

# News Commentator Audition Draws 238 Contestants to Top Record of Other Schools



Don Kennedy, Don Hunter, Barney Hall . . . in first Emerald audition.

## 'Peer Gynt' Is Nearly Ready, Says Robinson

### Directors Will Study Original Script in Seattle; Cast to Be Announced

"Peer Gynt," University of Oregon show of shows scheduled for spring term presentation, at last neared the beginning of actual production yesterday with the announcement by Director Horace W. Robinson that enough of the script had been chosen to begin work.

According to Robinson, the scenes to be used have been selected and their order determined. All that remains of the editing is the cutting of speeches down to a usable length.

Robinson and assistant director Walden Boyle will leave Thursday for Seattle where they will inspect the original script used in the first production of "Peer Gynt" by the National theater of Oslo, Norway. They will also look at the edition used by the Seattle repertoire company some time ago.

**Main Part is 'Peer'**  
Casting for the major parts has (Please turn to page four)

## Night Classes Help to Raise Cultural Level

By ALYCE ROGERS  
It isn't the little red schoolhouse but the lighted skyscraper that is now the bulwark of democracy in the United States, Dr. Walter Dill Scott, president of Northwestern university, believes.

"The modern metropolitan educational movement offers one of the best ways to raise the cultural level of the nation," he says. "This movement has come so fast and is so new, that we scarcely have been aware of it. It is taxing the universities for space and men. It is giving us a new picture of America, in which tens of thousands of men and women are fitting themselves to be better citizens and better workers by attending non-vocational night classes, many of them conducted in towering urban buildings."

### Polish . . .

"Instead of applying polish to breeding, personality, and education," says an Indiana Daily columnist, authority on feminine life, "too many coeds are busy getting it on fingernails, shoes, and apples!"

### Lucky Boy . . .

Nice future if you can get it. Seven-months old Stephen S. Fassett of Needham, Mass., is one of the youngest collegians on record. Steve has a four-year scholarship waiting for him when he can use it. The scholarship was offered by the class of 1912 for the benefit of the first grandson born to a member of the class.

## Entrants Deliver Short Announcements as Judges Note Voice Quality; High Ratings Received by Coed Reporters

Oregon's student body turned out 238 strong for the first Emerald news commentator audition yesterday to hang up a record of nearly 2 to 1 registration over other universities where the program has been started.

Yesterday's record turn-out set the stage for the two audition periods which will be held today from 2 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 10 p.m. Directors of The Oregon Daily Emerald radio news program forecast that one thousand students would enter the tiny broadcasting station in the educational activities office before auditions end, on Friday afternoon.

As entrants came into the office they were registered and given script to read into the microphone. Each entrant delivered a brief news item and commercial announcement which was carried to the judges' booth in KORE by a leased wire connection.

**Records Given**  
At the same time voice recordings were made and when the entrants left the "studio" they were presented with a card which they could redeem for a "flat-fifty" of cigarettes and a recording of their broadcast.

At the other end of the wire sat two judges noting the voice qualities of the participants, and grading each entrant. KORE judges commented on the excellent quality of the women's voices; several coeds are reported to have received high ratings.

**Second Edition Prepared**  
In the meantime Emerald newsgatherers went their daily rounds to pick up material for the second news-cast which went over station KORE last night at 10:30.

Radio editors announced last night that the first men's and women's living organizations to gain 100 per cent turnout would receive a prize. A subscription to The Emerald will be mailed the parents of each member in the winning groups.

### HUFFAKER TO SPEAK

Dr. C. L. Huffaker of the school of education will speak on February 19 to the Douglas county principals' association, at Roseburg. The convention, scheduled for last weekend, has postponed its session a week.

## Smokers Satisfied, Students Stock Up

The time-worn phrase, "Have you got a smoke," is taking a much needed rest this week as campus nicotine fiends stock up on free cigarettes, thanks to a major tobacco company's latest advertising campaign. Such phrases as, "here's that pack of cigarettes I owe you," and "Have one on me," are enjoying a brief popularity.

It is rumored that despite the efforts of radio artists, stock in two other large tobacco companies has dropped to a new low on the campus. Funny, but students just don't feel like spending money for their favorite brands when so many free smokes are in the offing.

