

## Evolution Laws Discussed By Maddox

### Dogmatism and Right to Seek Truth Held Real Issue of Controversy

By WILLIAM P. MADDOX

THE legislature of Mississippi has just passed a bill similar to the Tennessee act that made John Scopes famous, declaring it illegal to teach any theory that "man ascended or descended from a lower order of animal." It would appear from the wording that the legislators would deny both biological progress and biological degeneracy.

Mississippi is not alone in this new field of governmental restriction. A large part of the South has taken up the cudgel to suppress the evolution theory, which, by the way, no reputable scientist today would dispute in the face of the evidence thus far accumulated. In Virginia, an anti-evolution bill will be offered as soon as the campaign for making the reading of the Bible in schools compulsory is finished. A bill will be offered in the next North Carolina legislature which apparently will even affect the state university. The governor of South Carolina is quoted as saying that "no teacher dare mention evolution in a laudatory way" in that state. Georgia once defeated a suppression bill, but its capital, Atlanta, is faced with a vigorous campaign, and in Florida, a resolution of the legislature has declared the teaching of the theory as being "contrary to the public good." Both Alabama and Louisiana are said to be faced with early legislative fights, and the Governors Ferguson, of Texas, have just been busy applying the blue pencil to the school books of that state.

Thus, from all appearances, the late Charles Darwin is not much of a popular hero in the cottonbelt. But if it were only a personal matter, if even it were a fight merely between two sets of theorists, there would not be much cause for comment. It is more than a battle between the scientists and the churches. In fact, such a contest does not exist at all, for if the true source of religion be spiritual inspiration, what need one bother about a literal interpretation of the symbolism of the Book of Genesis. The true issue lies instead between dogmatism converted into an intolerant law on the one hand, and the right of every man to find truth unhindered on the other. As long as the controversy, futile and misdirected though it may be, is thrashed out in free discussion, no complaint need be offered, but when one group through its superior force of numbers applies a legal gag to the members of the other, than that group has made a false use of political organization and deserves to be stigmatized and branded as a traitor to the best interests of society.

Men have a full and perfect right to instruct their children to believe that God created the universe in precisely 144 hours (assuming it were possible to measure hours before the solar system was finished), but when they insist by a tyrannical law backed up by the police power of the state, that their children shall not have access to other theories or facts, shall grow up in ignorance and bigotry, and shall have their creeds and opinions handed down to them as absolute and inviolable, then surely do these men give evidence of being immersed in the darkest medieval superstitions and proclaim themselves unworthy of the right to free lives in a democracy. We may indeed wonder if the individualism and intellectual skepticism after the Dark Ages of such men as Descartes and Erasmus has been in vain. Are we to slip silently back into those false channels of thinking which pretend that the human mind has no more vitality, no more capacity for expansion and growth than a blackboard upon which we chalk empty isolated phrases?

There are those who would say that there is no more to be learned. The legislators of Mississippi have gone a step farther. They would say that there is no other interpretation of accumulated knowledge

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## Dr. H. W. Chase To Give Word Next Monday

### North Carolina Trustees Urge That President Defer Decision

### University Officials Have Nothing to Say

### Wire Reaches Campus Early Yesterday

THE decision of Dr. Harry Woodburn Chase, president of the University of North Carolina, on whether he will accept the presidency of the University of Oregon will be withheld until Monday, it became known when a telegram was received yesterday by Dr. E. S. Conklin, head of the psychology department, a former schoolmate of Dr. Chase.

A special trustees' committee at North Carolina has asked Dr. Chase to defer his decision until a conference can be held with him. This conference is scheduled for Monday. The telegram follows: "Arrived safely. Special trustees committee has asked me to defer decision for conference with them Monday. Enjoyed visit with you people immensely."

On February 9 the Board of Regents made its offer to Dr. Chase, who at that time was in Eugene, having been brought to Oregon to look over the situation. He asked for two weeks in which to consider the offer. No understanding was reached on the time when the two weeks started, but as next Sunday is the last limit, Dr. Chase's telegram amounts to what might be considered a one or two day's extension of time.

