

Library Greatest Need Of University

Borrowing of Student Funds Suggested As Possible Solution.

By EVA NEALON

"I've always maintained that a new library is the one building which is most needed on the Oregon campus, and it ought to be built. The library is the heart and center of university activity," said Dr. James H. Gilbert, acting dean of the college, when discussing the present library system yesterday. "Just where the funds are to come from we do not know, but a new library has become a necessity."

"If the students are willing to take out of the funds which they subscribe and the fees which they pay, and to make this use of the alumni subscriptions, a fund, which would at least be sufficient to make a start on the library, might be provided," added Dr. Gilbert. He explained that the student union fund might be considered as a loan to the University to be handed back later. Such plan would give priority to the library building and would not deprive the student body of a student union building later on.

"If the library is not possible by the subscription route," Dr. Gilbert said, "the legislature of the state should make a special appropriation for this pressing building need, or the property valuation should be increased to correspond more closely to the wealth of the state. If the property valuations were equal to one-half the state's wealth, the millage tax for the University would yield \$400,000 more a year than it does at the present time. This margin of increased income would make it possible to meet the financial need of a library building within the next two or three years."

From the standpoint of financial economy as well as educational progress, the present library system is inadequate, in the opinion of Dr. H. D. Sheldon, dean of the school of education and chairman of the administrative committee.

"Having the library divided as it is now makes it more expensive to administer," said Dean Sheldon, "and under the present conditions this division is absolutely necessary. It is now costing 25 or 30 per cent more to handle the reserve books than it did last year. A library should be built which

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Molnar's "Liliom" Ranks With O'Neill's "Emperor Jones," Says Ralph D. Casey

(Editor's Note: Because this is the first presentation of "Liliom" in the Northwest, the Emerald has requested a review of the play by critics who have seen it produced in the East.)

By RALPH D. CASEY

OF THE 25 or so plays I saw in New York in 1920-21, "Liliom," Molnar's drama, which is to be produced on the campus, stands out as one of the three or four memorable productions. I rank it with a superb short play, Eugene O'Neill's study in fear, "Emperor Jones," and a delightful farce, "The Bad Man," played by the competent Holbrook Blinn. It has always been a mystery to me why "The Bad Man" never got out here. It is a splendid satire on the gun-play thing stressed so strongly in the novels and movies that deals with "the great open spaces."

"Liliom" catches and holds the attention of the audience from the first lines, or rather the first sounds, of the prologue, which opens with an amusement park in full swing, and the music of a hurdy-gurdy playing tuneful airs. Professor Thacher was correct in his Emerald review yesterday. The play is color, excitement, life. Perhaps the excellent stage sets of Lee Simonson in the original Theatre Guild production aided greatly in impress-

Mortar Board To Elect New Members Soon

Election Method Changed; All Junior Women to Choose Pledges

Average of 2.9 Required For Eligibility to Society

Wednesday, April 21, Set As Meeting Date

MORTAR BOARD, senior women's national honorary society, is changing its method of election this year, was the word given out yesterday by Eloise Buck, president of the campus chapter. In the past, the active senior members have pledged a number of juniors on the basis of service to the University, leadership and scholarship. This year, instead of the active members themselves electing the new girls, the choices will be made by the junior women. This will be done at a meeting of the junior girls Wednesday afternoon, April 21, which will probably be held in Villard hall.

Response Imperative

It is imperative that the junior women respond to this, Miss Buck especially stressed, for it is upon their interest and cooperation that the success of the method depends. Cards of notification will be sent to each junior girl. At the meeting each voter will be provided with a list of junior women, and the choices will be marked after the names. Fifteen girls will be chosen. After the election, a committee of Mortar Board members will go over the names and eliminate those who are too low in scholarship. "The system is really an experiment in democracy," Miss Buck observed. "We feel it is too arbitrary for a small number of senior women to elect members from the junior class for membership, and that the juniors themselves know better who deserve the honor. Of course, it is merely an experiment, but it works perfectly in other colleges, even where campus politics are very important."

Politics Not in Election

"We want every girl to give her honest opinion, and it must be an individual, not a group vote, every girl signing her name to the vote," she further declared. "Political pull must not enter into the election at all."

