

## Handwriting Is Clue to Crime, Says L. S. May

**Criminologist Ends Series Of Lectures With Talk On Forgery**

**Typewriters Possess Individualities of Own**

**Yegg's Fingerprints Fatal To Owner if Found**

**F**ORGERY, the identification of signatures, and finger prints were discussed by Luke S. May, Seattle criminologist, Wednesday afternoon in the last of the series of lectures which he has given this week on the campus to law enforcement officers and students.

"All persons acquire little habits and peculiarities in their handwriting," said the speaker. "This may be in the connection of the letters, in the slant, or in the pressure exerted on the pen as well as the actual formation of the letters."

**Crooks Beware**

Writing can be classified in much the same manner as finger prints, Mr. May explained. Different grades are accorded to each element of form, embellishment, connecting strokes and shading and the result is a mathematical summary of the writing. It is mathematically determined, the speaker said, that there is no possibility of more than one person writing in a particular way. Writing may appear similar but when examined under a microscope the difference in minor details appears evident.

"Even one individual cannot write his signature twice in succession exactly the same," Mr. May continued. "Some courts even hold that two or more signatures the same may be regarded as suspicious. It is the little things overlooked by the forger that are often the means of unraveling cases."

**Experts Compare Writings**

"If you write any amount you can't disguise your writing in the ordinary case for an expert if he has sufficient other writing with which to compare it," said Mr. May. "The black hand who writes a page leaves enough individual marks to identify him when a sentence or two might pass as all right."

Typewriters, continued the speaker, have as many peculiarities and idiosyncrasies in their writing as do people. From usage they gain defects such as faulty alignment, bent letters, or letters which print heavier on one side that make them individual.

"Handwriting and signatures are of special interest to lawyers," Mr. May said, "because they have to deal with them in civil as well as criminal cases. A large number of a lawyer's cases deal with forgeries on documents."

**Forgers Slip Up**

The line quality of a signature in the evenness and depth of color is often one of the things least carefully done by the forger. He more often observes the form of the letters and disregards the stroke.

Examples of handwriting, such as photographs made of it enlarged many times, should be carefully prepared in a laboratory under proper conditions, cautioned the criminologist, so that they may be admitted as evidence in court and also so that they will seem convincing to the jury members.

"Make your evidence like a good advertisement," he said. "It should be short, simple and easily understood."

**Greasy Fingers Bad**

Finger prints are the definite method of identifying an individual, Mr. May continued. Because they have sometimes been forged does not reflect on their value generally any more than it does in the value of signatures.

"Finger prints are of four general types—loop, arch, whorl and composite, but there are as many different finger prints as there are individuals."

"Finger prints can be developed from any smooth surface, in some cases as long as 18 months after they were made, depending upon where the article has been kept in the meantime," concluded Mr. May.

## Colloquium Recommends Changes In Present Junior Certificate Plan

**Revision Requires 62 Hours Upper Division Work; Council on Honors Students Offered**

(Editor's note: Following is the second installment of the faculty colloquium committee's report on superior students and honor courses. The final section will be published tomorrow.)

**I. Junior Certificate and Promotion to Upper Division**

Both to facilitate the administration of the proposed legislation affecting honors work in the upper division and make more significant the promotion of students from the lower division the committee recommends some changes in the present practice affecting the junior certificate.

To make it obligatory to obtain the junior certificate at the proper stage in the university work, the student will be held to the earning of 62 hours of upper division work after the junior certificate has been obtained. The committee has not been unmindful of the difficulties that might be encountered by normal school graduates who come to the University with approximate junior standing so far as hours of advanced standing are concerned, but who have not met the conditions prescribed by faculty legislation for the receipt of the junior certificate. By proviso contained in faculty legislation affecting upper division

hours adopted at the January session, such students majoring in education would encounter no serious difficulties in earning the 45 hours required of those pursuing a course in "preparation for definite vocational work." A whole year might be spent in meeting group requirements and attaining the junior certificate, and the requisite 45 hours of upper division work be earned entirely during the senior year. It is believed by the committee, moreover, that a rigid insistence on the junior certificate as a condition of earning upper division credit will cause the normal schools to modify their curriculum in the direction of meeting our group requirements. It is understood that the Southern Oregon Normal School has already taken steps in that direction.

As a concession to normal school graduates who have completed their course prior to the passage of the proposed legislation the academic requirements committee has been given power to make exceptions and grant the junior certificate before all lower division requirements are met.

It is believed by the committee that the appraisal of the students' (Continued on page three)

## Squash Tourney Open to All Will Begin Next Week

**Latest Sport Innovation Is Expected to Draw Many Entries**

Latest on the list of innovations in athletics to be introduced at the University this year is a squash tournament.

