

Figures Don't Lie; McArthur Court Outrivalled

Washington Pavilion Is Largest in West; Are Aggies Mistaken?

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McArthur court, the pride of the west in the way of a huge athletic pavilion last year has been outrivalled. The University of Washington, through an appropriation of \$100,000 from the state legislature, \$350,000 from the sale of A. S. U. W. bonds and balance from A. S. U. W. treasury and other sources, have practically completed a mammoth \$600,000 athletic pavilion. Within a week the Husky basketball team will be at its daily practice in the huge structure. The pavilion will be dedicated December 27, 29 and 30 when the University of Illinois basketballers stop in Seattle on a leg of their 4200 mile barnstorming trip.

Covering two acres with an indoor athletic field of 1.4 acres itself, topped by a skylight 70 feet in width, 300 feet in length, this huge construction is easily the peer of athletic houses in the west. A seating capacity of 11,000 for basketball games and 14,000 for assemblies, it outclasses McArthur court a few thousand in this respect alone. After January 1, the building will also be used by the physical education department which moves from rather antiquated quarters.

The structure is of Tudor-Gothic architecture to harmonize with the rest of the campus buildings. One enters through a wide portal, climbs an easy, graded runway to the seats which surround on three sides the athletic field 330 feet in length and 187 in width. Within this field is being constructed a basketball floor 120 feet in length and 60 in width. Sixty-six feet above the floor is this giant skylight. It is reported that no basketball can be thrown or football kicked as high at the overhead windows.

Physical education classes and basketball aren't the only forms of activity for this new building as the east end is open and there is room for a giant moveable stage, a field virtually regulation size can be used for indoor football practice, also in this end varsity baseballers can work out when April showers prevent outdoor practice. All around this big pavilion will run a natural and cinder track. On the basketball floor a regulation tennis court will be laid out.

Offices, wide corridors, a full equipped laundry where every bit of the athletic equipment will be tended to, training rooms, fully equipped hospital room, big scoreboard in the west end and a big press box hanging from the roof by steel girders are just some of the minor features of the building.

Perhaps the enormity of the building can be shown by the following figures on building material used—320,000 face bricks, 560,000 common bricks, 236,000 feet of lumber in roof alone, 3,000 cubic yards of concrete, 300 tons of reinforcing steel.

Japanese Student at Waseda College Writes of Around-the-World Debaters

Thompson, McCroskey and Hempstead Received At Tokyo With Much Applause

From Tokyo comes the latest word of the around-the-world debaters, Avery Thompson, Benoit McCroskey, and Jack Hempstead. Frank K. Hirano, student in Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan, addressed the following letter to the students of the University of Oregon:

It is my great pleasure to write to you all students of Oregon that how brightly an excited enterprise you have started to have a good understanding between your country and ours.

Last night, I happened to listen to the three American students from your University at the auditorium of the Tokyo Asahi Press company, situated near to the Hi-biya park. And at that time our Japanese three students made speeches showing a very interesting program of each other. And you shall be able to see details of the gathering with another printed paper and you will guess the very friendly scene of the speakers and the great numbered audience at that night.

At 6 o'clock in the afternoon the

Conservative Liberal, Labor Parties Represented by Cambridge Debaters

Topics From Question to Judge. Lindsey Argued Against-Talking Englishmen

By CHAL NOC
Talk! The Cambridge University, M. A. B. King-Hamilton, Lionel Elvin, and Hugh Tosh Foot are living examples that verb. They walked into the Methodist Episcopal church last night about a half an hour before the big debate, and proceeded to have a little private debate among themselves.

King-Hamilton is a Conservative, Elvin advocates the Labor party, Foot the Liberals, and when the question of England's policy toward Russia was ventured, there was an argument.

"The whole thing was brought about by the supposition that Russia was spreading propaganda in London," said Elvin, "and maybe they were, but they didn't find any evidence."

