

Men's PE Building Completes First Year

Better Department Fetes Anniversary Of New Gym Plant

New Dean at Helm of Physical Education Department for the Year 1937-38; School Provides Training for Majors

By PARR APLIN

January 5, 1937 a newly completed \$357,000 physical education plant was opened on the campus to the public and students. Since then this department of the University has made large gains and advancements in health education. The building is not finished yet, there are two large unfinished areas that may be used for any number of things.

The largest is being used at present by the track team, and has been fitted out with a pole vaulting pit for George Varoff to practice in, the dirt floor has been smoothed off in order that the track men can run without danger of stone bruises and train for the hurdles. In the fall and early spring football practice, the team works out in the field house as it is called.

Since the erection of the new building two men have occupied the dean's chair. The first man was John F. Bovard, who aided in many ways for the rapid gains of the school. At present Mr. Bovard is at UCLA and has charge of developing a graduate school in health education.

The man now in charge is Dean R. W. Leighton, who was raised from a professor of education to deanship of the physical education department. Since Dean Leighton took over the department has added a new swimming pool, two new clubs, the Mitt and Mat club, and the Ski club. Now there is some talk about having and organizing a hiking club and an archery club during the spring term.

PE Grads Placed

The new building has increased interest about the campus in PE

recreation almost half, and the enrollment in majors has made a decided upward jump. Now that the state requires that all schools have a health program, this has given a greater field for graduates than ever before. There is also a notable increase in towel service. In that the increase is caused by more students who are using the plant as a form of recreation, after they have already completed their physical education requirements than ever been noticed before.

The placements of graduates is not a difficult task, there are several instances where there was not a graduate who could fill a position and the department had to go back for some of their former graduates. There is such a case now on hand and the office is trying to find someone to fill that vacancy.

Dean Leighton has been quite concerned over the problem of not having the facilities to take care of the intramural spectators. To take care of that he has been thinking about making the large unfinished area into a room to accommodate such sports as volleyball, and badminton, and at the

Leighton Lectures



Dean Leighton . . . lectures in one of the ultra modern classrooms of the new men's gym.

wrestling, boxing, basketball, volleyball to take care of the spectators.

This would mean another recreation room with galleries for spectators. Also there is another large area that could easily be made into bowling alleys and shooting ranges. This room could hold twelve bowling alleys. The only difficulty is as Dean Leighton says, "Is the building sound proof?" Of course this latter idea will have to come after the completion of the sports room, which now are only two very good ideas, in the opinion of Dean Leighton.

Business Men Exercise

There is also a great deal of interest shown by the business men of the city. They are given the privilege of using the entire building two nights a week, Monday and Thursday. This also includes the swimming pool. They pay \$4.00 a term for this service, which includes their gym suits and complete recreational facilities. In the event of bowling alleys being installed this would bring the enrollment from seventy up to a considerable increase.

Portland, Eugene, and Salem have given evidence of increased interest in health education. This fact is manifested in Eugene by plans for a playground, having a football field, baseball diamonds, and a large parking area. Material advances have been made by the clubs of the city, the most notable being the Rotary club. Plans are underway already for purchasing land for the project.

The children of Eugene are given the opportunity to take advantage of the service offered by the physical education plant. Every Saturday all children interested may enter the playground classes under the direction of the majors, who use this as a chance to gain experience in the handling of children. The building is positively overrun with boys of all ages performing in every department of the plant, and the entire office staff say they are in a dither all day.

Now the department is faced with the problem of what to do

with the paint on the walls at the swimming pool. Some time ago the same thing happened in the shower rooms at the school. It seems that the heat and moisture made the paint, which was supposed to have been waterproof, to start to ferment, causing a very disagreeable odor, and turning black, thus necessitating the taking off of the paint. The same thing is now occurring at the swimming pool, but it will have to wait until summer to give it time to dry out and enable a new refinishing job. To tile the shower rooms at the gym will cost approximately \$17,000, an item the budget is forced to overlook.

