is entitled to compete for the honor of representing Oregon in one of the intercollegiate contests. These are five in number: State Old Line contest; State Peace contest; Tri-State contest; National Constitutional contest; and Pacific Forensic League contest. One of the six winners at the January 12 tryouts will act as an alternate.

**Tryout Topics Optional**  
Subjects for the tryouts may deal with any problem of interest that the students may choose. In the speeches, remedies for the problems must be advanced, according to Mr. Gray.

Dates and places of the five oratory contests so far as have been arranged to date are: State Old Line, O. A. C., Corvallis, March 12; State Peace, Eugene Bible University, Eugene, April 9; National Constitutional, April to June, preliminaries and finals in California cities; Tri-State, April 15 (tentative); Pacific Forensic League, April 9, 10, 11, Pullman, Washington (tentative).

Suitable prizes are offered winners in each of the intercollegiate contests, and Oregon entrants are awarded the official forensic "O's" by the Associated Students. Competition is going to be keen, judging from the number of experienced varsity debaters and orators who have signified their intention of going out. Freshmen are entitled to compete and there are a number of effective speakers now on the freshman men's debate team.

## UNIVERSITY LIBRARY HAS BUSY VACATION

The University library was busier during the recent Christmas holidays than it has been during any previous vacations, according to Mrs. Mable McClain, circulation librarian. Between 100 and 200 books were given out each day. Fifteen new books were added to the rent collection. They are: "Philosophy of Disenchantment," by Edgar Saltus; "Jenny," by Sigrid Undset; "The Trial of Jesus," by John Massfield; "Tom Masson's Annual," by T. L. Masson; "Robert Burns," by John Drinkwater; "An American Tragedy," Theodore Dreiser; "Prelude to Adventure," by Hugh Walpole; "The Vatican Swindle," by Andre Gide; "Great Short Stories of the World," compiled by Clark and Lieber; "Fraulein Else," by Arthur Schnitzler; "The Victors," by Peter Deane; "The Polyglots," by William Gerhard; "The Contracting Circle," by E. L. G. Watson; "The Bridal Wreath," by Sigrid Undset; and "Cousin Jane," by H. L. Wilson.

**LIBRARY ASSISTANT MARRIES**  
Josephine Evans, a member of the University library cataloging department, and Edward Everett Harpham, of Eugene, were married at the Rose City Park Methodist Episcopal church in Portland, December 23. They are both graduates of the University of Oregon, where Mrs. Harpham has been a member of the library staff for four years. Mr. Harpham attended the University of Washington also, and was a member of Theta Delta Chi.

## POET-TEACHER ADVOCATES INFORMALITY WITH STUDENTS

Intellectual Background of Professor More Valuable Than Lectures, Believes Robert Frost

By Wilma Lester

Imagine if you can a teacher who does not believe in quizzes day after day, a teacher who does not believe in standing up to lecture in a steady stream for fear of consequences to his character, a teacher who admits that it is not in him to lecture on any subject three days in the week, thirty-five weeks in the year, nor has he the nerve or patience to face the audience when he knows that they have been doing nothing to help themselves in the intervals between the lectures.

It's rather hard to believe that such an individual could hold a place on the faculty of a university or college, and Robert Frost, professor of English at Amherst, and former poet in residence at the University of Michigan, admits that he is an indifferent teacher as teachers go, in an interview in the Christian Science Monitor.

According to Mr. Frost, there are three ways of teaching, by formal contact in the classroom, by informal contact, and by virtually no contact at all.

"You could perfectly well build an institution on informal contacts. I'd give every teacher who wanted it, who could be happy in it, who wouldn't despise it, a chance at this informal teaching.

"I am for a wide open system of education for the free born. The slaves are another question, I will not refuse to treat them as slaves wherever found. Those who will may, would be my first motto, but my close second, Those who won't must. That is, I shouldn't disdain to provide for the slaves if slaves they insisted on being. I shouldn't anyway unless I were too busy with the free-born." One mark of the free-born, however, is that he doesn't take much of your time. All he

asks of the teacher is the happiness of being left to his own initiative; which is more of a tax on the teacher's egotism than on the teacher's time.

