

Student Group To Dig Further In Investigation

Optional Membership in ASUO Sought

COMMITTEES NAMED

Examination of Financial, Legal Aspects of Demand for \$15 Saving Undertaken

Further investigation into the advisability of introducing optional membership in the Associated Students was undertaken and will continue for several days, the Committee for Optional ASUO Membership reported yesterday.

James Landye, senior law student and general chairman of the group, announced the selection of the following three committees to undertake examination of the financial and legal aspects of the demands made by the committee for a \$15 yearly reduction in student fees: legal committee—Eugene Laird, chairman, and Josephine Rice; committee on organization and procedure—Dick Neuberger, chairman, Orval Thompson, Ray "Butch" Morse, and Marjorie Bass; committee on student affairs—Margaret Stauff, chairman, Al Edwards Jr., and Floyd Smith.

Petition Presented
The names of these 10 students appeared on a petition presented by Neuberger through Dr. W. J. Kerr, chancellor of higher education, to the state board at its session in Portland Monday.

The matter was turned over to the student welfare committee of the board, which is composed of E. C. Sammons, acting temporarily in the place of Mrs. Cornelia Marvin Pierce, who is in Washington, D. C., and F. E. Callister.

Landye stated last night that his committee would work with the student welfare committee of the state board and will communicate immediately in regard to the data uncovered by the student group here.

Text Follows
A copy of the petition presented to the state board follows:
"To the Board of Higher Education:

"We, the undersigned committee of students of the University of Oregon, hereby respectfully request the state board of higher education to give consideration to the feasibility of reducing student fees at the University to \$27 per term by providing for optional membership in the Associated Students of the University of Oregon.

"In view of the unprecedented sacrifices being made by the citizens of Oregon and the parents of the students in order that the youth of the state may secure the advantages of higher education, we sincerely believe that enactment of a system of optional membership in the Associated Students organization, by making possible a saving of \$15.00 per year, will extend the opportunity for university education to a greater number of deserving young men and women.

"May we point out that although some of us are actively engaged in Associated Student activities and therefore must necessarily pay the \$15 yearly dues,
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Sigma Hall Maintains Virtual Monopoly to Top Grade List

An enviable record has been built up for scholarship by Sigma hall, a unit of the men's dormitories on the campus.

For the past seven terms, ever since the new system of rating was instituted in the University, Sigma hall has headed all the male living organizations of the campus, and for six of those seven terms it finished on top of the scholastic heap. Only Hendricks hall has ousted Sigma from first place at any time in the past two years.

The grade point average of Sigma for the past seven terms has been 1.790. Last term there were five honor students from this organization, or an average of 15 percent. The University average of honor students was slightly more than 4 percent. Forty-two percent of the students enrolled in Sigma had averages of more than two points.

Those Seeking Jobs on Emerald-of-Air Staff Asked to Attend Meet

Those desiring to try out for positions on the Emerald-of-the-Air dramatic staff are asked to meet in Room 104 Journalism building today at 4. Several roles are available for the forthcoming production. The part of a maid which requires a Swedish accent has not yet been filled.

Anyone who is interested in this work, despite lack of experience, will be given an opportunity.

2039 Enrollment For Winter Term Final Compilation

Registration Figure Slightly Less Than Fall Quarter Number; Closing Saturday

Final registration figures for the winter term show an enrollment of 2039 students in the University, announced Clifford L. Constance, assistant registrar, yesterday.

This is but slightly below the attendance for last term, when 2122 were registered, and only 7 percent below the figures for a year ago, 2190.

Registration for the term closed last Saturday and only in exceptional cases will students be admitted during the rest of the term.

Faculty Members To Talk on Radio

Three professors from the University, Dr. W. D. Smith, Dr. Harold J. Noble, and Dr. Victor P. Morris, are giving a series of radio talks on trade and economic subjects over station KOAC. The series is called "Beacon Lights in Civic Relations."

Dr. Morris opened the series with a general introduction. Last week Dr. Smith gave a talk on "Know Your Own Ocean." He presented physical facts about the ocean, about typhoons, and important islands.