Although the game is making its start at Oregon, it is far from a new sport. Eastern colleges and athletic clubs have featured the game for a number of years, and the Multnomah and Hollywood athletic clubs have been playing it on the coast for some time.

Squash, says Ed Abercrombie, in charge of the tournament, is an interesting combination of tennis and handball which is declared to be much faster than either of the older games. It requires less skill than tennis but greater quickness of eye and hand.

A tournament open to every student in school and members of the faculty is to be run off on the handball courts beginning next Monday. An entry list has been posted in the men's gymnasium, and all who intend to enter must do so by Saturday noon of this week.

Several squash rackets have been received by the physical education department and these will be used in the matches by those who are without tennis rackets. The regular tennis rackets may be used. Balls will be furnished for the matches, says Abercrombie.

Almost all the varsity tennis players have announced their intention of entering and the entire faculty of the physical education department will take part. The tournament will be a plain elimination event, one loss being sufficient to eliminate a player from further competition.

Abercrombie hopes that the present tournament will give the game of squash a permanent position on the schedule of athletic competition, as it not only furnishes an excellent form of exercise in itself but is known to be an unequalled winter conditioner for tennis.

A complete list of rules for the game has been posted both in the men's gymnasium and in the handball court building, and as there are no veterans of the game in school, everyone will have an even chance to make himself squash champion.

## Dan E. Clark Resumes History Instruction

Dan E. Clark of the Extension Division met his class in history of the West yesterday after being out of school for several days with la grippe.

Walter Barnes, history professor, who has also been absent with la grippe, plans to return Monday. Meanwhile Tom Graham, a graduate assistant of history, is taking his class in Modern Europe, Lewis Beeson, a journalism major at Oregon, is meeting Asia and Pacific, and Andrew Fish, professor of history, is taking the Renaissance class.

## Vodvil Tryouts Scheduled for Early in March

**Musical Comedy Motifs To Be Chosen Within Next Two Weeks**

Tryouts for those who will take part in the specialty acts and individual skits in the musical comedy to be used in the Junior Vodvil, May 13 and 14, will be held the first week in March, Benoit McCroskey, general chairman of the event announced last night.

The motif of the musical comedy to be presented will be definitely decided within the next two weeks when a selection will be made from the compositions which have been submitted. There are several compositions yet to be completed and the judges will wait until these are turned in before making a final decision.

The idea of a musical comedy to take the place of a series of short skits which is being carried out this year has been adopted by many colleges and universities. University of Michigan each year has a regular Junior Vodvil company which makes a tour throughout the state, while Stanford maintains a payroll of over \$3000 for the players and directors of the annual event.

All campus talent is expected to take part in the tryouts in March, Dancers, singers, banjosts, and other musicians will be needed particularly in the comedy. Specialty acts between scenes will also be used.

Through special arrangement, with W. B. McDonald, the Heilig theater will be used for the presentation of the Vodvil.

## H. L. Bowman to Speak At Y. W. Mass Meeting

Dr. Harold L. Bowman, pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Portland, has arranged with the Y. W. C. A. to hold personal interviews with any University women who have problems which they wish to discuss with him. Dr. Bowman will also address a mass meeting of the Y. W. in the bungalow at 4:30 this afternoon.

Miss Magowan is anxious that everyone arrive on time because Dr. Bowman has other engagements which he must meet. Since this is the first mass meeting of the year, a large attendance is expected.

"We are sure that Dr. Bowman will have an interesting message for everyone," said Miss Magowan.

## Books on Presidents Featured in Library

With Washington's birthday as an incentive, Mrs. M. F. McClain, circulation librarian, is going to arrange a shelf of books having George Washington as the subject.

The feature of the shelf will be two new books on "The Father of Our Country," one by Rupert Hughes, and the other by Woodward. Mrs. McClain also arranged a shelf on Abraham Lincoln in honor of his birthday.

## Senior Class Dance Plans Are Elaborate

**Program Includes Favors, Refreshments and Feature**

**10-Piece Orchestra Will Furnish Music**

**O'Bryant and Green Both Scheduled to Play**

**T**HE Senior Ball, scheduled to outdo all others on the night of February 19, will be the social swan song of the class of '27. It is the last chance they will have to present a dance as a class, and they are availing themselves of every means to make this dance one to be remembered by the campus.

Those who are working on the decorative and constructive work for the dance are veterans at it. Many of them have done similar work in the three previous dances given by the class. Because of this past experience they will be expected to present a spectacle finished and effective in every detail.

**Expense No Object**

In their effort to present a dance that will have a lasting reputation for brilliance, beauty, and finish they are sparing no expense. They are offering an elaborate four-color program of a very collegiate design, special exquisite favors to the ladies, pleasing and delicious refreshments, and a unique and original feature, and charging only \$2.00 for the tickets.