In formal classroom teaching, Mr. Frost looks for the essence of symposiums, with 'heaps of ideas and the subject matter of the books only incidental.'

He thinks students get the most from professors who have marked wide horizons and that such men have deep potential value for the students, for the professor cannot challenge the students in words and ask them what they are going to do about it all, but the lives of the professors and their own work can do this for them.

It may be because Mr. Frost is a poet that there is a different twist to the methods he would use in teaching, but it was twenty years before he secured recognition for his work, ample to warrant his choosing it above school teaching. He is not arbitrary concerning the greater usefulness of his plan, but he feels it has some advantages for his purposes and perhaps for other teachers as well.

Though Robert Frost was born in San Francisco, his education has been in the east, and his poetry is of verse, "A Boy's Will," "North a reflection of the life of New England. He has written four volumes of Boston, "Mountain Interval," and "New Hampshire." There's a whimsical touch to his work and a simplicity that sets it off from some of the modern writers, a homely touch that is not prosaic but which portrays the spirit of the thing as few writers can. But under no circumstances is his work to be confused with that of certain syndicate writers. He is Robert Frost and his work is individual.

**O. Concert—University Orchestra;** February 5, Friday, Basketball—Idaho at Eugene; February 6, Saturday, Wrestling—Idaho at Eugene; Senior Ball; February 8, Monday, Basketball—W. S. C. at Eugene; Wrestling—W. S. C. at Pullman; February 9, Tuesday, Mu Phi Epsilon Concert; February 10, Wednesday, Dime Crawl; February 13, Saturday, Basketball—O. A. C. at Eugene, Chi Psi Formal, Theta Chi Formal, Delta Gamma Formal, Mortar Board Bridge Tea; February 19, Friday, Wrestling—O. A. C. at Eugene, Journalism Conference, Kappa Alpha Theta Underclass Dance.

February 20, Saturday, Basketball—O. A. C. at Corvallis, Journalism Conference, Delta Tau Delta Formal, Councilor Club Informal; February 22, Monday, Washington's Birthday, Phi Kappa Psi Breakfast Dance; February 25, Thursday, Glee Clubs—joint concert; February 26, Friday, A. T. O. Open House; February 27, Saturday, Wrestling—Washington at Eugene, Sigma Chi Formal, Kappa Sigma Formal, Sigma Nu House Dance, Sigma Alpha Epsilon Formal; March 2, Tuesday, Mu Phi Epsilon Concert.

**SIX CADET COMPANY COMMANDERS NAMED**  
The announcement of the appointment of the six cadet company commanders was made by Captain Frank L. Culin, Jr., of the R. O. T. C., yesterday.

The appointees are as follows: Company A, Kenneth Wadleigh; Company B, Steele Winterer; Company C, Guy Mauney; Company D, Albert Sinclair; Company E, Kenneth Stephenson; Company F, Herbert Powell.

These cadets will take charge of their companies and drill them at the appointed time during the week.

### RALPH CASEY IN PORTLAND

Ralph D. Casey, professor in the journalism department, left for Portland today to attend a meeting of the Quillers tonight. The organization is made up of freelance writers.

## PERFECT ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR TWENTY YEARS MAINTAINED

By M. E. L.  
Probably most of the students now in the University were learning to walk or saying their first "Da Das," when Dr. Timothy Cloran came here to teach in the language department. While they grew, went through grammar and high schools, he remained, until now, as they enter Oregon, they find him still here. And in all these twenty years which he has spent here, he has never missed a class or been so tardy that his students left the classroom before he arrived.

"With the exception of having a few colds, I have been well," said Dr. Cloran in explanation of his remarkable record, adding that his hobby, gardening, might have helped to keep him fit. "I consider that teaching is the greatest indoor sport," he said, "but gardening is the greatest outdoor sport. I really consider it more aristocratic than golf."

