

Portland Men Oppose Transfer of Science Courses to O.S.C. in Letter to State Board

Proposal of Survey Hit by Six Citizens

Dignity of University at Stake, Education Body Told

Work in Controversial Subjects Is Basis of Success in Others

Hitting the proposal of the recent federal survey of higher education in Oregon that upper division and graduate work in the pure sciences should be transferred from the University of Oregon State college, six prominent Portland men yesterday addressed an open letter to the state board of higher education.

Signing the letter of protest were: Charles H. Carey and Richard W. Montague, Portland attorneys; Rabbi Henry J. Berkowitz, of Temple Beth Israel; Dr. Ralph A. Fenton; Philip L. Jackson, newspaper publisher; and J. C. Stevens, engineer, and former member of the board of higher curricula.

Three of the signers hold degrees from the University, Mr. Montague and Mr. Carey receiving honorary degrees of M. A. in Public Service in 1919 and 1927 respectively, and Dr. Fenton receiving a B. A. degree in 1903.

The letter writers represented themselves simply as a group of interested citizens.

Transfer of science work to Corvallis would rob the University of its prestige and dignity, the letter stated.

Letter Is Quoted
PROPOSED CHANGE PROTESTED
The report of the survey commission is an able study of the relationships of our higher educational institutions to the pub-

lic and to each other. The recommendations in the report will, with few exceptions, be concurred in by most people in Oregon.

We must, however, protest most earnestly against the blanket proposal to transfer all advanced instruction in the pure sciences from the University at Eugene to the state college at Corvallis. These pure sciences include botany, zoology, geology, chemistry, physics, astronomy, mathematics and statistics. If the commission's recommendation were carried out, both undergraduate and graduate degrees in these sciences could be obtained only at Corvallis, while the University would be permitted to give only freshman and sophomore work therein.

No university worthy of the name can maintain its dignity and hold the respect of its constituents with its curricula beheaded in this manner.

The pure sciences are basic. Without both lower and advanced teaching, and opportunities for research in physics, chemistry, mathematics, statistics and the other pure sciences, no outstanding accomplishments in the courses left to the University, such as architecture and the arts, political science, sociology, medicine and psychology can possibly be achieved.

MEN MAKE UNIVERSITIES
A university becomes great only as members of its faculty become great. The university is known by their achievements. Such men become not only teachers but institutions. But no such great teachers can be retained where the opportunity for research and individual expression is lacking. Take away the pure sciences and the incentives for outstanding achievements are gone; only mediocrity remains.

To lay off the only thing that can make for success in research in the human sciences on which society builds its strongest hopes, is little short of educational suicide. No science teaching which stops short after one brief freshman or sophomore course can by any process of reasoning be made to afford an adequate introduction to the study of medicine, of the law, of psychology, of international relations, of the history and development of the race, of the opportunities and difficulties of foreign trade. The University has built up and fostered such courses during many years past, and scientific research work done in the University has been nationally and internationally recognized.

GRAVE CONSEQUENCES SEEN
We submit that the objections against the reasonableness of the commission's recommendation, even in the abstract, are numerous and unanswerable. But that recommendation cannot be applied in the abstract, for the University is a living institution, which has commanded from teachers and students for more than half a century loyalty and affection giving it insuperable strength and value, and which would be harmed past repair by cutting off from it subjects of the very first rank in the educational field.

It is difficult to believe that the pecuniary savings, doubtful and almost certainly illusory, claimed for the proposed plan would compensate for the irreparable injury done to the cause of higher education in the state by this unprecedented lopping off of essential subjects.

Our highly efficient state college offers ample service courses in these sciences to enable a student in agriculture, engineering and other majors to fit himself for his chosen field. No essential part of his training is omitted. Such service courses do not constitute duplications of work, because they are mostly confined to freshman and sophomore years.

The ability of the University to obtain outside gifts and endowments, which have hitherto been of great assistance to the University and the state, and for the con-

tinuance of which in the near future there is well-founded hope, would be almost entirely cut off by the maiming of the University and this damage to its prestige, particularly by the additional change in methods of handling research work detailed in the survey.