A 2.9 scholarship average is required for eligibility to Mortar Board, in addition to activity and service qualifications.

ing the audience, but I shall always remember that prologue and the scenes that followed. The play structurally is impressionistic, violating all the conventional unities. It consists of seven scenes and a prologue. And one of the scenes is in Heaven! An unconventional heaven, it is true, with blue-coated cops and a municipal magistrate sitting on a bench in judgment on "Liliom." But while the structure is impressionistic, the play itself has plenty of reality. And the reality is not the Theodore Dreiser type either, but something more imaginative.

"Liliom" means "Roughneck." The hero of the play is something more than that term implies; he is more representative. He is the type that can't exactly fit into conventional ways; there is something of the gypsy about him. And so he goes through the drama unfettered to the end. And the only constant thing is "Julie's" love for him. The two great roles, of course, are "Liliom" and "Julie," created in the New York production which I saw by Joseph Schildkraut and Eva Le Gallienne. But "The Sparrow" is a fine character, too; fine as a dramatic creation, but a bad person to meet on the street after midnight. And most of the minor characters are good.

It will be a loss if you miss an opportunity to get acquainted with the play.

Concerning Need for Student Opinion on University Reforms

(By the Editor)

"What department, or departments, if any, needs seriously to revise its educational methods?"

This question and twenty-five others are asked by a questionnaire to be distributed on the campus today.

Why the questionnaire? For this reason: Many Oregon students, while loyal to the University, believe that certain definite reforms should be made in the immediate future. Year in and year out students bewail various conditions about the University, but year in and year out the students do nothing about it.

This year some of the upperclassmen at Oregon want to see action; they want to find the truth of the situation; they want to see definite steps taken to correct the existent evils. This student questionnaire will not solve all the problems—far from it—but it will help, and it will make known to the administration and the faculty the general student attitude on many subjects.

Of course all the questions are not on the questionnaire. For instance, we would all like to know, "Who are the dumb professors that should be conspicuous by their absence?" "Why don't the regents give us a President?" "Who are the professors that give pipe courses for the sake of popularity?"

Unfortunately, practical difficulties, such as the "human equation" make these questions a bit unwise. But as the questionnaire stands, if answered with deliberation by all students, it will be of real service to the best interests of the University. Don't fail to make your opinions known.

Presentation of 'Liliom' Begins Tomorrow Night

Play Biographical Tale With Seven Scenes and Prologue

"Liliom," to be presented by the drama and play production department, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights of this week, is a suburban legend of the Danube district, written by the Hungarian dramatist, Franz Molnar, author of "The Devil," and "The Phantom Rival." It was first presented in Budapest in 1909, where it was received coldly, but in its revival 10 years later met with immediate and overwhelming triumph. It was brought to America in 1921 by the Theatre Guild.

"Liliom," a biographical story in seven scenes and a prologue, translated from the Hungarian by Benjamin F. Glazer is a play of ironic realism, which suddenly shifts to fantastic farce. "Liliom," Hungarian argot, for "the rough-neck," is general utility man of a carousal on the outskirts of Budapest. The life, death, and something of the after life of Liliom is shown. He is a citizen from the fringe of the criminal world, and, as an artist, the best barker in Budapest. He regards himself as a privileged character, and accepts his privileges as a matter of course.

"You will find Liliom a delightfully interesting play all the way through. It is very modern and universal in appeal. The setting is different from that of any American play; Liliom is the man of today who does not find the right environment, so to speak; he is the round peg in the square hole," says Miss Florence E. Wilbur, director of the play.

The first dress rehearsal for "Liliom" was held Monday night. The costumes for the peasants and the townspeople in the play are all

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Copies of Revised Constitution Ready For Students Today

Copies of the revised constitution of the A.S.U.O. have been made and will be mailed to all living organizations on the campus today. Additional copies will be available at the co-op and the graduate manager's office.

The revisions of the constitution will be voted upon by the student body on April 28. One week previous to this, it will be presented in Assembly in name only, as the reading of the complete constitution would take the entire Assembly period. There will be enough time before voting for all students who are interested to look over the changes and if enough are desirous of explanations, a meeting of the constitutional committee will be held and the changes explained.

Seavey's Ferry Will Be Scene Of Senior Picnic

Women Will Be Hostesses At No-Date Festival Next Saturday

Senior girls will be hostesses at the no-date leap week picnic planned for Saturday at Seavey's Ferry.