Smith is also planning talks on trade relations between the Orient and the Occident. Dr. Noble will speak concerning Japan, Manchuria, and China, and Morris will talk on economic problems of the countries on both sides of the Pacific.

Wood Will Be Speaker At Law School Banquet

Erskine Wood of the Portland law firm of Wood, Montague, Mathiessen, and Rankin, who is one of the most prominent admiralty lawyers of the northwest, will be the guest of honor and principal speaker at the law school banquet, to be held January 24.

The law school banquet, an event of each term, is open to the law school student body and the law faculty. Each term some leader of the bar is invited as principal speaker. Members of the Lane county bar are invited as guests.

Graduate Council Meet Scheduled for Friday

The graduate council of the University will meet in the graduate division office at Johnson hall, Friday afternoon, January 19.

Members of the council asked to be present are Eric W. Allen, John F. Bovard, C. V. Boyer, J. H. Gilbert, J. J. Landsbury, J. R. Jewel, H. V. Hoyt, O. Larsell.

Oregon Press Conference to Get Underway

Sixteenth Annual Meet Starts Thursday

ACTIVITY IS VARIED

Visiting Newspaper Men to Begin Arriving on Campus Tomorrow, Friday for Sessions

Newspaper men from all parts of the state will begin arriving on the campus tomorrow and Friday for the sixteenth annual Oregon Press conference in the school of Journalism Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, January 18, 19, and 20.

A busy weekend has been prepared for the visiting journalists as meetings, discussions, dinners and luncheons, and entertainment are included in the list of activities.

Business Matters Important

Discussion of business matters will occupy an important position after the conference gets underway. The Roosevelt program of business revival, circulation and advertising problems, coverage of legislative centers, NRA codes for newspapers and print shops—all of these questions will undergo the scrutiny of the sessions here.

Of interest to the visitors is the motion picture, "Golden Years of Progress," prepared by advertising interests to interpret the place of advertising in the business of living, which will be brought here for a special complimentary showing at the Colonial theater Friday evening following the annual conference banquet. Tickets will be given.

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Dr. R. J. Williams, Chemistry Prof, Will Speak Here

Noted Scientist's Subject to Be 'Chemical Secrets of Living Matter'

Dr. Roger J. Williams, nationally known chemist and professor of organic chemistry at Oregon State college, will speak on "Chemical Secrets of Living Matter" Wednesday evening, January 24, at 7:30 in 103 Deady.

The lecture will be given under the joint auspices of the Committee on Free Intellectual Activities and Sigma Xi, national science honorary.

Dr. Williams, formerly of the University, has written several articles and books on organic chemistry. In the summary of achievements in chemistry which was given in the Science News Letter recently he was commended for his research in the "growth-stimulating 'panto-thenic' acid found in many different kinds of plants and animals."

First Student Concert To Take Place Monday

The first student concert of the winter term is scheduled to take place next Monday at 8 in the Music auditorium. Four student musicians and two accompanists are to appear.

These are Harriet Moore, pianist; Arlene Soasey, mezzo soprano; Ellen Dixon, violinist; Frances Mackin, pianist. The accompanists are Helene Robinson and Frances Brockman.

Father Leipzig to Give Talk on Catholics at 'Y'

Father Leipzig of the local Catholic church will be at the Y hut tonight at 7:30 to conduct an informal discussion on "The Principles and Policies of the Catholic Church." This is the first of a series of similar meetings to which all students are welcomed.

Committees Appointed For Federation Dance

The heads of the committees for the "hill" federation dance, which is to be given in Gerlinger hall Friday evening, are: general chairman, Leonard Donin; features, Fred McKinney; programs, Bill Paddock; decorations and floor, Jim Schofield; and patrons and patronesses, Jean Stevenson and Mildred Thompson.

One of the features of the dance will be the Delt Trio.

Roland Hayes Holds Enviably Reputation as Concert Singer

Ten years of absolute supremacy in his field is the enviable record established by Roland Hayes, world-famed tenor, whose forthcoming concert in McArthur court the night of Thursday, January 25, is apparently attracting more popular interest than the appearance of any other artist in the northwest. It was just a little over ten years ago that the famed negro singer first appeared in New York's famous Town Hall to justify his pretensions as an artist before one of America's most discriminating audiences.