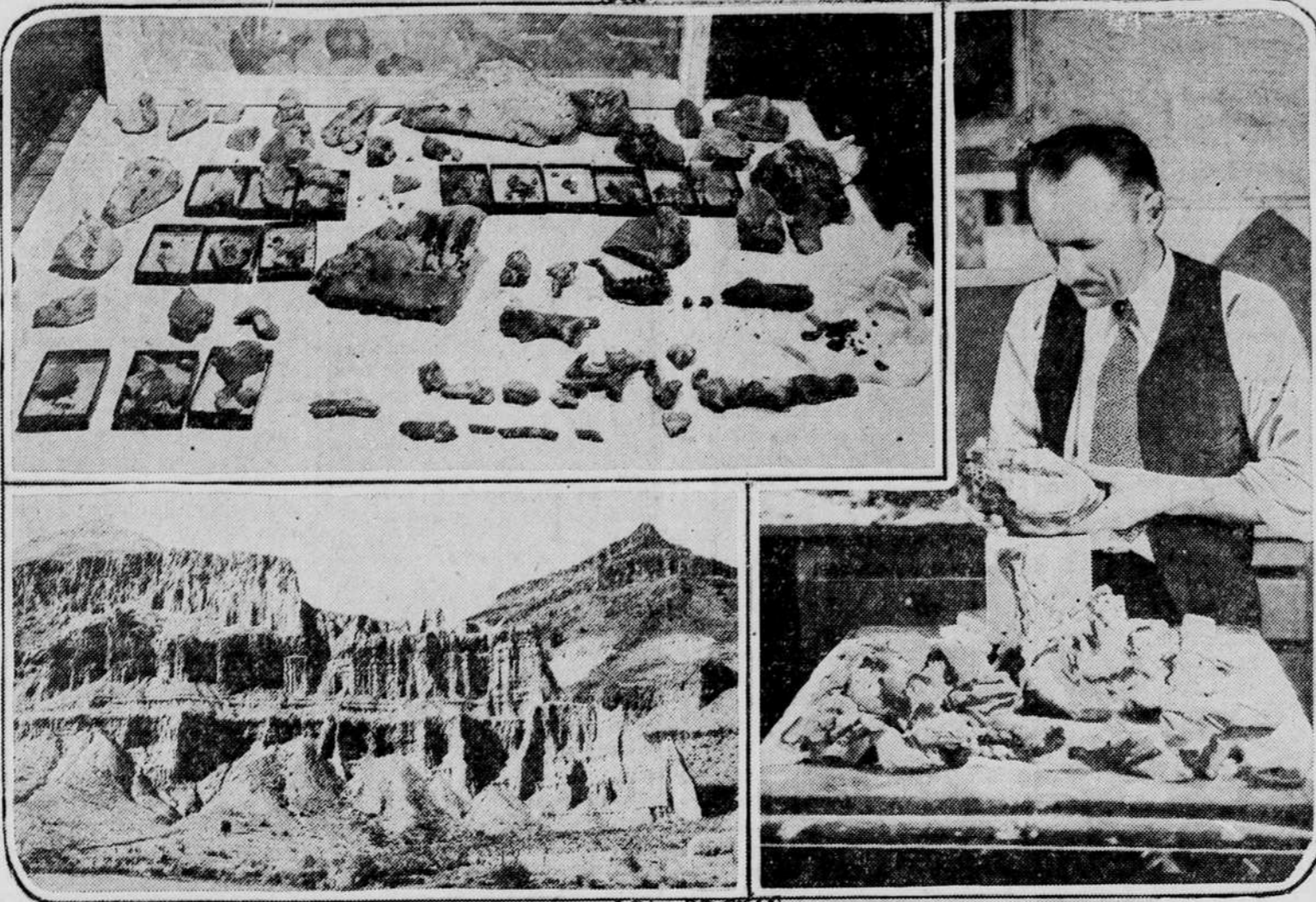
We trust the board of higher education will reject this proposal.

Frosh Commission Stages Circus Party
Tigers, bears, trained horses, lions, and sundry animals congregated at Hendricks hall last night to entertain Dean Hazel Prutsman Schwing, Mrs. Nelson Macduff, and 100 freshman girls, gathered for the last meeting of the Frosh commission.

The ten groups composing Frosh commission, staged a circus, of which Caroline Card was head ringmaster. The sideshows ran the gamut of usual attractions, one portrayed wild animals, another girl a lassoer, another a ballet dancer, and so on. Music for the entertainment was furnished by Marjorie Bass. Balloons and punch were given the participants.

Assisting Caroline Card were Helen Binford, general chairman; Maxine Reed, group chairman, and Jean Robertson, social chairman. As the last meeting of a large and unusually active commission, it proved very successful.

'Mike' Mueller, Painter, Printer---and Now Paleontologist



Upper left, fossil remains of what is thought to be a 5,000,000-year-old camel. Right, Professor Mike Mueller looking at the skull of one of his finds, probably an oreodon. Lower left, the John Day country, where the digging was done.

When Mike Mueller sprained his right ankle on the ski jump at Government camp last New Year's day, he probably cursed.

But it was that weak ankle which led to the discovery of Olive and Opal, the Oreodons. During spring vacation, Mueller went far into the hills of the John Day country, famous for the many fossils which have been found there, with the idea of completing a series of landscape paintings started there last summer.