From the time the trucks full of care-free and anxious co-eds leave the Administration building at 3:30 Saturday afternoon, senior men may leave their cares behind, for the day is theirs. No dates to bother about; lots of good food, and plenty of it, furnished; horseshoes, baseball, and other games planned especially for the men; a big bonfire with marshmallows to toast and songs to sing out in the open, where gruff male voices sound their best—these are only a few of the many attractions.

In the evening, each of the hostesses will lead a blushing guest forth on the floor of the dance pavilion. Everyone will dance until it is time to gather up the baseball bat and the elusive can-opener and board the trucks for home.

The general committee in charge of the picnic is Lillian Vulgamore, Adrienne Hazard, and Betty Rauch. Edna Murphy and Mildred Baxman, ladies bountiful, will have charge of the food, while Jane Bodine will arrange for the music.

The transportation committee consists of Marion Wagini, Margaret Kressman, and Eula Benson. General entertainment is being planned by Margaret Vincent, Adrienne Hazard, and DeLoris Pearson.

Myrl Allman and Hulda Guild will see that there are suitable chaperons.

Winners of Song Week To be Given Tonight

There is only one day more of judging before the winners of the Song Week contest will be announced. By tonight, the four judging committees will have finished their schedules and the winners will be given. Only a few more houses to be visited, a consultation among the judges, and the campus will be informed as to the best singers among the men and women who are contesting.

The enthusiasm shown at the first of the week is being continued, and the judges say it will be difficult to pick the winners.

Error Omits Student From Pi Sigma Role

Through an inadvertent error the name of Ethel Mervig was omitted from the membership of Pi Sigma, National Latin honorary that will soon be installed on the campus. "Miss Mervig is a major in the department and one of the most fitting candidates for the organization," said Prof. Frederic S. Dunn yesterday.

Senior Women To Make Use Of Leap Week

Oregon Co-eds to Date Men In Traditional Campus Celebration

Open House Scheduled For Program Tonight

Bow-Wow Brawl Set for Tomorrow Afternoon

Schedule of Senior Leap Week

Wednesday
7:15 to 10:00—Open house at men's living organizations.
Thursday
4:00 to 5:30 p.m.—Bow Wow Brawl at Tri Delt house.
Thursday Evening
Open for "leap" dates.
Friday
4:00 to 6:00—Coffee Bust at Kappa House.
Friday Evening
Bar-room Bust at Hendricks hall.
Saturday Afternoon
Senior class picnic.

LOOK Out men! Senior Leap Week is on, senior women are scrambling around madly for dates, and the shy man has no more chance than a lamb in the midst of a pack of wolves. Senior Leap Week is a tradition of the University which is carried from far back into the dim past, unknown to the present college generation. Secret sorrows, worshipped from afar, are at last attainable. New flames are acquired, old ones discarded, which is another source of worry to the masculine portion of the campus. In short, any senior woman has the complete right to ask any man on the campus for a date during the course of this week.

Open House Tonight

The first thing on the program is open house, which is tonight. Due to the lack of senior men in some houses and the multiplicity of their numbers in other houses, combinations have been made, as follows: Alpha Beta Chi and Psi Kappa at the Alpha Beta Chi house, Sigma Chi and Alpha Tau Omega at the Sigma Chi house, Theta Chi and Phi Gamma Delta at the Theta Chi house, Beta Theta Pi and Chi Psi at the Beta house, Delta Tau Delta and Sigma Pi tau at the Delt house. The rest of the living organizations will entertain alone. If changes are made the houses will be notified.

The Alpha Chi Omegas and Tri Delt senior women will be hostesses at the Tri Delt house at a Bow Wow Brawl tomorrow afternoon. New and interesting features are being worked up for this affair.

Event Scheduled

The Koffee Bust Friday afternoon is being given by the Kappa, Delta Zeta and Delta Gamma seniors. Friday evening is the Bar-room Bust, given by the Susan Campbell and Hendricks halls and Thacher cottage. Saturday afternoon the last number on the program will be a senior class picnic at Seavey's Ferry. The picnickers will leave the Administration building at 3:30 and return at some indefinite time in the evening.

The committee in charge of leap week is composed of Imogene Lewis, chairman, assisted by Betty Rauch, Louise Inabnit, Lillian Vulgamore, Dolores Pearson and Adrienne Hazard.

Faculty to Consider Language Requirement

Revision of the foreign language requirements will be the main topic at the faculty meeting today.