Upon that memorable occasion Hayes had no formidable American reputation to back him up, notwithstanding the fact that Europe had already acclaimed him as one of the greatest singers of the generation. New York had heard much heralded negro singers before, had listened to them politely, and then dismissed them as mere musical mountebanks. Hayes was compelled to face a good deal of skepticism when he gave that Town Hall recital. He even had to face downright hostility. What the audience expected was a few original renderings of negro spirituals. What it got was a chapter of Revelation.

That was 10 years ago. Today Hayes is, by universal consent, a vastly greater artist than he was in 1923. He has never gone into a decline and has never lost even a small portion of the vast audience throughout America which has regularly turned out to hear him sing. Eight years of patient study under one of the world's great voice teachers taught him how to develop his voice as the years went on. He has never strained it, and it is claimed by reputable authorities that Hayes will never be a "back number."

It is an outstanding opportunity for University students to be given the privilege of hearing this internationally famous tenor without charge at his appearance here. This arrangement was made by the associated students for the benefit of the students without any possibility of making expenses of the concert in the seat sale. Tickets are being sold at the extraordinarily low prices of \$1.10 and 55 cents.

Phi Beta Will Give Dessert Party for Patrons Tuesday

Patricia Sherrard Announces Her Committees for Program, Refreshments

Plans for a dessert party in honor of patrons and patronesses of Phi Beta, music and drama honorary, to be given next Tuesday at the Alpha Chi Omega house, were made at a meeting of the group last night.

Patricia Sherrard, newly elected president of Phi Beta, announced the committees for the dessert. In charge of refreshments are Helen Gould, chairman, Alvhild Erickson, Ruth May Chicote; program, Frances Brockman, chairman, Mary Babson, Theda Spicer; reception, Ellen Galey, chairman, Helen Ferris, Virginia Wappenstein, Margaret Stauff, Dorothy

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Student Body Finances

(EDITORIAL)

A movement has sprung to life for optional, rather than compulsory membership in the Associated Students. Obviously, a system of optional membership is an ideal system, if the University's financial condition makes it feasible; no one should be forced to pay student body fees who cannot afford them, or who can not make use of the privileges accruing to membership in the student association.

The problem cannot be so simply settled, however. A multitude of factors must enter into any thorough consideration of the problem, not the least of which is the question whether the University can support its wide range of activities, including the Emerald, forensics, concerts, band, orchestra, A. W. S., W. A. A., and other functions, if a large part of the financial support is withdrawn following the adoption of optional membership. Likewise, consideration must be devoted to payment of the present debt of the A. S. U. O., to the legal status of the corporation known as the Associated Students, a decision whether it is advisable for the University, with a shrunken student body, to maintain a full program of extra-curricular activity.

These are but a few of the problems which must be faced. The Emerald will attempt to present a survey of every phase of the situation within the next week, and will take no stand in the matter until the preponderance of evidence from one side or the other determines, in our opinion, the proper course to be followed.

To start with, a review of the history of the A. S. U. O.'s financial struggles during the last eight years will shed much light on the reason for the present \$5 student body fee and the \$5 building fund fee, and the manner of distribution of the moneys paid by students.

In 1926 the student body was flush. It had a \$25,000 surplus, times were good, it looked as if the time was right for an expansion of student activities. Basketball was booming in popularity, but at that time the games had to be played in the Eugene army, which was jammed at every game, and regularly many were denied admittance. Result—the student administration decided to build the monster basketball pavilion, McArthur court, at a cost of \$198,000.

Bonds were floated, bringing in \$143,000 to the student coffers. Adding to this the \$25,000 surplus already on hand, there remained only about \$50,000 of unsecured accounts to be paid. The bonds, it was decided, should be paid off by a levy of \$5 per term per student. The \$30,000 unsecured indebtedness, it was thought, could easily be paid off by profits from the operation of McArthur court.