Some of the more crafty and energetic students have already accumulated enough smoke-sticks to last them for quite a while. One Phi Delt claims to have amassed a grand total of 11 packages in just one day.

One Zeta Tau Alpha was heard to remark that none of the girls in her sorority smoked.

"I don't know what we are going to do with all the cigarettes we have piled up. Guess we'll hold an auction or something."

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## 'Slow But Sure' Is Not Correct, Says H. Taylor

Quicker students are, in general, more accurate than slower ones in the opinion of Dr. Howard R. Taylor, head of the University psychology department.

In his speech on "Slow Workers Are Not as Sure as Fast Ones," over KOAC yesterday at 2 he pointed out a number of the psychological inaccuracies in the phrase, "slow but sure."

"The phrase is not meant as advice to individual learners at all," he declared. "It is intended to be a general statement of the relation between speed and accuracy in performance. What 'slow but sure' really means to most people is: 'I may be slow but I am a whole lot surer than those who are speedier.' What we have in mind is that comforting fable of the tortoise and the hare," he explained.

One should practice with the goal of maximum accuracy rather than speed in mind, in order to attain maximum speed, he said.

Dr. Taylor believes that on the average it is the fast workers who can be depended upon for greatest accuracy.

A number of experiments uphold this premise, including the one which Dr. Lester Beck, U. O. psychology professor, performed by measuring the speed with which students read a number of articles, and the accuracy with which the faster students answered questions on their reading.

## New Prexy to Speak At Portland Meeting

Dr. Donald M. Erb, newly elected University president, will speak in Portland, February 26, at a meeting of Stanford alumni and certain members of the Stanford faculty.

"It is presumed that Dr. Erb, after finishing conference with Stanford alumni, will return to Eugene to take up his duties as president of the University," Dr. James H. Gilbert, dean of social science, said yesterday.

## COUGARS WIN; OREGON LOSES LEAD

### Equalization of Mail Attempted In Men's Tongs

The old, reliable spread-on-table system is still the favorite method of mail distribution in Oregon frats. Running it a close second, is the alphabetical or individual slot system.

The houses have the system well analyzed and have even adopted a communistic idea to try to equalize the distribution. Along the mill race, the houses favor dunking in the cool, clear waters for any "pen pal" who receives more than three or four letters.

Of the houses not near the canoeists' paradise, the Phi Sigs have the drastic equalizer of one hack for each letter over three. Allah be merciful on the Kappa Sig frosh whose ardent correspondence nets him more than the allotted three-a-day for all those in the classes above him rate a hack. This applies to all men in the house, but of course with increasing ease as the man gets along in school.

### Authority on Orient Speaks Tomorrow

#### To Discuss Sino-Jap Conflict; Served as Correspondent

"Japan Changes the World" is to be the topic of Upton Close, nationally known writer and news commentator, who will address University of Oregon students at 11 o'clock in Gerlinger hall tomorrow morning.

Close has been in constant touch with developments in the orient for the past fifteen years, and is well qualified to interpret the portent of the Sino-Japanese struggle.

Close was born in the Columbia river region, and was educated in Washington, D. C., before going to China to write for a mission magazine until the war, when he made a secret investigation for the American government of the Japanese penetration of China. It was in this work that he signed his telegrams "Up Close" to signify his proximity to news events. American newspapers used this as a byline and it evolved into "Up- (Please turn to page four)

## Social Security Training Courses Possibility for University, Says Boyer

The possibility that the University may in the future offer training for a new type of work created by recent social security legislation was a result of a conference held last week in Boise, at which the University was represented by President C. Valentine Boyer.

Presidents of state universities from the western area, together with several state relief and WPA officials, gathered in Boise for this educational conference last week, feeling that recent legislative trends had created a demand for a new field of training. The meeting was a result of previous meeting last year, at which a committee decided to look into the question of the relationship of the curricula of state universities to the need for persons well enough trained to enter the new positions in social work.

It was found by the conference that there already exists an association, the American Association of Schools of Social Work, which offers work of this type. The association is composed mostly of private schools and some state universities.