He was leaning against a desk in a little room beside the platform of the church, and with that remark, looked significantly at King-Hamilton, the Conservative.

The whole thing of the Cambridge men, took him up immediately. "What? They certainly did. When the police broke into that Russian headquarters they found a man burning the evidence."

"They found only burned papers, too, they couldn't prove a

thing," came back the Labor man. "Could they, Foot?"

Foot agreed with Elvin. "They didn't find a bit of incriminating evidence, but that didn't keep them from running out all the Russians."

All three men were alert, giving and refuting arguments. These Englishmen were fast thinkers, and faster talkers. Little men, in tuxedos that had seen lots of service on debating platforms, but they were big men when they started talking. They believed what they said. They made you believe it, too.

They exhausted the Russian question, and when Judge Ben Lindsey's policies were suggested, they took these up with enthusiasm. They lamented the fact that England's divorce laws were so antiquated and thought that a less stringent law should be passed, allowing man and wife to be separated more easily. They were much interested in the American system of divorce; and Reno, Nevada, was not a new name to them.

One month more will find these debaters back in the halls of Cambridge, and as Foot said, "doing a year's work in six months." A debate with Whitman College Friday will end their arguments in the States. They will make a flying trip through Canada, debating once, then back to England.

Grades Will Be Sent to Parents January 3, 1928

Students To Get Grades Before End of Holidays

Only students who leave stamped, self-addressed envelopes at the registrar's office will have their full-term grades sent to them, reiterates Earl M. Pallett, registrar of the University.

"No grades will be given out at the window after the student returns, and furthermore, the duplicate of the student's grades will not be sent to his parents until after January 3, 1928, so the student must leave his envelope if he desires a grade during the holidays," said Mr. Pallett the afternoon.

The business office will be too busy with registering students at the beginning of the winter term to give out any grades at the window at all, and this will not be necessary if the students co-operate by turning in envelopes, which will be sent as soon as their grades are made out.

"Some students have failed to turn in envelopes because they think, 'Oh, well, my parents will get a duplicate anyway, so why bother?' The parents will not get the information before the student has returned to school, so the student must not depend on that as a means of finding out his grades," said Mr. Pallett.

The student must write his own name, not that of his parents, on the envelope. About 50 envelopes have been turned in to date, according to a report from the office.

World Tour Debaters To Vie With Easterners

Three more contests have been scheduled for the University of Oregon world tour debaters, Coach J. K. Horner announced yesterday. These are: Carlisle College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania; Ohio State Normal School, Bowling Green, Ohio; and Purdue University, South Bend, Indiana. The exact dates of these debates have not yet been fixed, Mr. Horner said, but they will take place sometime in the spring.

F. S. Dunn To Deliver Address Dec. 27 to Seattle Convention

Prof. F. S. Dunn, head of the Latin department and president of the Classical Association of Pacific States, Northern Division, will deliver his presidential address to the annual association convention meeting in Seattle, December 27, as guests of the University of Washington. The subject of Professor Dunn's address will be "Annus Prodigiosus," and involves a discussion of the portents and ill omens preceding and following the assassination of Julius Caesar, 44 B. C.

On Thursday, December 29, Professor Dunn will read a paper before a meeting of the Department of Classics of the Oregon State Teachers Association to be held at Portland, entitled "Julius Caesar and the Winter Solstice."

Orchestra and Quartet Play at Elks' Service

Music for the annual memorial service of the Eugene Elks held Sunday afternoon was furnished by the University orchestra and the Underwood string quartet. The orchestra played the opening march for the ceremony, Gounod's "March Cortège." The string section played Game's "Extase." Three numbers by the Underwood string quartet were included in the program, Glazounoff's "Interludium," "Music of the Spheres" by Rubenstein and Tchaikovsky's "Andante Cantabile." Doris Helen Patterson, member of the University orchestra played a harp solo Nevin's "Rosary."