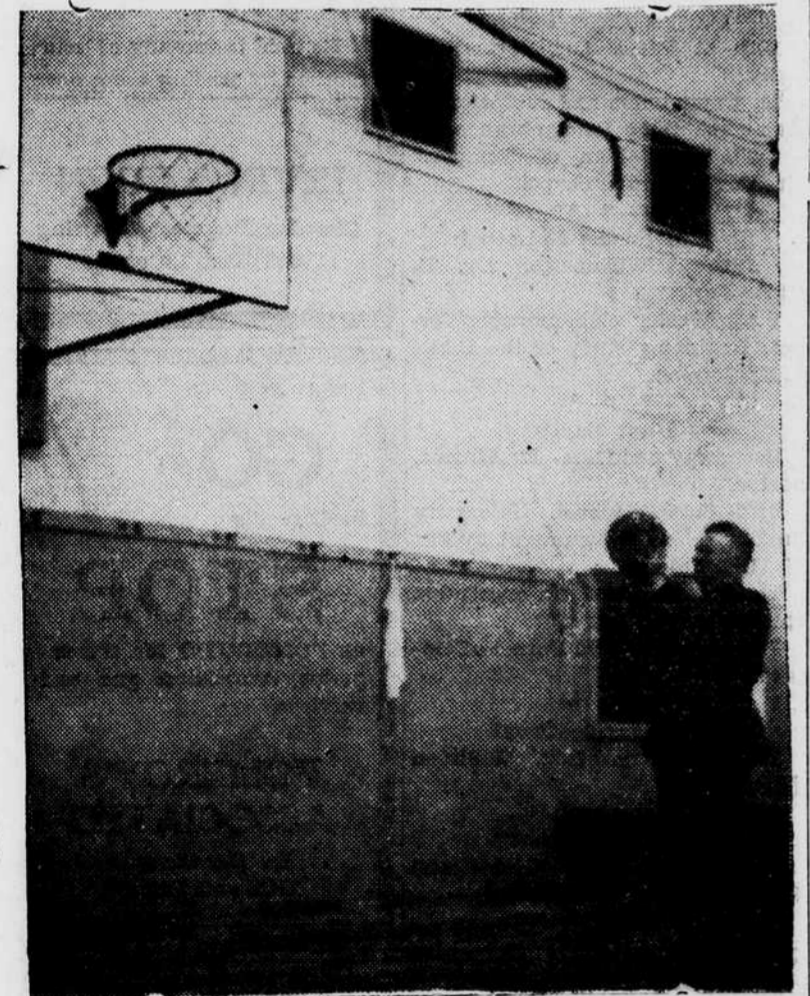
Thus it is that the health education school has had a full, a busy, and productive year. According to Mr. Dickey, newly added graduate assistant to Mr. Washke, and from the University of Washington, the physical education plant at Oregon is the finest on the coast, and has a great future. There is no doubt about it, it is the best.

In Sunnier Clime



Ex-Dean John Bovard . . . who left the University last summer for a job at UCLA.

Swish It!



Oregon's new dean of PE . . . trying out the basketball floor.

Co-ed Capering of Thirty Years Seen

Thirty years of coed capering should be proof enough for any young coed that the annually sponsored AWS male-less social affair to be held Thursday in Gerlinger is really a frolic not to be missed.

Nineteen thirty-eight marks the thirtieth year since the establishment of the now traditional Coed Capers. Last year when capers were forced to postponement because of the flu epidemic was the first time since 1908 that the coeds have been deprived of this chance to express themselves without the critical eye of a single male around to censure them.

In 1908 the tradition was started with the social affair called April Frolic to establish some means of bringing the women of the University into closer touch with one another. Agnes Beach was the instigator suggesting the affair be patterned after a similar custom observed in California. Miss Beach and Dr. Carson made careful preparations for the affair hoping if it proved successful that it would become an annual custom. The January 1911 issue of the U. of O. Monthly says of the first frolic, "that the first frolic, held in 1908, was an undoubted success was felt by every girl who popped a bottle of soda pop in the mystic circle that evening."

Send the Emerald home to Dad every morning. He will like to read the University happenings.

Come! Clown! at campus circus.

Dreambooks Furnish Thrills for Millions

By PAT ERICKSON

Time marches on!

And all the while unknown to a great horde of unthinking collegians there rests in the dim recesses of the University library a down-to-earth little file of—catalogs! Yes, sir, Sears Roebuck and Company in the flesh.

Included in the varied assortment of spring and summer and fall and winter editions of this earthy book is one with the intriguing caption of "Golden Jubilee."

Buh, ah! what a wealth of life, and fancy in a catalog! Heart-break and ecstasy mingle throughout the pages. The pictures are presented. Fancy, for instance, an eminent columnist poring through some remote or recent edition of it, furnishing in his imagination the "widely publicized" browsing room of the library. Think of his imagination running riot, choosing lamps, chairs, and all the latest comforts for the home. What a way to escape the cynicism and hardness of the world.

Think of the cheer brought to millions of homes by this chubby, though condensed, little volume. Papa looks longingly at new harnesses as he gazes through the book by lamplight. Daughter finds a new ski suit she just must have.

and Junior seems "dead set" on a new .22. What a chummy little family we have there!