**Requirements Strict**  
The requirements of the association, however, were felt by the conference to be too strict for state universities, Dr. Boyer said. Member schools of the association must conform to the letter to requirements set up by the parent body.

The only direction action of the conference was to decide to enter into negotiations with the American association to determine if the requirements could be modified to fit actual conditions, so that state (Please turn to page four)

## Justice Brand Outlines Real Democracy

### Justice Says Fresh Desire for Equality Will Arrive Before Next Century

The nation is arriving at the deciding point between democracy and the absolutism provided by dictatorship, Judge James T. Brand said last night in his address, "Realistic Democracy." The public will decide the nation's course when they decide which form of government will give them liberty and equality, he said.

Democracy has its faults and its structural impediments are in need of correction, Brand said, citing examples. "Who besides those believing in Santa Claus thinks that a million dollar contribution to a party campaign fund will bring no results?" he asked.

The fact that the proletariat elect the government, but do not instruct it, is another fault, he pointed out.

**Equality Is Security**  
"Before this century is over we will see a flood of desire for equality. Equality is man's social security, and it is no 'pink tea' philosophy that equality is a fighting faith — as many kings have learned," Brand said.

Under a democracy we are assured of liberty, the judge said, while totalitarianism assures social security.

Trying to use a political cure for an economic ill is the major fault of several foreign countries, he said. In this attempt, foreign nations across the sea have done away with liberty and equality, the handmaidens of democracy, he said.

**Dean Wayne Morse** of the law school introduced Judge Brand and reviewed his life.

**Attended Harvard**  
The judge is a graduate of Oberlin college and Harvard law school. In 1934 he was president of the Oregon State Bar association. He is now on the board of governors of the bar association.

He is circuit judge for the second congressional district. He served as an instructor in the 1937 summer session of the law school.

### Swings It



Shan Kar . . . he sways to Hindu music.

## Old India Brought To Campus by Ballet

### Final ASUO Concert To Be February 21 In Igloo

Bringing the atmosphere of old India to the new raised stage of McArthur court, Uday Shan-Kar, his Hindu ballet, and his 15-piece native orchestra will appear in the final ASUO attraction of the term on the night of Monday, February 21.

Demonstrating an art as old as the East itself, Shan-Kar and his troupe of talented musicians and dancers are said to have captured all the mystery and charm of the orient in their ballet.

Shan-Kar's presentations are properly called "rhythmic dramas," which are lifted bodily out of the heart of Indian mythology, religion, and culture.

Not the least of the mood created by the ballet is the part played by the music. The native orchestra use the curious instruments of their homeland exclusively, the group bringing all varieties with them. Key to Hindu music is said to be the drum-beat, which is not used in western manner.

Tickets for the concert, which will begin at 8:30, are on sale at the concert window at McArthur court, reserved seats selling for \$1.50 and \$1.25, with general admission at 50 cents.

## Applications for Leading Spring Card Drive Sale

Students who would lead the ASUO spring term drive must have their names in today at the ASUO shack, Student Body Prexy Barney Hall announced yesterday.

The names should be in at Hall's office as soon as possible in order that the executive committee may meet and consider applications for the post. Appointments will be announced later in the week, probably on Thursday.

## Fundamentals First to Taxpayers, Says Prof

Parents and taxpayers are not so anxious to have their children learn how to employ their leisure time as they are to have them learn the so-called fundamentals of education, such as English, mathematics and the sciences, according to Dean J. R. Jewell of the school of education, in commenting on recent curriculum trends.

"We hear a great deal about leisure time activities, and the importance of them," said the dean, "but the taxpayers feel the first thing they pay for is to hire teachers to teach their children the more fundamental things."

**Linfield President Speaks Tonight at 8**  
Dr. Elam J. Anderson, president of Linfield college in McMinnville, will be the guest speaker at the American Association of University Women's meeting tonight at 8 o'clock in Gerlinger hall. Dr. Anderson, who has lived in the orient for nearly ten years, will speak on some phase of the Japanese situation.