But the wind blew cold and the rain fell hard. So Mueller took his little stone hatchet and a cold chisel, and began to dig about on the hillsides.

First he found a camel, dead these many years. All the quakes and tremblings and slips and dips that Mother Earth had taken in the last 10,000,000 years had not

Olive and Opal, the Oreodons, Found Because of Weak Ankle

Mike Mueller Slides Down John Day Fossil Hill, Unearths Old Bones

disturbed the gentle slumber of this particular camel.

So Mueller dug him out and put him in a sack. Then he slid on down the slope, still looking for old and bleached bones. His ankle hurt. Another twist. He took it very easy over the rocks, down the steep grade. He put out his hands to take the weight off the aching ankle. And he put his hand on the skull of Olive the Oreodon.

She, like the camel, was complete—skull, spine, legs, and all. She went into the sack along with the camel, each tied carefully in a separate portion of the flour sack.

Many other things did the professor find that rainy afternoon, including a second oreodon, endearingly called Opal, and pieces, more or less, of a turtle, a deer, two horses, a rhinoceros, some snails, a saber-tooth tiger, a cat, and a pig.

Mueller is now at work on the jig-saw puzzle of putting the hundreds of pieces together. He works in his studio between classes. Drop in.

WHAT SHOW TONIGHT?

Colonial — "City Lights," with Charles Chaplin.
Heilig — "The Lash," with Richard Barthelmess.
McDonald — "Once a Gentleman," with Edward Everett Horton.
State — "Cheer Up and Smile," with Arthur Lake.

Barthelmess at Heilig
Coming close on the heels of earlier successes like "Dawn Patrol," is Richard Barthelmess' latest talking film, "The Lash," which opens today at the Heilig.

The film is said to have everything—adventure, romance, drama, comedy, history, fiction.

In the cast are Mary Astor, Marian Nixon, James Rennie, Robert Edeson, Fred Kohler, and Barbara Bedford. What more could you ask?

Horton Comedy at McDonald
For an excellent comedy that will not tax the brain too much, one that will put you in an expansive good humor, go to the McDonald today and see Edward Everett Horton play the part of a butler on an adventure spree in "Once a Gentleman." The feminine support is offered by Esther Ralston, with a good cast of well known personalities assisting.

While not the ribald type of comedy as was "Lonely Wives," it nevertheless is filled with some rather good wisecracks and plenty of ridiculously funny situations.

Chaplin Continues To Score
"City Lights," Charles Chaplin's sensational silent film, still continues on its triumphant "box office" way.

This picture, the first silent in two years, has a unified story. It opened with a typical comedy scene in which Chaplin is found

sleeping in the arms of a statue when it is unveiled. The speakers addressing the crowd are mimicked by squawking orchestration, perfectly synchronized with the lip movements of the speakers.

State Has Optimism Opus
Arthur Lake, whose broad grin and excessive good humor is delightful to some and a cross to others, appears in a comedy at the State today that bears the rather dubious title of "Cheer Up and Smile."

UNIVERSITY WILL TRY TO RETAIN SCIENCES
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ber if he resigns, being unable to replace him.

2. Larger classes will be necessary.

3. The abler students may have to be asked to educate themselves on readings assigned and supervised by their instructors.

4. Scrupulous economy in all administrative and other departments of the University.

Withdrawal Seen
Eventual withdrawal of the University from athletic competition in the Pacific Coast conference if the survey findings are carried out was seen by Hugh E. Rosson, graduate manager of the Univer-

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University Women's Group Meets Tonight

The first meeting of the term for the junior group of the American Association for University Women has been announced for tonight by the leader, Kathryn Fry. All graduates, wives of graduates, and women working on the campus are invited to come to the majors' room of Gerlinger building at 8 o'clock.

A short business meeting followed by a program will be held to discuss plans for the one-act play to be presented at the A. A. U. W. tea for senior women on May 2. The reading of a play is planned by Rose Robinson, chairman of the program committee, and her two assistants, Mrs. Robert Seashore and Mrs. Kenneth Shumaker. Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting.

Junior A. A. U. W. was formed recently as a part of the regular A. A. U. W. organization on this campus to provide a study and entertainment group for girls working at the University and in town. Since many of those eligible for membership in the regular group were not able to attend its gatherings on account of working, they found it necessary to provide a separate organization, which will work in cooperation with the senior A. A. U. W.

with instruction given to any desiring it.

The hours of practices will be: Monday and Wednesday at 5; Tuesday and Thursday from 4 until 6; and on Saturday at 11 in the morning. Beginning with next week, two practices a week will be required. However, later practice will be based on number of ends shot.

Archery is still open to any girl knowing something of or interested in the use of the long bow, and Katherine Kjosness, manager, urges everyone to turn out at the next practice. As the shoot will be held in one month, from May 17 to 24, with the scores represented by telegraph on May 25, archers should begin practice immediately.