When approached for statements, both Fred Fisk, member of the Board of Regents, and Karl Onthank, executive secretary, expressed themselves as unable to add anything to the information already given to the press.

## Teaching Problems Discussed at Meeting

Various aspects of teaching were brought out by speakers at a joint meeting of Phi Delta Kappa and Pi Lambda Theta, men's and women's honorary national educational fraternities, Wednesday evening in Alumni hall. The meeting was attended by seniors who are doing practice teaching.

Dr. H. D. Sheldon, dean of the school of education, spoke on "The Spirit of Teaching." He told of the qualities of successful teachers, and gave warning and advice to those who are planning to enter the teaching field.

Miss Beryl Holt, head of the mathematics department of Salem high school spoke on "Professional Relationships of Teaching." She told of the relations of teachers and pupils, principals, and superintendents. Mr. W. Hug, superintendent of the Salem schools, who was an unexpected visitor at the meeting, spoke briefly about the teaching profession, and discussed the practical aspects of the teacher's problem in the community.

## Y. W. C. A. to Entertain Campus Women Today

Members of the Y. W. C. A. will sponsor a "KoEd Kid Party" at the Bungalow today at 1:30. All University women are invited and the only requirement for admission is that the guests be attained in youthful attire.

Children's games will be played during the afternoon, and a special feature has been planned by Agnes Plamer who is in charge of the program. Appropriate refreshments will be served. Virginia Hunt and Kathryn Winchell are in charge of this.

## Basketeer Improving, Anxious to go South

Algot "Swede" Westergren, demoted Oregon guard, was released from the infirmary yesterday, and is anxious to go south for the championship series, if at all possible.

Westergren, who has been confined with a touch of appendicitis, is able to be about, although both

ered by weakness.

## Schmidt Relates Fraternity Life Among Germans

### First Year Men Forced to Engage in Three Dueling Matches

University fraternities in Germany are strikingly different from similar groups here, according to Dr. F. G. G. Schmidt of the foreign language department.

German universities tolerate no hazing or foolish stunts, but many fraternities, particularly the Corps students, require that their freshmen engage in three duels during the year. These duels, while against the laws of the nation, are arranged between different houses by the upperclassmen. Some barn out from the city is engaged, and a stag party is held in which drinking and general merriment is engaged in. The duels follow this. Generally there is a doctor or an advanced medical student and seconds in attendance to prevent any serious injuries. The participants are proud of scratches or minor cuts, but feel that they are cursed if they lose an ear or nose. In these duels, only the eyes are protected. The technicalities of fencing requires that all injuries must be to the head, the body being free from danger. Only the first two societies named below believe in dueling.

Dr. Schmidt came to the United States 35 years ago as a young university graduate from one of the

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## Oregon Fencing Team Will Meet Multnomah Club

### Status of Fencing at U. O. Depends on Outcome Of Matches

The Oregon fencing team will meet Multnomah Club in Portland tonight at 8 p. m. George Wilhelm, Jack Majovski, and Clinton Davison will wield the foil for Oregon. Davison is the fencing coach here, having taken the sport under Prof. O. C. Mauthe of the Multnomah Club. This gives the contest an unusual twist as Davison will be competing against pupils of his former teacher.

As the teams are made up of three men each, there will be nine bouts, each man taking part in three. Five touches win a match. The high point man is the one gaining the most touches. A touch is made when one contestant brings his foil in contact with his opponent's body.

The bout will be governed by the rules of the Amateur Fencers' League on foil competition. There are two other types of fencing as differentiated from this—namely, "epee" and sabre competition.

"If this contest proves a success," said Coach Davison, "from the standpoint of a test of skill, serious effort, and keen competition, fencing will be virtually established at Oregon as a minor sport."

Davison said there might be a possibility of a match with the Reed College team at the same time and place, but nothing definite has been decided upon by the Reed manager.