The music alone should be worth the price of the tickets for a 10-piece orchestra including two pianos has been arranged for. With Billy O'Bryant and Abbie Green doing their stuff at the pianos and an able orchestra to support them remarkable music is assured.

**Feature Has Three Parts**

The feature which will probably have about three parts is quite up to the minute in its appeal. It will be daring, fast, furious, weird, happy, sad and altogether amusing if not entirely what most people would call pleasing. Hurry and get your ticket if you still have not bought it for it is your last chance to see the class of '27 in action as hosts and hostesses at one of their unusual and pleasing dances.

## Student Council Passes Variety of Measures At Meeting Yesterday

A resolution that the A. S. U. O. will not be liable for any bills presented for payment without requisitions from the graduate manager's office was passed by members of the student council yesterday.

The building committee reported that McArthur court will probably be completed in time for dedication early in March. An investigation of the acoustics in the pavilion has been made by Dr. John Bovard, of the men's physical education department, who said that a group of Western Electric engineers who are coming to Eugene soon will examine the building. In view of the fact that it will be used as an auditorium for student concerts and lectures a remedy for the situation is imperative. Members of the council suggested that physics students be authorized to work on the problem.

The matter of the student body sponsoring Campa Shoppe dances under the direction of Herschel Taylor, Eugene man, was discussed by the council. The University will not, under the proposed plan, assume any financial responsibilities.

Permission was granted to the Order of the "O" to give an all campus dance for the benefit of the Fine Arts building fund.

## Dean Esterly Leaves Today for Texas Meet

Virginia Judy Esterly, dean of women, will leave today for Dallas, Texas, where she will attend the annual national convention of deans of women. She will be gone approximately ten days.

The convention will be divided into four sections, Deans of High Schools, Normal schools, Colleges, and Universities. Mrs. Esterly, who is secretary of the University section, will speak before that division on "Organization of the Dean's Office."

## Adventure Is Lecture Topic Of Dr. Bowman

**Assembly Speaker Makes Brilliant Record as Portland Pastor**

**Church Gains Honor For Having Leaders**

**Students May Arrange Interviews at Y. W.**

**"A**DVENTURE" is the topic of the assembly address to be given this morning by Dr. Harold L. Bowman, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Portland, Oregon, at eleven o'clock in the Woman's building.

Dr. Bowman is distinguished throughout the state as a speaker and religious leader, and is in demand as a speaker on all occasions in the city of Portland. He is a member of the Portland Rotary and the City clubs. He was one of the speakers in the religious campaign held recently in Tacoma, under the direction of Sherwood Eddy, Y. M. C. A. worker, when national leaders of all denominations throughout the United States were present.

**Pastor's Record Bright**

Dr. Bowman has made an exceptional record during his career as pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Portland, which is ranked as one of the ten most important churches of that denomination in the United States. He has the unusual distinction of assuming the pastorate of the church when about thirty years of age.

He has a commanding personality and is a tremendously hard worker, said Reverend Bruce J. Giffen, University pastor.

The church of which Dr. Bowman is pastor has gained a reputation for producing men of leadership in the state. Each of the ministers who has gone from the pastorate of the church has accepted some important position in the religious work of the nation, continued Rev. Giffen.

**Church Connected Here**

The church has always been closely connected with the University of Oregon. Dr. J. H. Boyd, Dr. Bowman's predecessor, initiated the plan of having the Oregon Synod meet on the University of Oregon campus, a plan which has been followed for the past ten years.

Dr. Bowman received his B.A. degree in 1910 from Coe College at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and his D.D. in 1918. He was graduated from the McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, in 1916.

He was an instructor in English at the American University in Beirut, Syria, from the year 1910 to 1913. From 1915 to 1917 he held the position of assistant minister of the Second Presbyterian church of Chicago.

**Wants to Meet Students**

Dr. Bowman is to be on the campus all day Thursday and Friday and he is anxious to meet University students. Appointments for conferences can be made through Miss Florence Magowan, Y. W. C. A. secretary, and H. W. Davis, director United Christian work on the campus.

## Women's League Tea To Have Clogging Act

Galoshes and slickers, old felt hats that have seen better days but are still retained because of their collegiate appearance—groups of girls here and there discussing topics of the day including "Faust" and the coming Senior Ball—an illusion? No, just a glimpse of the Women's League Thursday afternoon tea.

Whether you like the conventional beverage or not, it's the best opportunity available for the women on the campus to get together and have their bag fests—and they have them as anyone can tell you that makes a habit of going regularly.

This afternoon Eleanor Poorman and Georgia Uphogrove will give a clogging stunt, accompanied by Betty Horstman on the piano. Glenna Hencock will play for the social dancing.

Glady's Calef, who has charge of the teas, urges everyone to attend. The feature is to be at 4:45.

## Make Way for God's Garden on Dresses

**T**HE Garden of the Gods will soon be in our midst. It is now tucked away in a snug drawer in the Household Arts building.