'Tristan' and 'Isult' Received by Library

Two new copies of Tristan and Isult have been received by the main library. One is a play written in verse by John Masefield, and the other is in story form and is written by Joseph Bedier.

Some of the other books just received are: "The Gateway to Life," by Frank Thiess; "Wanderings in Arabia," by Charles H. Doughty, which is an abridged edition of "Travels in Arabia Deserta"; "Boy in the Wind," by George Dillon, which is a series of poems by that author, many of which have appeared in prominent magazines; and "Rebellion," by Martel Howe Farnham.

Rhodes Scholarship Finals Come Dec. 10; Four Men To Compete

Final examinations to determine the Rhodes Scholar from the state of Oregon will be given in Portland, December 10. Four University of Oregon men will take the examination. They are: Henry Alderman, senior in the school of Journalism; Theodore Ruch, graduate student of psychology now at Stanford University; Ralph Martig, second year law student; Robert F. Jackson, junior in physics.

The examination will be given by the following committee: Dean M. Elwood Smith, chairman, O. A. C.; Professor W. C. Barnes, secretary, Oregon; Professor W. P. Maddox, Oregon; Professor G. B. Noble, Reed College; President Leonard W. Riley, Linfield College. The meeting will be held at the University Club in Portland.

W. A. A. Hikers Visit New Hut At The Braes

Afternoon Spent Playing Games, Sweaters and Letters Given

The light of flickering coal oil lamps greeted the eager bunch of girls who hiked up to the Braes for the opening of the W. A. A. cabin late Sunday afternoon. The first impression on entering the room was warmth, for both of the rooms had stoves in them. The larger room of the cabin was nicely filled, and the lack of furnishings was not noticed for the girls draped themselves comfortably over the floor and few benches.

The hikers eagerly listened to the stories told and lustily sang college and camp songs. Soon the delicious smell of coffee emanated through the room from the kitchen. Lunch was in order. Pickles, oranges, and cake were exchanged.

After lunch the new members gave a skit. A shooting match was held between the three faculty members, Miss Martha Hill, Miss Emma Waterman, and Miss Mary Jo Shelly. Miss Hill was the only one who succeeded in knocking over one of the celluloid ducks, used for game, with the stubborn popgun, so she was awarded a bouquet of flowers.

Letters and sweaters were then awarded by Miss Waterman, head of the physical education department, and the girls started home through the fog. The only casualties of the evening were a broken lamp chimney and a leaning front porch.

Women's Fraternity Offers Fellowship In Research Work

Pi Lambda Theta, national honorary educational fraternity for women, is offering the Ella Victoria Dobbs National Fellowship of \$1000 to the woman who wishes to devote herself to research in education during the year 1927-1928.

Every candidate for the honor must have an M.A. degree from a graduate school of recognized worth and have shown notable skill in teaching and significant accomplishment in research. Upon the acceptance of the scholarship the scholar must devote herself unreservedly to study or research.

Posters have been placed on the bulletin board of the education department, which give the rules of the contest. Other information can be secured from Frances Schroeder, president of the local chapter of Pi Lambda Theta.

World Debate Tour Popular in Honolulu

The activities of the round-the-world debaters from the University of Oregon are described in an article in the Pan-Pacific Union Bulletin, published in Honolulu. "This original pioneer forensic project is gripping the imagination of those in the Pacific Sphere for the world tour who stand for peaceful economic and social progress through mutual understanding," says the article.

The three students described are Jack Hempstead, Gladstone; Avery Thompson and Benoit McCroskey, Salem. They have already completed their debate schedules in Hawaii, Japan, and China, and are now in the Philippines. They will visit many countries of the Far East and Europe, and then will spend several months debating and giving lectures in this country.

Russia Unable To Agree With Great Britain

Litvinoff Gains World Interest but Remains Day Too Long

Chamberlain Defeats Russian at Diplomacy

Soviet Asks for Complete Disarmament

(By United Press)
GENEVA, Dec. 5.—Great Britain and Russia exchanged views on their diplomatic relations through their accredited representatives today but found it impossible to reach any basis for agreement.