## WSC Hoopers Tumble Ducks From Top Spot In Speedy Tilt, 44-37

### Howard Hobson's Crew Ends Disastrous Trip; Johansen Paces Ducks in Futile Rally But Mates Falter

Washington State's ever-scrappy Cougars tumbled University of Oregon's Ducks from first place in the northern division basketball race last night, 44 to 37, at Pullman.

The Cougar triumph was the first in four games with Oregon this year, but it dealt a smashing blow to Webfoot hopes of winging away with the northern division hoop tiara.

## Musical Quiz to Be Broadcast at 8:30

The Emerald Rhythm Revue will be on the air over station KORE at 8:30 tonight instead of the former time, 8:15 o'clock. The musical quiz will feature the half-hour broadcast.

Five contestants for the quiz have been picked from the many students who have applied to Don Kennedy, Emerald radio editor. The participants will be given five questions each about bands and popular music, after the fashion of Kay Kyser and his Musical College of Knowledge. They will be graded on the basis of 100 points for a correct answer.

The winner will receive a prize donated by a downtown merchant.

Babe Binford and his band will furnish the music for the broadcast featuring music from the week's hit parade. A guest star for the third broadcast of the series has been selected by Kennedy.

Many favorable comments on the broadcast have been received by the station. Listeners are asked to submit questions suitable for the broadcast to Kennedy. Anyone wishing to watch the broadcast may do so in the KORE studios.

## Phi Psis Winners Of National Award

First prize for the most useful and educational program for pledge members has been awarded to the Oregon Alpha chapter of Phi Kappa Psi by the District of Columbia alumni association, according to a letter received by president Sam Kroeschel from the national fraternity head, Leverett S. Lyon of Washington, D. C.

The trophy was awarded to the Oregon chapter in competition with all other chapters of the fraternity. The purpose of the program is to develop a positive mental attitude and the finer qualities of manhood by means of a practical democracy.

Announcement of the award is timely here, in view of the fact that the University interfraternity council is investigating methods of more effective pledge training.

NORTHERN DIVISION STANDINGS				
	W	L	Pct.	For Agt.
WSC	9	5	.643	556 535
Idaho	9	5	.643	530 523
Oregon	10	6	.625	748 652
Washington	7	7	.563	641 635
OSC	6	10	.375	544 555
Montana	3	13	.188	627 825

Jack Friel's men now are tied with Idaho's powerful Vandals for top spot in the standings, while the Ducks marshal their forces for a last-ditch stand from third place. Howard Hobson's boys have won 10 and lost six.

Defeat stalked the Ducks all through their road trip into the Inland Empire. They lost two to Idaho and split with Washington State, winning Monday night from the Cougars 44 to 34.

The Cougars elected to run with the Webfoots again tonight after failing to out-race the Oregonians Monday night. But last night, it was the Ducks who could not keep pace down the stretch.

After the first six minutes of play, the Cougars maintained a lead throughout. Oregon led 5 to 4 at the end of five minutes, whereupon the Cougars took command.

Washington State boosted the score to 12 to 7 but the determined Duck band crawled to within one point of the Cougars, 14 to 13. The Cougars cut loose again at this point to lead 20 to 14 at half-time.

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## Symphony Signs Network Broadcast

### Oregon Musicians to Play Over NBC on February 27

A contract between the University of Oregon and the National broadcasting company was signed Tuesday afternoon for the presentation of a broadcast of the University symphony orchestra Sunday, February 27, from 3:30 to 4 p. m., it was announced by John J. Landsbury, dean of the school of music.

The broadcast will be given over the blue network of the broadcasting company, and possibly may be presented over stations from coast to coast, Dean Landsbury stated.

The program will be sent directly from the music auditorium. Program plans are not yet made, Rex Underwood, professor of music and director of the orchestra announced, but will be given later.

## Lecture Board Names Speakers For Next Meets

The University lecture committee is sponsoring two lectures, scheduled for the near future. "Advancing in Isolating the Mobility Factor in Population Change" will be discussed by Elton H. Moore, professor in sociology, on February 24. Dr. Mahanam B. Brahmachari, who studied in Chicago at the Meadville seminary, will talk on the Hindu religion.

The first two lectures of this series were given by Judge James Brand and Prof. R. R. Huestis. The lectures are to be given in the faculty room in Friendly.