

DR. KERR RESIGNS

Student Body Fees Compulsory for Next Year Chancellor Will Quit When Board Names Successor to Office

Decision of Board To Be Disregarded For Present Term

Extracurricular Activities of 1934-35 Are Assured as Part of Educational Function of Institutions

PORTLAND, April 16.—(Special to the Emerald)—The student governments of Oregon's institutions of higher learning were today given assurance of financial security for the year 1934-35 in a ruling of the state board of higher education that student body fees for the coming year will be compulsory. No change was made in the present situation of optional fee payment for this term in accordance with the opinion of the attorney-general on the illegality of such a fee.

In reaffirming its position regarding the compulsory collection of student fees, the board expressed its belief that extracurricular activities are an essential part of the educational function and program of the institutions under its jurisdiction. In order to work out the details of a new arrangement of fee disbursement that would meet the approval of the attorney-general, the board referred the matter to the chancellor and presidents of the various institutions, together with the finance and curricula committees of the board.

Class Fee Eliminated

While the \$5 student fee will be collected much the same as in previous years, the board ruled that the class fee of 50 cents per term at the college and University be eliminated from the institutional fees now collected. Other matters pertaining to the arrangement of a new plan of allotment and disbursement of the fees will be left to the above named officials.

Other business of the board had to do with drastic budget curtailment in all branches of higher education in the state. A \$5,000 cut was effected in the appropriation for extension work at Eugene and Portland; \$7,000 was sliced off funds available for physical education on campuses at Eugene and Corvallis; and parallel reductions were made in salaries and allowances.

Music School Created

Included in the report of the chancellor to the board were several items affecting the organization of higher education in the state. The department of music on the Eugene campus was reinstated as a school of music with John J. Landsbury as dean. The name of the school of fine arts, of which the music department has been a part, was changed to the school of architecture and allied arts. Two deans of lower division and service courses were set up on the campuses of Corvallis and Eugene. These executives will head all lower division work except that under the supervision of the military and physical education departments.

Further recommendations of the (Continued on Page Two)

Grasp of Musical Continuity Shown by Clarinet Soloist

By J. A. NEWTON
A solo clarinetist is at a disadvantage because his instrument is seldom heard in solo interpretation. It is difficult to accept this style of music and judge it, since there is little definite basis for comparison. Offhand one may feel that the instrument is lacking in flexibility, and may develop a prejudice on this ground. Unquestionably it is better adapted to ensemble work, as has been noted herein before. Therefore, on the count of technical mastery of the instrument as

Schools of Lane To Compete Here In Music Contest

First Tournament for Class B Groups Slated Saturday on University Campus

Saturday at the school of music will be "Rural high school day," when class B high schools from all corners of Lane county gather for the first annual class B music tournament.

"These smaller high schools, with 150 students or less, are always more or less of a secondary consideration at meets in which large high schools also take part," explained Mrs. Anne Landsbury Beck, head of public school music (Continued on Page Two)

KORE to Present Political Program

"The Ballot Box," weekly 15-minute discussion of state political problems, will be presented every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock over station KORE, appearing for the first time this evening. The program will be sponsored by the Score, campus study and discussion group organized last term.

William Bruce, graduate student and president of the Score, will give the opening talk on the subject, "A Sales Tax for Oregon?" On succeeding Tuesdays other state issues, including the milk control act, the income tax, education, county reorganization, and the short ballot, will be taken up by members of the group. Information rather than argument will be the purpose of the program. Merlin Blais will be director of the broadcast.

Declaration of Entering ASUO Campaign Due

Candidates to File for Offices Today

MIDNITE IS DEADLINE

Nominations for Student and Class Posts Will Be Held Thursday; Elections April 26

The political stew, which campus "political chefs" have been secretly brewing for the past week, will begin boiling today, when candidates for A.S.U.O. offices submit their formal declarations of intention to run for office to Tom Tongue, student body president, at the graduate manager's office in McArthur court.

Pointing out the recently passed constitutional amendment, which sets the date for the nominating meetings as the third Thursday in April, and the regular constitutional provision requiring that "each candidate shall submit to the president of the A.S.U.O. on or before midnight of the second day before the day of the nominations, a declaration of intention to run for office," Tongue set midnight tonight as the deadline for filing for candidacy and requested that the declaration be left at the graduate manager's office.

Tongue further stated that filing for class offices is not required, but that nominating conventions for the outgoing freshman, sophomore, and junior classes are to be held this Thursday evening. The various class presidents will announce the exact time and place for these meetings.