The conference between the suave Sir Austen Chamberlain, British foreign secretary, and the stocky Maxim Litvinoff, Soviet assistant foreign commissar, who has dominated the Geneva stage for a week, was the grand finale of a score of diplomatic meetings. It completely overshadowed the 48th session of the League of Nations council which opened today.

Observers agreed after the conference that Litvinoff had remained in Geneva a day too long. He had captured world interest with his complete disarmament program, his declaration that a bigger war was inevitable and his willingness to sign non-aggression compacts with all nations, but he was defeated at diplomacy by the astute and adroit Chamberlain.

The official communique of the meeting says:

"M. Litvinoff having asked Sir Austen Chamberlain for an interview, the meeting took place at the hotel Beauvaurig in the afternoon. The meeting gave occasion for a frank exchange of views regarding the relation of the Soviet government and the British government. However, it was not found possible to reach any basis for agreement."

Meeting of Student Housing Committee At Hut This Afternoon

Townpeople, who have rooms to rent or boarding houses, will meet with Elmer L. Shirrell, dean of men, and Mrs. Charlotte Donnelly, secretary of student housing, at the "Y" hut at 2 o'clock this afternoon preparatory to compiling the list of approved houses for student occupancy during the winter term.

The list will be ready soon, and men who contemplate moving from their present residence must move between quarters, Dean Shirrell said.

New students and those desirous of moving into Friendly hall next term must deposit \$10 to insure reservations. According to a University regulation which went into effect last year, the housing in dormitories is on the yearly basis, and men who wish to move to a fraternity or other accommodations must secure special permission from the dean of men.

Club To Celebrate In Christmas Party

The Cosmopolitan club will give a Christmas party Wednesday evening at the "Y. M." hut at 8 o'clock. Each of the members is to bring a present, which is not to cost over 10 cents. With a Christmas tree and a Santa Claus to deliver presents, Christmas spirit will prevail; and the foreign students will have an opportunity to see how Americans celebrate Christmas.

Grace E. Fleming, in charge of the program, says that it is to consist of readings; vocal and piano selections. Violet A. Grek will sing several selections and will give a reading. Olive Grey will play a piano solo. There will be one other selection and a dialogue. Students are invited.

Salemites Will Meet Today To Plan Dance

A meeting all Salem students in room 110 Johnson hall at 4:40 today has been called by Herbert Socolofsky, vice-president of the student body.

The purpose of the meeting is to plan for a University of Oregon dance to be held in Salem during the holidays, and to talk over the formation of a permanent Salem-University of Oregon club. Students from towns near Salem will be invited to the dance.

Congress Organized; Seating of Vane and Smith Is Postponed

(By United Press)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5.—

Senate: The question of seating senator elect Smith of Illinois and Vane of Pennsylvania was put over until after the president's message was read tomorrow under a truce agreed upon by both sides.

Routine organization of Senate completed.

House: Nicholas Longworth of Ohio re-elected speaker.

Eligibility of representative James M. Beck of Pennsylvania, questioned by democratic leader, Garrett, on grounds of failing to meet constitutional requirements as to residence. By a vote of the House, Beck was sworn in and the case referred to an elections committee for investigation.

St. Cecilia Mass Will Be Sung by University Choir

Mme. McGrew, Siefert and Carr Have Solo Roles In Final Vespers

The University choir, composed of the men's and women's glee clubs will give the eighth annual presentation of the St. Cecilia Mass, at the regular Vesper hour, Sunday, December 11 in the music auditorium. John Stark Evans, assistant dean of the school of music and director of the men's glee club, will conduct the choir and play the organ accompaniment.

The three solo parts of the Mass will be sung by Madame Rose McGrew, soprano, John B. Siefert, tenor, and Eugene Carr, baritone.