The student body will be given an opportunity to witness a contest of this kind when Multnomah comes to Eugene in April for a return match.

## Women's Rifle Team Defeats University of Montana Quintet

The women's rifle team successfully weathered their second storm of bullets by defeating the girls' team representing the University of Montana. The score was: Oregon 466; Montana 440.

The five girl team which succeeded in vanquishing the Montanans and their respective scores follows: Gladys Bristol, 95; Nellie Carroll, 95; Flossie Radabaugh, 93; Edith Huntsman, 92; Dorothy Straughan, 91.

A 10 girl team shooting against the University of Vermont made a total score of 914 points. As the results of the other school have not been received, the winner is not yet known.

## Earlier Date of Graduation Not Favored

### Gilbert, Sheldon, Walker, Fitch Oppose Early Commencement

### Small Accommodations for Visitors is Obstacle

### Double Finals Program Would Impede Plan

By MARY CONN

Various faculty members, when interviewed on the possibility of having commencement exercises before the close of school, were for the most part opposed to the plan under existing conditions at the University.

At the student council meeting last Wednesday evening, DeLoris Pearson, Carl Dahl and Dick Lyman were appointed as a committee to make investigations to find out if it would be possible to have commencement exercises before the close of school. They will report their findings on the subject later.

Following are the opinions of Dr. James H. Gilbert, acting dean of the college; Dr. H. D. Sheldon, dean of the school of education; Mrs. Clara L. Fitch, secretary of the administrative offices; Dean H. Walker, dean of men; and Dr. George H. Rebec, dean of the graduate school.

### Plan Found Unsatisfactory

"This plan was tried here one year," said James H. Gilbert, "and was found extremely unsatisfactory for three reasons.

"First, there was undue duplication of work, without sufficient compensation, caused by the necessity of giving and grading two sets of examinations, one for the seniors and another for the rest of the students.

"Second, although the students were around, they took no interest in the commencement exercises.

"Third, giving examinations to the rest after commencement was stale and unprofitable for both instructors and students. It is an anti-climax after the inspiration of graduation to go back to the humdrum task of making an inventory

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## Glee Clubs Give Second Annual Home Concert

### "Highwayman" by M. Andrews Proves Popular; Solo Work Good

More than one thousand persons attended the home concert of the combined glee clubs under the direction of John Stark Evans, Thursday evening in the Woman's building. This was the second annual concert of the men's and women's glee clubs.

"The Highwayman," by Mark Andrews and Alfred Noyes was the first number on the program sung by the glee clubs, with solo work by Leota Biggs and Roy Bryson. This piece was particularly notable for the stunning massive effects, and music which changed with the thought of the poem.

"It is the best University of Oregon glee club concert I have ever heard," said Mrs. Anna Landsbury Beck, "particularly stimulating was the first number."

A dark stage was used during the singing of "Uncle Rome," and "Sweet and Low," included in Part II, by the men's glee club.

"Eugene Carr sang, 'Hear Ye Winds and Waves.'" "The strength and smoothness of his voice was brought out along with his poise and stage presence," said Mrs. Beck. "The encore 'Danny Boy,' which he sang, showed a decided vocal contrast."

Roy Bryson brought out the high tones of his voice when he sang "Ah, Love But a Day." Miss Leota Biggs, soprano, had dramatic quality in her voice.

The concluding number on the program was a group of Oregon songs, the first, "Old Oregon, Thy Sons Will Ne'er Forget," sung by the quartet, "As I Sit and Dream at Evening," and "I'm the Harbor of the Mountains," sung by the men's glee club.

# BRUINS WIN FIRST CONTEST, 32 TO 17

## Entire Plans For Summer Sessions Out

### Head of Eugene Branch Announces Courses, Instructors

Plans for the 1926 University of Oregon summer school sessions, which are held simultaneously in Portland and on the campus at Eugene, have been completed by F. L. Stetson, of the education department, who is in charge of the Eugene division. Summer school classes begin June 21 and continue until July 30. The fees will be \$15.00 for the six weeks session, and nine hours of credit may be earned.