## Y. M. PROGRAM FEATURES THREE NOTED SPEAKERS

### United Christian Work Has Part in Activities Plan; Rev. H. W. Davis, Director

### Series of Faculty Lectures on Religion Listed; Bible Classes to Be Resumed

Officials of the campus Y. M. C. A. and the United Christian Work have been conferring for some time arranging their program of activities for the winter term, which promises to be the busiest term of the year, according to Rev. H. W. Davis, director of the work on the campus. The first meeting of the board for this term was held last night at the home of Dr. Warren D. Smith, where they were entertained at dinner. The feature of the meeting was Mr. Davis' report on the conference of religious workers of America at Chicago, which he attended in December.

The bringing of a number of special speakers for the term is one of the chief undertakings these organizations are planning upon. One of the speakers of the term will be Charles D. Hurry of New York, who is the national friendly relationship secretary of the Y. M. C. A. He was formerly a foreign secretary of the Y. M. C. A., but now is giving all of his time to foreign students in America. He is expected to be on the campus for two days.

### Paul Meng to Visit

Paul Meng, Chinese Y. M. C. A. secretary, who is working among Chinese students in America, will be at the University between January 17 and 20. Dr. Harold L. Bowman, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Portland, who will deliver the assembly address on the 29th of January, will also lecture to groups while here. It is also planned to bring J. Stitt Wilson, who visited the University year before last, to the campus in the early part of April.

The regular Bible study classes at the churches will be continued and there will be two special classes opened to both men and women this term. Mr. Davis will conduct one of the special classes every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the "Y" hut. The class will study comparative religions. "Thirteen Living Religions," by Hume, is the particular work which will be followed. The other class, which will study the old testament, will be led by Dr. Bruce Giffen, Presbyterian student pastor, and will meet twice a week, Monday and Friday at 3:15 at Westminster House. It will be a course in Old Testament introduction.

### Alumni Hall Lectures Planned

A series of lectures similar to those given last year in Alumni hall by faculty members and representatives of various religious sects are being planned. These lectures will be managed by a joint committee of faculty and students, which will be appointed by Dr. Warren D. Smith, president of the United Christian Work board.

The question of discussion groups for the fraternity houses has not yet been decided. Some similar groups were conducted two years ago in the houses by the faculty on the Bible and religious themes. They were held every Tuesday evening after dinner. The United Christian Work campaign for funds among Eugene business men is also incomplete, but is expected to be finished by the end of this week.

### LIBRARY HAS 878 NEW BOOKS

A set of 878 volumes of "Hansard's Parliamentary Debates," was received from London by the University library during the holidays. The set contains the records of debates in the English Parliament dating from 1066 to 1922. The library also received 76 volumes of "Zeitschrift für Psychologie," from Otto Harassowitz in Leipzig.

### FROSH SHOW OREGON SPIRIT

First year students have received considerable criticism lately because of their various attempts at painting campus property and otherwise violating Oregon traditions. According to Dean H. Walker, freshman adviser, the frosh, however, endeavored to show their real spirit when they placed the huge holly wreath between the pillars of the Administration building wishing all of the students a Merry Christmas. The freshmen suggested the idea and the wreath, which was six feet wide, was made by members of the class.

## 'OLD OREGON' ISSUE OUT AT CHRISTMAS

### Interviews and Messages of Alumni Featured

The December issue of "Old Oregon," alumni publication, was distributed during the week before Christmas. It is edited by Jeanette Calkins, alumni secretary. Much of the material used referred to Homecoming, for the benefit of graduates and former students who were unable to come down during Homecoming week-end.

F. H. Young, president of the Oregon Alumni association, wrote an article dealing with actions taken by that body, entitled "Alumni Endorse Visiting Committee." Another article is "Homecoming Pronounced Success by Visiting Alumni." Side-lights have a page in the magazine as well as cartoons by Rolf Klep and Maurice Spatz. Malcolm Elpey, sophomore journalist, interviewed many of the former Order of the "O" men who paraded on Hayward field.