The St. Cecilia Mass, or "Masse Solennelle in G," was written by Gounod in honor of St. Cecilia, the patron saint of music, and was first played on November 22, 1855, at the feast in honor of the saint. The "Sanctus," which assured the success of the composition has a simple sweet melody for the tenor. Gounod's fervent religious nature and training is felt in the devoutness of the "Kyrie." The "Benedictus" contains a chanting solo for the soprano.

The St. Cecilia Mass is ranked with Gounod's "Redemption" as his best religious composition and compares in achievement with his opera "Faust."

The "Gloria," "Credo," and "Agnus Dei" will also be included in the presentation.

Freshmen Elect New Commission President

Eva Davis was elected to take the place of Dorothy Teepe as president of the freshman commission during the winter term at the meeting held Thursday afternoon in the Y. W. Bungalow.

Miss Teepe will leave for San Francisco January 7 on a trip through the Panama Canal to New York. She will return from there to Portland, her home, in time to resume her studies in the University during the spring term.

Miss Marcia Seeber, visiting Y. W. secretary spoke before the commission.

Mississippi Flood Disaster Accounts Record News of Year, Says Hodge

Geology Professor Classes River Situation as Greatest National Problem

Of the leading news stories published during the present year, more newspaper space in the United States over an extended period of time has been given to the Mississippi flood than to any other one topic, states Dr. Edwin T. Hodge, professor of geology at the University of Oregon. Dr. Hodge bases his opinion on observation of the space given to outstanding news of the year.

It is the opinion of Dr. Hodge that neither Colonel Charles Lindbergh's epic flight across the Atlantic, nor the stirring case of Sacco and Vanzetti, has claimed the total amount of publicity given the flood during the time of its occurrence and continuing into the present time.

Re points out as illustrative of the importance of the Mississippi catastrophe as a problem of national concern, that newspapers and magazines all over the country are giving it close attention even at the present time.

Several days ago the Oregonian

Cambridge Is Given Decision By Audience

Informality and Wit Are Winning Factors for Englishmen

Sensationalism in Newspapers Is Hit

Horner Declares Visitors Best Ever Seen

By WILFRED BROWN
Informality and wit were too much for logic and deduction, with the result that Cambridge won from Oregon last night at the Methodist church, 212 to 96, in a debate on the question, "Resolved, That the power of the press has increased, is increasing, and should be diminished." This was the first appearance of the Oregon debate squad this year.

Donald Beelar and Hugh Biggs, representing the negative for Oregon, stated their case in the characteristic American style, building on facts and deductive reasoning. Their opponents, M. A. B. King-Hamilton and Herbert Lionel Elvin, replying to the Oregon men with a choice repartee, or a humorous sally—because they either could not or did not care to give the audience dry facts or figures.

Smiling at ease, yet violating nearly all fixed rules of debate, the young Englishmen won the minds and hearts of the audience and an overwhelming majority of ballots east.

Sensationalism Attacked
The Cambridge men based their principal argument against the power of the press on the statement that newspapers are continually playing up and sensationalizing news, thus giving it prominence far out of proportion with its importance and value to the public.

King-Hamilton, who made the first speech of the evening, said that modern newspapers are entirely too full of distasteful news, such as murders, suicides, and divorces. He asserted that this has a demoralizing effect on the social and political life of the nation, and that it creates a false impression of life in the minds of the reading masses.

The two Oregon men maintained that although there is some evil in the modern newspapers, it is so far over-balanced by the good that to limit the power of the press would curb the good qualities of newspapers much more than it would the bad.

Beelar Claims Power Decreasing
Donald Beelar, the first negative speaker, took exception to the statement that the power of the press is increasing by quoting statistics to show that the editorial space in American newspapers have decreased in volume 77 per cent in the last quarter century. This, he said, is deplorable, indicating a lessening of the newspapers' influence on the public.

Elvin, who followed Beelar, termed the newspaper a tyrant risen in a democracy. "There is no check on the power of newspapers," he said. Their influence is a menace to our political and social condition.

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