Exceptionally competent instructors have been engaged for the summer, according to Mr. Stetson. One of the most outstanding men will be Dr. Madison Bentley, president of the American Psychological Association and head of the department of psychology in the University of Illinois, who will teach courses in psychology in Eugene. Dr. F. H. Hankins, of Smith College, Massachusetts, one of the outstanding sociologists of the country, will offer courses in sociology at the Eugene session.

### Course in Coaching Scheduled

One of the special features will be a two weeks course in high school basketball coaching which will be given by Walter E. Meanwell, head basketball coach at the University of Wisconsin. William Hayward, track coach and athletic director at the University of Oregon, will give parallel courses for coaches of track from July 1 to 14.

Dr. Walter L. Whittlesey, assistant professor of political science at Princeton, who is well-known in the East for his studies in American government and politics, will offer three courses in this field on the campus.

Dr. Edward Hulne, of Stanford University, who was on the summer school faculty here last summer, will give a course in history at Eugene. Dr. C. V. Boyer, professor of English at the University of Illinois, and a noted teacher, writer and lecturer, will teach English here.

### Course Offered Advisers

Dean Marion Brown of Oakland, California, whose courses were an outstanding feature of last summer in the campus session, will again give work for deans and advisers of high school girls and others interested in problems of moral and social guidance in secondary schools.

Courses in library training will be given by Miss Evelyn Foster, a graduate of the University, and a former member of the campus library staff, who is now at the school of library science, Cleveland, Ohio.

In addition to these instructors the faculty here will include a number of the regular University faculty. Some of the best-known are: Dean Henry Sheldon, head of the school of education; Dr. James Gil-

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## Alumni to Choose Nation-Wide Chain Of Special Hotels

The Associated alumni of 70 leading colleges and universities in America have been appointed a committee to choose one hotel in approximately every city of the United States and Canada to form a nation wide chain of inter-collegiate alumni hotels. Three hotels will be chosen in New York and Chicago.

The purpose of the plan is to enable college men and women who are traveling around the country, to meet and associate with people having some interests in common with their own. Also, the alumni magazines of the institutions represented in the association will be kept on file in the reading room of each inter-collegiate alumni hotel with lists of the local alumni.

## Leased Wire Service Flash Game Tonight for Students at Villard

Oregon must win tonight to earn a fighting chance for the title, while the Bears have but to break even to earn the crown.

The Oregon Knights will again hold out at Villard hall, with their leased wire service from Oakland. The slight difficulty encountered in maintaining a clear wire last night has been remedied, and much snappier reports are promised. The messages were excellent during the last half, while the service covering every held ball and out of bounds play.

Tonight's account will start at 8:00, and everyone wanting first hand results on a red hot basketball game is expected to be there, according to Bill Brown, president of the Knights.

"I expect the boys to come back tonight with a bang," said Bill, "An Oregon team is never beaten until the final whistle blows and then they are thinking about another crack at the foe. You can bet your books that tonight's game will be a lot different."

## Date for Senior Leap-Week Set for April 7 to 10

### Fourth Year Women Plan Three Day Seige on Class Men

Senior Leap-Week, during which the senior women have their last chance to entertain the gentlemen of the class, has been set for the second week in spring term, starting Wednesday night, April 7 and lasting until Saturday night, April 10.

This is the week when the old order is reversed and the senior women arrange the dates and pay the expenses. In former years it has not been uncommon to see the girls of the senior class arriving at the men's houses about 8:30 in the evening supplied with various vehicles, anything from wheelbarrows to horses and buggies.

The Senior Leap-Week committee includes Imogene Lewis, chairman, Betty Rauch, Louise Inabnit, Lillian Vulgamore, Deloris Pearson, and Adriene Hazard.