Judge Lawrence T. Harris, '03, contributed the speech he made at the memorial service for President Campbell, entitled, "Address Eulogizes President Campbell." Edward Smith wrote an article on "Judge Skipworth: Oregon's New Regent," and a story on the death of Mr. C. E. Woodson, the former regent, appears. Betty Cady outlined Oregon plans for the alumni magazine.

The regular departments of Campus News, Medical School (Gossip), News of the Classes, Editorials and Sports appear. In the sports section are stories of football and basketball with a story by Sam Wilderman about "Dick Smith, True Sportsman."

Several small articles and campus pictures complete the magazine. The cover picture is one taken of the frosh bonfire at Homecoming, in full blaze. Material for the first issue of the year is being assembled.

## MANY STUDENTS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF LOANS

Numerous applications have been made for the student loan funds of the University of Oregon, according to information given by Dean D. H. Walker, director of the loan funds, and the demand, he says, will probably continue until after fees are

paid next term. At the first of the year the demands were great, but after November, there were not many applications. The average loans run from fifty to a hundred dollars. There is a greater demand from members of the junior and senior classes than from underclassmen, and though more men ask for loans than women, the percentage of women applicants is steadily increasing.

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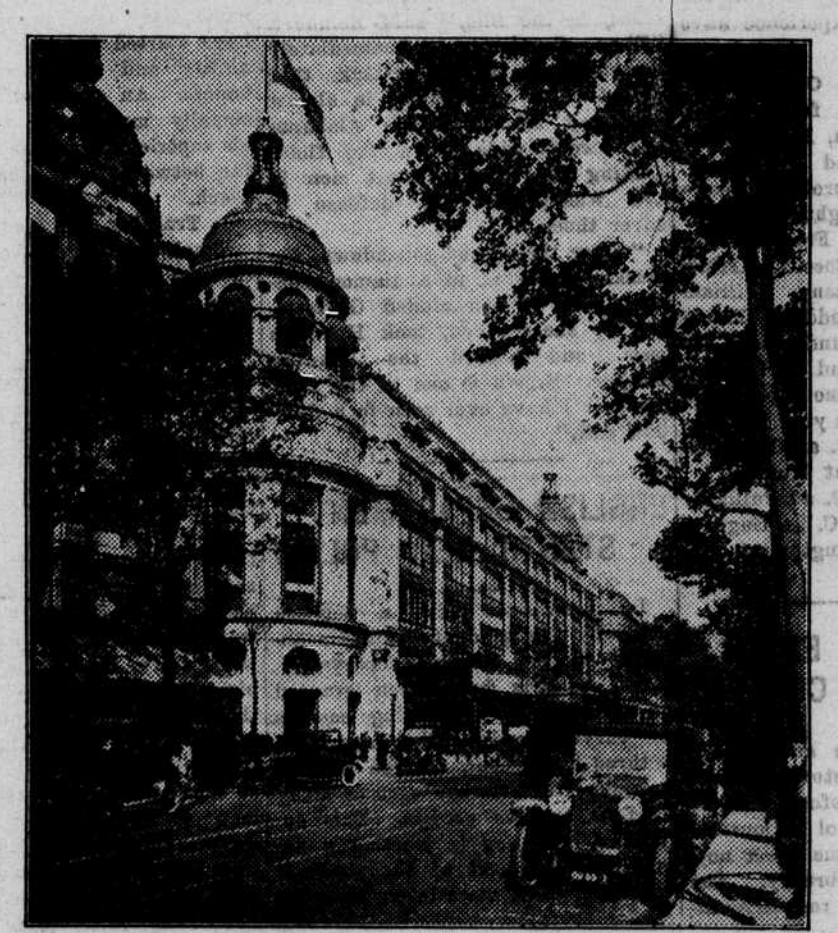
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