Casteel Elected Leader of State Speech Meeting

Representatives of Colleges and Secondary Schools Present At Conference

John Casteel, director of speech education at the University of Oregon, was elected president of the state speech conference to be held in Portland next year. He was named at a meeting of the group at Salem Saturday.

Mrs. Ottilie Seybold, of the University drama department, presided over a meeting of the dramatics section of the conference. Representatives of elementary schools, high schools, and colleges all attended the meeting which lasted all day Saturday. Sections discussing various phases of public speaking were held for those interested in special fields. Cas-

YMCA Cabinet Officers Will Be Elected Today At Hut Between 3 and 4

Elections of YMCA cabinet officers for 1934-35 will be held this afternoon in the Y hut between 3 and 4 o'clock, with all who have given financial support to the institution allowed to cast a ballot.

Nominations for positions in the cabinet are: president, Bob Poley, Alvin Parker; vice-president, Andy Newhouse, Verne Nelson; treasurer, Cosgrove LaBarre; secretary, Ed Raudsep; Howard Ohmart.

To Give Up Position



Dr. W. J. Kerr, chancellor of the higher educational system of Oregon, announced at the meeting of the state board in Portland yesterday that he would resign as soon as his successor is named.

Shaddock, Henry Capture Prizes of Sir Herbert Ames

Journalism Students Write Best News Story and Editorial On Speech Friday

Guy Shaddock, special journalism student, was pronounced winner of the \$10 prize posted by Sir Herbert Ames, lecturer and former treasurer of the League of Nations, for the best 500-word news account of his lecture Friday morning on "The Revision of the Versailles Treaty," given before journalism and history classes in the Journalism building. The award was made at the time of Ames' speech in Gerlinger alumni hall Saturday night.

For the best 250-word editorial written on the topic, Elinor Henry, Emerald features editor and journalism senior, received a prize of \$5.

Judging of the entries was done by Sir Herbert, after a committee of students had eliminated all but the stories submitted by Ray Clapp, Don Caswell, Margaret Brown, Sterling Green, and Shaddock, and the editorials written by Caswell, Louise Barclay, and Elinor Henry.

It is Sir Herbert's practice to post awards for student competition upon the college campuses he visits in the course of his lecture tours. Copies of the winning entries are printed on the editorial page of this issue.

Monteith to Give Historical Recital On Oregon Events

Marcus Whitman's Grand-Nephew To Sing and Speak in Program At Gerlinger Wednesday

John Claire Monteith, baritone and lecturer, who will present a musical and lecture program, "The Oregon Trail and Indian Days" in Gerlinger hall at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, was presented to a large audience of townspeople and college students last Friday in Corvallis, where he was sponsored by the Associated Students of Oregon State college.

The Town Club in Portland engaged him in a concert on Sunday evening.

Monteith, grand-nephew of Marcus Whitman, who brought the first wagon train into Oregon 96 years ago, is the descendant of three lines of Oregon pioneer ancestry. He is a native born Oregonian and formerly lived in Portland.

The personal incident side of historic pioneer days will be the feature of his program. Coming at this time, excellent material to be used in building canoe fete floats for Junior Weekend may be obtained by attending Monteith's lecture.

An A. S. U. O. card is not necessary for admission at the program, sponsored here by the associated students and the junior class. Townspeople are cordially invited.

First Position In Grades Won By Kappa Delta

Sigma Hall Falls Down To Second

TOP AVERAGE 1.7685

Alpha Xi Delta, Phi Mu, A. O. P. Next; Chi Psi, Sherry Ross In Men's Group Leaders

Kappa Delta sorority, with a grade point average of 1.7865, topped the University living organizations scholastically for winter term, it was revealed yesterday in the registrar's office. Sigma Hall, which held first place last term, took second with 1.7361 points, and Alpha Xi Delta, another sorority, earned third position in the ratings.

Topping the fraternities, although placing twelfth in the list, was Chi Psi, followed by Delta Upsilon six steps down.

The all-University average of 1.3952 was almost one decimal point over that of fall term average of 1.2981.

Hendricks hall dropped from second (Continued on Page Two)

Emerald Contest Gives Week for Houses to Enter

17 Entries in Running for Prize Of \$50; Programs Will Start Tuesday

Campus living organizations have another week to prepare their programs for the Emerald-of-the-Air radio contest as a result of a change announced Saturday by Walter Swanson, in charge, setting April 24 as the opening date for the competition.

To date 17 houses have entered the competition for the \$50 first prize and the second award of a silver cup, to be given to the best entry of the opposite sex from that of the winning entrant. Swanson said last night that he expects the extended entrance deadline to attract at least 10 more entrants before the end of the week.