You doubt the statement? Just take a peek in at one of Margaret Daigh's sewing classes; and, if you're lucky enough to hit the right four, you will see it brought forth for formal introduction to the scissors and needle.

It's one of the very new national park prints, which are, or soon will be, decidedly "in." There are hopes that Rainier, Yellowstone, and even the flaming geyser itself will keep it company when the spring winds blow on the campus.

For silk dresses have just started in the sewing classes. The Garden of the Gods is by far the most striking of the many different materials used.

## Hayward Shifts Track Veterans To New Events

**Wetzel Pointed Toward Decathlon; Flanagan In Prints**

The University of Oregon track men are working out daily on Hayward field, and are running off a dual meet every Saturday afternoon.

Coach Bill Hayward is giving the sprinters plenty of schooling in getting away from the mark. Several men from last years' frosh squad are working hard, but they are having keen competition from Proctor Flanagan, who has decided to add the sprints to his broad jumping event.

Several men are showing up well for the Webfoot squad in the weight events. Vic Wetzel, letterman from last year, is probably the best bet in the shot and discus, with Dobie Sanderson running him a close second, and George Stager, weight man from last year's yearling squad, showing good distance for early season performances.

Don Campbell, freshman weight man, is doing well with the discus in spite of the fact that he has had but little previous experience in this event, Hayward said.

Vic Wetzel is working on several events besides the weight affair as he expects to compete in the decathlon. He has never tried his hand, to any extent, in pole vaulting and high jumping, but seems to have a natural likeness for these events. It is too early in the season to make any predictions on his ability in his jumps, Hayward thinks.

## Guild Theatre Four One-Act Plays Receive Commendation of Critics

**'Trifles,' 'Everybody's Husband,' 'The Robbery,' and 'The Trysting Place' Given Last Night**

**By W. K.**

The four one-act plays, "Trifles" by Susan Glaspell, "Everybody's Husband" by Gilbert Cannan, "The Robbery" by Clare Krummer, and "The Trysting Place" by Booth Tarkington were presented last night with a rounded degree of success in variety of moods, acting and scenic effects.

Susan Glaspell's "Trifles," an ironic tragedy of situation rather than of character, is outstanding in dramatic intensity. The situation is unfolded by geometric devices and cleaves deep into a supremely tragic reality. The theme is magnificent; it has an intrinsic drama intense with suspense and culminating crisis. Underneath the sparse and hushed dialog is dynamic action and powerful emotional force.

The central character who never appears, whose crime is unfolded by two women's trifling with her sewing basket, bird-cage and fruit. They, a jury of her peers, keep her crime silent.

"Everybody's Husband" is a combination of youthful caprice, satyric humor, truth and beauty. The style is spasmodic, alternately glowing with hard clever paradoxes, graphic clarity, wit and rapturous fancy with lapses into superficial melodrama and forced wit. None of

## Oregon Drubs Club Quintet By Big Score

**Gunther, McCormick Run Wild as Lemon-Yellow Swamps Clubmen**

**Okerberg vs. Gowans Is Feature of Battle**

**Winners Make 14 Points In Five Minutes**

**Oregon (66) (15) Multnomah Gunther (18) f (6) Cherry Milligan (8) f (2) Ankeny Okerberg (7) c (2) Gowans McCormick (14) g Olson Westergren (9) g (1) Hobson Substitutes: Oregon, Emmons (4), Epps (6), Joy, Hummel; Multnomah, Weiss (2), Clerin (4) Faust, Jacobberger. Referee, Emil Paluso.**

**By ART SCHOENI**

**T**WO husky young gentlemen, names Gunther and McCormick, made enough points in last night's basketball walk-away—hardly a game—to have defeated Multnomah Athletic Club's team by themselves.

The pitiful tale of the rout foisted on the Portlanders is told in the 66-15 count rolled up by Coach Reinhardt's team.

Jerry carried Jerry Gunther away the high-score honors with 18 points with McCormick close behind with 14.

There lies the story of the game. Team Runs Wild

It was Gunther, then McCormick, then Okerberg, then Gunther, then McCormick, three baskets in a row—simple if you only know how.

Multnomah didn't have a man who knew more than the general direction of the basket, their main forte being floorwork, but that never won any games without a few throws through the twine.

The club guarding would have made the prison guards at Salem blush; it was so poor. Except for Gowans' covering of Okerberg and holding the twenty-point boy to a meager seven, there was nothing to write home about.

Okerberg and Gowans stuck to each other like long lost twins. Milligan opened the bidding of the game with a short shot under the basket and was raised two by Gowans and for five minutes the score stood 2-2.

**Three Points a Minute**

Just to show what a team can do in five minutes, Oregon's wonder team rolled up 14 points just after the second half started on four (Continued on page four)