The committee appointed by the faculty in January has made its report and it will be voted on today. The report provides for an examination in reading proficiency in foreign language and will be called "Language 99." This examination will be open to students applying therefor regardless of previous formal course work in language. Passing of "language 99" will give a student one term hour credit for every language in which he passes it.

Fees Due Today; Promptness Urged

TODAY'S the day. The office opens at eight o'clock sharp. Every student is warned to be there early. Where? At the fee window of the Administration building, for fees are payable and the sooner we part with our hard-earned money, the sooner we forget about it, and, of course, the better it is for the University.

Office hours will be from 8 to 12 in the morning and from one-thirty to four in the afternoon. During the week the office will be open until four, except on Saturdays, when it will close at noon.

Students are reminded and warned to pay their fees before the last few days to avoid the rush and confusion and to make sure that the money will be in on time. After April 24, all students will pay a penalty of \$3.00 a day for the first day and 25 cents for each day thereafter, for one week.

The usual warning against N.S.F. checks is necessary each term. These checks are considered non-payments and are treated as same.

Heavy Program Arranged For J. Stitt Wilson

"The Failure of Modern Education," Will be Assembly Topic

THAT every student on the campus will have the opportunity of hearing at least once J. Stitt Wilson, scholar, thinker, and nationally known lecturer who is visiting the University the latter part of this week under the auspices of the Christian Associations of the campus, is the purpose of the extensive program which has been prepared for him here.

At the assembly hour on Thursday Mr. Wilson will speak on "The Failure of Modern Education, A Constructive Criticism." At 7:30 in the evening he will address a meeting in Villard hall, and will deliver another lecture in Villard hall at the same hour Friday night. The topics for the evening lectures are not known to campus officials, but will be selected from the following list: "The Spiritual Trend in Recent Science," "The Spiritual Core of History," and "The Technique of the Spiritual Life." The meetings will be open to townspeople.

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Birthday of Campus Phi Beta Kappa Calls to Mind Facts About Honoraries

By JANE DUDLEY

The third birthday anniversary of the Oregon chapter of Phi Beta Kappa today brings to mind the advance the University is making in the number of honor societies on the campus. Sixteen recognized honor and professional organizations are here now listed.

The most famous honor fraternity in the United States, is Phi Beta Kappa, was installed on this campus April 14, 1923. Its members selected purely from students of exceptional scholarship. The officers of the organization are Prof. Fred L. Stetson, president; Prof. Charles E. Carpenter, vice-president; and Dr. Dan E. Clark, secretary-treasurer. The activity of the society on this campus so far has been confined to the bringing to the University each year, in conjunction with Sigma Xi, of one internationally famous speaker.

Sigma Xi stands in the scientific world as Phi Beta Kappa does in the literary world—except that it is much more active, according to Prof. O. F. Stafford. The main these two organizations have invited to visit and speak on the campus early in May is a colossal figure in the world of science, Professor Stafford says. He is Robert Millikan, formerly of the University of Chicago, and now director of the research laboratory of the California Institute of Technology at Pasadena, California. Associate members of Sigma Xi are elected from the most promising students engaged in research work. Full membership is not attained until a reputable scientific magazine publishes a pro-

Emerald Will Send Queries To Students

Investigating Committee Desires Opinion From University

Questionnaire Treats Vital Campus Problems

Three Thousand Copies to Go Out Today

Faculty members and graduate students are requested to fill out the questionnaires and to write "faculty" or "graduate student" as the case may be. The questionnaires will be collected today.

THREE THOUSAND Oregon Emerald questionnaires soliciting student opinion on matters of student relationship to the University will be distributed on the campus today.

Among the topics treated by the questionnaire are: Abolition of the scandal sheet. Reform of military training policy.

Choice between a library and a student union. Reform of the present grading system. Compulsory class attendance. Departmental reforms. Over-emphasis of intercollegiate athletics. Value of student activities.

Classes to Be Quizzed

The questionnaires will be distributed in practically all 9 o'clock classes and at the same time questionnaires will be given to all students in both libraries. Later in the day, a booth will be placed in front of the library, where students not in 9 o'clock may secure the questionnaires.

The questionnaires are the result of three weeks work on the part of a student investigating committee, working under the auspices of the Emerald. This committee, believing the intellectual life of the University to be at somewhat low ebb has set about to discover the factors leading to the present situation. A statement of opinion from the student body at large, the committee soon found, would be of great value in their investigations.

Faculty Approves Action

Administrative officials of the faculty have expressed their eager-

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