The programs will be presented at 4:30 each day, beginning next Tuesday, and continuing every day except Sunday until each competitor has presented a 15-minute program before the KORE microphone.

Financial backers of the contest are Laurelwood golf course, Rex theater, McDonald theater, Densmore-Leonard, Paul D. Green's, Oregana confectionery, DeNeffe's, University pharmacy, and O Duck Inn.

Organizations wishing to enter the contest can call Walter Swanson at 2330W.

Freshmen of Emerald Staff Will Meet Today At 4 to Select Editors

All freshmen on the Emerald staff are requested to attend a meeting in 105 Journalism building this afternoon at 4 o'clock to elect an editor and managing editor for the freshman edition of the campus daily, which will appear on Saturday, May 12, this year.

Newton Stearns will be chairman of the meeting.

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Announcement Comes as Surprise at Portland Session of Higher Education Group

PORTLAND, April 16.—(Special to the Emerald)—Dr. W. J. Kerr, for the past year and a half chancellor of Oregon's system of higher education, today announced that he would "retire from the chancellorship when a successor to the office may be obtained." The announcement, made at today's regular meeting of the state board of higher education, came as a surprise to members of the board as well as others connected with higher education in Oregon.

For nearly a half century Dr. Kerr has been an important figure in the higher education of this state. For the greater part of this time he served as president of Oregon State college, being instrumental in the rise of that institution to a place of prominence in the world of education. During the past 18 months he has been a leading figure in the work of coordinating the work of the several institutions of higher learning in the state.

In expressing his desire for retirement, the chancellor said: "When on September 6, 1932, in a period of emergency, I accepted the responsibilities of the chancellorship, it was with no thought of continuing in the office indefinitely. It was assumed that with the cooperation of the faculties and the support of the board, the unified organization could be effected within a reasonable time and a stable policy established, insuring to future higher education in Oregon coordination, harmony, and a sound basis for further development. Since these conditions now prevail, with prospects for steady and continued advancement, I now feel justified in announcing to the board, in accordance with my original intention, my desire to retire from the chancellorship when a successor to the office may be obtained."

Such a successor, explained F. E. Callister in reading the board's acceptance of the resignation, would have to be "a man broad enough in educational training and experience to comprehend in his understanding and his sympathies the entire scope of higher education in Oregon."

Following the announcement of Dr. Kerr, Willard Marks, chairman of the board, explained to those present that, in spite of rumors to the contrary, the chancellor's request was made of his own free will and without compulsion from any source. B. F. Irvine, board member and editor of the Oregon Journal, paid tribute to the retiring chancellor in a brief talk telling of his long association with Dr. Kerr.

Skull and Dagger Names Neophytes

Skull and Dagger, sophomore men's service honorary, pledged 15 freshmen during the intermission of the Frosh Glee last Saturday.

Those pledged were Dave Morris, Bob Prentice, John Thomas, Al Davis, Bob Helliwell, Frank Nash, Craig Finley, Ted Blank, Dick Cole, Cecil Barker, Mel Johnson, Jack McGirr, Frank Howland, Don Thomas, Bob Knapp.

Tom Tongue, president of the A.S.U.O., Neal Bush and Walt Gray, past presidents of Skull and Dagger, and Cosgrove LaBarre, 1933 president, took charge of the pledging ceremony.

Work of 37 Western Artists Shown on Art Gallery Walls

By MARY JANE JENKINS
The beautiful, meditative eyes of a Hindu doctor look calmly into the space of the little art gallery on the University campus. A shabby little old lady stands awed before a still life painting. A portly clubwoman remarks quite audibly that art is really a waste of time, after all. Her companion retorts that there just "isn't any sense to it—none at all."

The walls of the gallery are lined with the works of 37 living American painters, all leading western artists. The display, brought here by the local A. A. U. W., will be shown until April 25. About 175 visitors, aside from University students, have been recorded in the guest book, and \$27 has been taken in. The money is to be added to the A. A. U. W. student loan fund.

Commenting critically on the paintings displayed, Hart picked out "Portrait," by Willard Nash, as an example of a certain kind of technical excellence. The picture, a woman sitting on a chair—her hair bedraggled, frustration portrayed in every line—conveys an idea, but it may not spell beauty to the observer.

"Figures on the Beach," by Douglas Parshall, A. N. A., is "soft in color, but in nothing else," (Continued on Page Two)

Campus Calendar

Sophomore class meeting scheduled for tonight has been postponed until Thursday evening at 7:30, at which time officers will be nominated and spring activities discussed.

Tonqued meeting will be held tonight at the Pi Beta Phi house (Continued on Page Two)

John Caswell will lead the Westminster group in a biographical