But things went wrong. For five years straight the A. S. U. O. lost money. The bonds were being retired systematically, but current operating revenues fell far short of operating expenses. Finally banks refused to lend money, and in some cases even requisitions of the A. S. U. O. were not honored. The state board of higher education called upon President Arnold Bennett Hall for an accounting. And when that accounting was rendered, it was learned that the Associated Students were more than \$200,000 in debt, although all but about \$36,000 of the McArthur court bonds had been paid off.

Then things started happening. A graduate manager was dismissed, and the present graduate manager, Hugh E. Rosson, was selected to perform the task of extricating the A. S. U. O. from its financial morass. The whole debt was refinanced.

The sum of \$125,000 was borrowed outright, and the Alumni Holding company loaned another \$27,000, approximately. The stu-

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Powers of New Presidents Will Be Determined

Statement Is Promised By Dr. Kerr

CONSULTATION DUE

C. V. Boyer and G. W. Peavy to Confer With Chancellor About Positions

Formulation of the duties and powers of the acting presidents named Monday by the state board of higher education to serve on the Oregon and Oregon State campuses will be made in a prepared statement to be issued in a few days by Dr. W. J. Kerr, chancellor of higher education, Dr. C. V. Boyer, named acting president of the University, and Dr. G. W. Peavy, who assumes a similar position at Corvallis.

Kerr told the Emerald last night that the statement would be given out after he had consulted with Boyer and Peavy. Final approval of any projected plans would undergo consideration at the next meeting of the state board in Portland on January 29. Boyer could not be reached yesterday for a statement as he was not in the city.

Peace Sought

The selection of Boyer, who is dean of the college of arts and letters at the University, and Peavy, head of the school of forestry at Oregon State, as chief executives on the respective campuses was considered an important step towards the goal of attainment of peace in the state system of higher education.

The turmoil and strife which have riddled the situation during

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Carlton Spencer Tells of Ancient Methods of Trial

Sidelights on English Law Related At First Winter Meeting Of Pre-Law Group

Interesting sidelights of ancient law were related last night by Prof. Carlton E. Spencer of the University law school at the first winter term meeting of the pre-legal student association.

Professor Spencer traced the historical development of English law by periods, mentioning interesting phases of English common law. He told about ancient methods of trial—such as "trial by bier-rights," which was based on the superstition that when a murderer touched the body of the man he killed, the wounds would bleed.

Other customs of medieval England which determined the laws of the country, such as outlawry, and the right of sanctuary, were presented. Professor Spencer related the old methods of enforcing law, settling controversies, and determining the guilty persons.

Many novels of medieval England which are popularly read should be of interest to law students from a legal standpoint, according to Professor Spencer. He referred the students to a list of such novels, which include Oliver Goldsmith's "Vicar of Wakefield," and works by Dickens, Sir Walter Scott, Thackeray, Victor Hugo, and Mark Twain.

Campus Calendar

There will be a meeting of all new A. W. S. office girls at 4 o'clock today in the A. W. S. room in McArthur court. Anyone unable to attend please call Roberta Moody.

All social chairmen of women's houses are requested to meet in 110 Johnson at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

W. A. A. mass meeting tomorrow at 4 p. m. in women's lounge, Gerlinger hall.

Dr. Warrington's religion groups will meet at the Y bungalow tonight at 9. Everyone invited.

Der Deutsche Sprachen will meet at 8 p. m. Thursday at Westminster club.

A meeting of all past, present, and future members of the Emerald will be held during the last week in connection with the sale of "The

Speaks on War



Dean Eric W. Allen of the school of journalism, who spoke to members of the International Relations club last night.

Allen Lays Blame For Coming War On U.S. Shoulders

This Country Began Armaments Race, Tariff Walls; Wrecked Peace Move, Says Dean

Who started the race for armaments? Who began building high tariff walls? With these questions Dean Eric W. Allen of the school of journalism pointed his answer to "Who Will Be to Blame for the Next War?" in a talk before members of the campus International Relations club last night at the Craftsman's club.