Bob Gardner, president of the class, announced that Ray Williams has been appointed to take care of graduation announcements for the class. These will be ordered soon and the members of the class are asked to indicate the number they will wish so that the proper number can be ordered.

At the meeting it was decided to transfer the Junior Week-End trust fund of the class of '26 to the class fund. This will increase the fund \$779.04.

## Physical Ability Test Scheduled for Today

The second physical ability test of the term will be given this morning at 10. The events to be passed are the high jump, rope climb, four-lap run, high jump and swim. Ten men were signed up yesterday, but more were expected to turn up this morning.

Eugene Richmond last year made a total of 119 points, the highest number made since the record was established; Edgar Slauson has succeeded in annexing 118 points. Slauson may take the test today to see if he can raise his own record.

## Mrs. Alice H. Ernst In Charge of Contest

Students wishing to compete for the national prize of \$100 offered by the Makers Club at Dallas, Texas, for the best original poem to be submitted by any undergraduate student of any American university or college will please see Mrs. Alice Henson Ernst of the English department.

The contest closes March 15, 1926. Details were printed in Wednesday's Emerald and are now posted on the bulletin board at Villard hall.

## Oregon Team Outplayed In Rough Game

### Nervousness Evident In Playing of Webfoot Squad

The lineups:  
Oregon (17) vs. (32) California  
Kiminki (3).....F.....(4) Holmes  
Gunter (5).....F.....(5) Watson  
Okerberg (2).....C.....(1) Higgins  
Hobson (2).....G.....(8) Davis  
Jost.....G.....(8) Dixon

Subs: Oregon, Hughes (1), Edwards (2), Chiles, Eberhart; California, Butts (4), Carver (14), Peterson (4), Mills, Dustin.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, Oakland, Calif. Feb. 26.—(Special to Emerald).—University of California outshot and out charged the University of Oregon basketball team here tonight and won the first of a three game series for the championship of the Pacific Coast Conference, 32 to 17.

The Bruins ran up an early lead. They opened with a barrage of baskets that completely swept the visitors off their feet. But it was not so much their perfect teamwork that was the cause of Oregon's complete downfall in the first few minutes, it was their style of play. The Northerners cowed at the start because the officials permitted the Californians to get in and mix. To the Oregonian rooters the basketball game seemed more like a football contest where both sides got in and battled.

### Okerberg Fouls Out

Oregon lost Roy Okerberg, its premier scorer, right off the bat for having four personal fouls. The Californians also suffered on that account, but with Westergren unable to play and Okerberg out, Oregon looked anything but a championship team. The first half ended, 18 to 6, for California.

The Webfoots braced in the second period and held the Bruins more nearly even. The losers scored 14 points that period to 11 for the Californians. Oregon played as well as California in the second half, but she was unable to connect with the basket, while the Bears dropped shot after shot.

### Hobson Star of Oregonians

Howard Hobson, captain of the Oregonians, was the outstanding star for his team. He not only watched his own man, but seemed to be every place on the floor at the same time. He played his greatest game in his career. Oregon California four out of six. The gon missed 10 out of 19 foul throws, second game will be played at the auditorium Saturday night.

Should Oregon manage to win it a third game will be played Monday night at Berkeley.

In justice to California, it may be said that they were positively unbeatable tonight. They shot from all angles. Carver, plucky guard for the Bears' who until tonight's game was satisfied with a pair of field goals in any game, went wild and connected for seven.

## Men's Rifle Squad Loses To Virginia Military Institute

The men's rifle team lost a shoot to the Virginia Military Institute last week. When the communication was received from the Virginia school, it was found that they had totalled 3611 points to Oregon's 3473.

The members of the 10 man team and the points made, follow: Hayden 371; Johnson 370; Getty 360; Gilbert 350; McKnight 339; Kidwell 338; Majovski 338; Schulze 338; Ingalls 336; Kerns 333.

A five man team made up of the last five men in the above list shot against Washington State College, but no word has been received from the other school as yet.

The men shoot in four positions, prone, sitting, kneeling, and standing.