The following rules of etiquette in archery have been posted on the equipment cabinet for the benefit of all shooters:

1. Keep no one waiting.
2. Stand behind base line while others are shooting.
3. Do not speak at all to a shooter.
4. Do not talk while shooting.
5. Pick up only your own arrows and never pull another's arrow from the target.

Women Start Practice For Archery Contest

With enrollment in the second annual Women's Interscholastic archery tournament, women's intramural archery practices have been increased, and beginning with the first of next week meetings will be held every day in the week.

Verse by Local Poets Appears in Collection

Three University of Oregon alumni, Walter Evans Kidd, John Scheffer, and Serena Madsen Scheffer, are represented among the authors of a new collection of poems, just off the press. The book is "Northwest Verse, an Anthology," released by the Caxton Printers, Ltd., of Caldwell, Idaho, and consisting of about 300 poems by northwestern writers. Its contributors are chiefly residents of Oregon, Washington, Montana, and Idaho.

Sally Elliott Allen, wife of Dean Eric W. Allen of the school of journalism, is another of the poets whose work was published in the book.

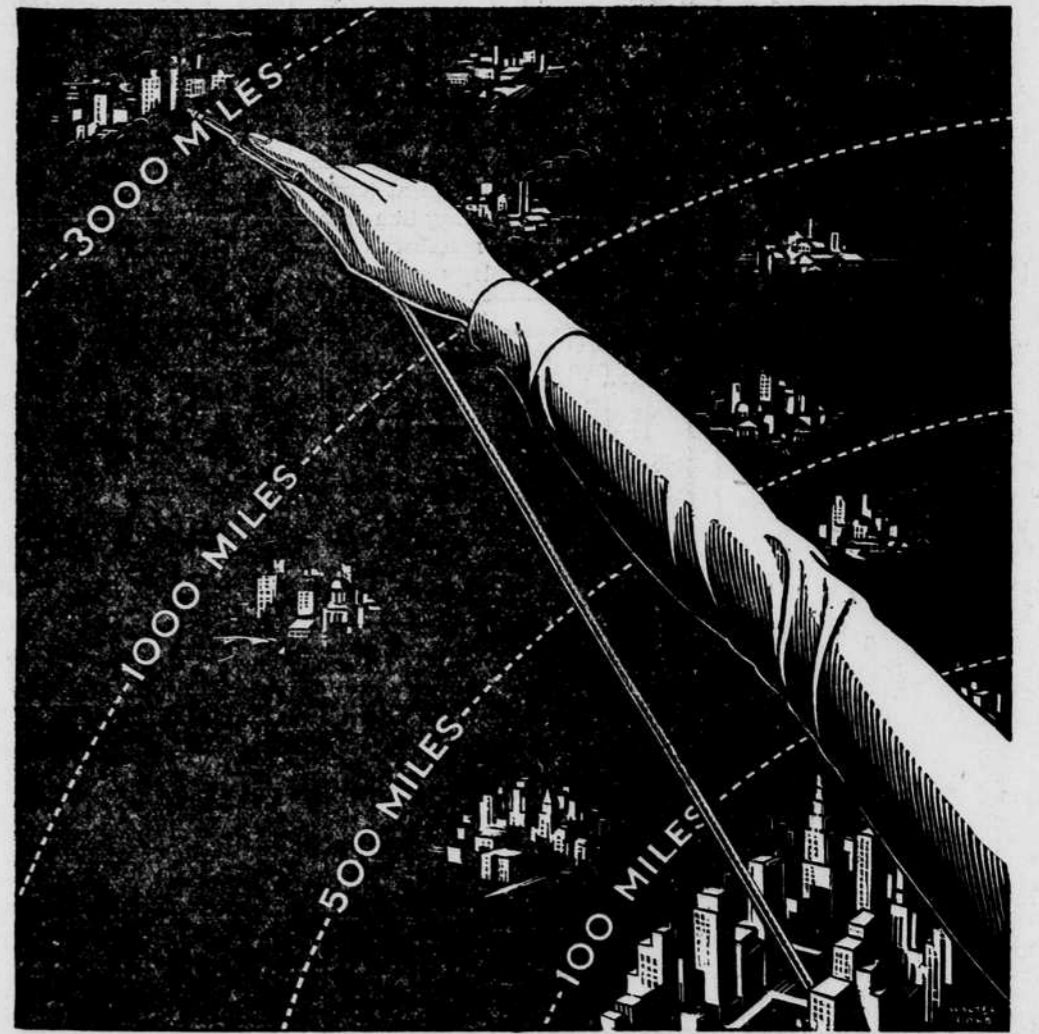
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