"The people of every country are just as keen, just as well-intentioned, just as altruistic, just as peace-loving as we are," Dean Allen declared. "We can't seem to remember that our job is to watch our own conduct, and have faith that others will see and follow."

For the dean placed a full share of the blame for the next war squarely on the United States. Three thousand miles from her nearest potential enemies, the United States was the power which blocked an armament conference near success by her refusal to agree to financial limits on military equipment. Disregarding the most fundamental principle of economics—that if goods are to go out, goods must come in—the United States launched a short-sighted and war-breeding policy of economic nationalism.

It is from these causes that the world is today in immediate danger of armed conflict. Yet in 15 "potential enemy" countries which the dean has visited since he first became interested in world friendship he has found himself in meetings of internationally-minded groups. He said that they were "something new under the sun" and were so badly needed that they should succeed in spite of the probable setback of "the next war" so perilously close to us.

Every other Tuesday night at 7:30 was set as the regular meeting time and the Craftsman's club as the meeting place of the International Relations club at a short business meeting conducted by Howard Ohmart, president. All men and women interested are invited to become members of the club, which has neither dues nor initiation fees.

Dr. Victor P. Morris, professor of economics and faculty adviser of the club, told the group about new books received at the library for the International Relations shelf.

Phi Theta Judges to Select Student 'Sir Raleighs' Today

There are too many Sir Walter Raleighs on the Oregon campus.

Or perhaps there are not enough. At any rate, Phi Theta Upsilon, women's upperclass honorary, is finding it very difficult to select the man and woman on the campus who have the greatest amount of that politeness famed by Sir Walter Raleigh. (Remember, the gentleman who laid his coat in the mud for Queen Elizabeth to walk on?)

The most polite Oregon students were to be announced today—but the committee of judges is up against a great problem in choosing them. So all who aspire to great politeness must wait in suspense until tomorrow, when the final decision will be made.

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Beer Now Sold In Three Shops Near Campus

Restaurants Defy 'Dry Zone' Ruling

NO LEGAL BAN SEEN

Repeal of Prohibition Believed to Have Made "3.2" Ordinance Obsolete; Order Reported

Three eating places near the campus yesterday began serving beer. Reassured by the general opinion that repeal of the 18th amendment had nullified any city ordinances restricting the sale of 3.2 beer in any locality, and by the opinion advanced by several in authoritative positions that the city would take no steps to prevent their handling the legalized brew, the campus restaurateurs resolved to take determined action.

This culminated a demand for abolishment of the "beer zone," first advocated editorially in the Emerald a week ago, and supported by many students and townspeople as a means of restoring a legitimate source of revenue to local business men, and of preventing students from going downtown to drink beer in places where hard liquor was sold and where any attempt at restraint or supervision was impossible.

The establishments now serving beer are the Green Parrot Inn and the Oregon cafe, on 11th street, and the College Side Inn on 13th street. All three have applied for federal licenses, since at the present time no city licenses are being issued and the machinery set up by the state's Knox bill has not been set in motion.

Three restaurants reported last night that the sale of beer was being conducted in orderly fashion, without the slightest difficulty or disorder.

A member of the city council was reported last night as declaring that as well as he could judge, the "3-point-2 zone" ordinance was obsolete. Attorneys questioned declared that they saw no legal obstacle in the way of the restaurant-owners.

At the request of the Emerald, Dean Wayne L. Morse of the University law school is preparing an opinion on the legal status of the "beer zone" ordinance, which should soon be ready for release.

Rumors emanating from city hall circles indicated that the city council is not too proud of its handiwork in establishing the beer zone, an action which was taken at the request of University officials. It is not likely that the city

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Campus Rulings Issued to Girls

Women living outside of dormitories, houses or their own homes met Tuesday at 4 o'clock in Johnson hall at the request of Dean Schwering and Mrs. Alice B. Macduff, assistant dean of women. Campus regulations and housing rules were distributed and all girls are to be held responsible for any violations.

Women who were not present at the meeting Tuesday will be asked to attend a similar meeting sometime during the week. Announcement of this meeting will be made in the Emerald. Thursday will be the regular householders' meeting.

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