Heartbreak enters our sparkly picture of life when the gazers in this magic crystal (may we refer to the catalog thus sacrilegiously?) realize that they have been letting their imagination run away with them and they force themselves to again face the grim realness of it all. In some ways the book may be more of a curse than a blessing. But who are we to decide these matters of universal (?) import. (It has been rumored that even the library assistants sneak away from their duties long enough to retreat into the stacks to gaze at their favorite section of a catalog. Which just goes to show ya!)

Many Papers Will Compete For Honors

Twenty Entries Sent To Baton Rouge for Judge's Decision

Twenty Oregon weekly newspapers have entered the contests sponsored by the University chapter of Sigma Delta Chi to determine the best weekly newspaper in the state in 1937. The contest is being held in connection with the Oregon press conference here January 20, 21, and 22.

One award, the Sigma Delta Chi trophy, will be presented to the weekly which is adjudged the best in the state. The other award, the Hal E. Hoss memorial trophy, will go to the best weekly published in 1937 in a town of less than one thousand population. Winners of the trophies last year were the Hillsboro Argus and Redmond Spokesman.

Judge of the contest is Bruce R. McCoy of Louisiana State university, president of Newspaper Association Managers and director of the National Editorial association. The newspapers entered in the contest were rushed to Mr. McCoy at Baton Rouge on Saturday, January 5.

Presentation of the awards will be part of the program at the annual banquet of the press conference at Eugene Friday evening, January 21, at which Dean Eric W. Allen of the journalism school will act as toastmaster. The trophies will be presented by William Lamme, contest chairman, Sigma Delta Chi.

University Operators Busy With 137 Phones

By ELIZABETH JONES

If one or two telephones at your house threaten to drive you to the dippy doodle, then what would you think of the case of the University telephone operators, who take care of 137 of 'em . . . at the same time? It sounds bad, all right, but it doesn't seem to worry the four operators who keep the dial panels deep under Johnson hall pounding like machine guns hour upon hour.

The owner of the voice that says "University" when you call 3300 is busiest from 10 to 12 a.m. and from 1 to 2 and 4 to 5 p.m., answering flashing switchboard lights, handling long-distance calls, and acting as general information bureau for the University.

"An operator," said Mrs. Affie McCauley, who answered questions of the Emerald reporter as she operated the switchboard, "must be prepared to find an answer for every question from the score of last night's basketball game to the date of spring vacation. We don't mind," she went on to explain, "that is part of our job."

The greatest number of calls go to the switchboards of the Health service and the physical education department, where they are distributed to various extension phones.

Single offices which receive the greatest number of calls are those of the employment agency, the dean of men and the dean of women, and the educational activities office. In the evening, the library and the Emerald offices are the busiest lines on the exchange.

The farthest long-distance call last term came from Washington, D. C., to Dean Wayne Morse of the law school. The majority of these calls come from Portland, Corvallis, or Salem.

Probably the most exciting time in the history of the University exchange occurred during last Christmas vacation when floods

Fred Miller, director of the health service. Occasionally worried parents call to inquire about sons or daughter who are "laid up," and many calls are from students who wish information about their friends.

In connection with these last, Dr. Miller suggests that such calls should be made during the day or at least before 8 p.m. "Eleven o'clock is not an early hour to a busy doctor or nurse, who may have been up on a case half of the night before," said Dr. Miller.

Under most circumstances, the health service is willing to do all it can to answer questions, and aid students.

By the way . . . the next time you have to wait an "hour" to give your number to the operator, suppose you take time out to count to 137 before you exercise your vocabulary?

Many Acquire Jobs Teaching Recently

By MURIEL BECKMAN

Three hundred and twenty-six University of Oregon graduates have been assisted by the University teacher placement bureau in obtaining positions during the placement season just closed, according to the annual report of the bureau which shows an improvement in employment in the teaching profession. This is the largest number of placements ever reported at any time. Positions obtained include both elementary and high school, athletics, dramatics, and public principalships, superintendencies, and teaching positions in the grades, and junior and senior high school.

The teaching subjects in greatest demand during the year in the secondary field, were: physical education and athletics, English, social science, commerce, music, mathematics, home economics and biological science. School activities most in demand were music, speaking and debate.

Of those seeking the help of the bureau each year, ordinarily about 75 per cent are experienced alumni in the field seeking advancement in the teaching profession. A large part of the work of the bureau is that of keeping in touch with teaching alumni and assisting them toward promotion.

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