

Talk and Counter-Talk

THE assembly appearance of Lieutenant-Commander Stewart Bryant Thursday which ends the series of student forums on peace now in session has been set at 10, rather than 11, o'clock.

Dean Onthank's purpose in thus breaking with convention has more behind it than juggling of classes. The assembly was set for 10 o'clock at the request of interested students and the suggestion of The Emerald in order to provide an opportunity for an hour's discussion immediately following the address.

The earlier assembly hour was tried in connection with the recent appearance here of piquant Kirby Page. Following Mr. Page's speech, a large group of students thronged the alumni room of Gerlinger. The talk had been interesting and had covered a topic current and controversial. The students posed questions eagerly and intelligently. Somehow the noted lecturer's theories of foreign policy had not been clearly brought out in the formal speech; the forum gave Mr. Page's audience an opportunity to follow them through, to settle some of the doubts raised in many minds, and to challenge the beliefs of the speaker.

COMMANDER Bryant will cover another phase of America's Far Eastern policy. Those who heard him lecture here three years ago are convinced that his command of the subject must be granted and that his manner of presentation is both clean-cut and interesting.

Today's lecture-forum is, Dean Onthank emphasizes, something in the nature of an experiment. Coming at the end of spring term

and bucking Oregon's inviting early summer sunshine, the response to it cannot be expected to equal that of the forum conducted by Kirby Page.

But, coming as a climax to the peace discussion of Tuesday and Wednesday, it should find students plentifully equipped with queries and questions.

The value of following a noted speaker's address with a forum lies in the fact that it gives students an opportunity to have some of those questions answered. A provocative and successful speech, delivered to a large audience, cannot possibly be expected to cover thoroughly any major field.

IF Thursday's forum is once again well-received, the assembly program for next year will probably be modeled to include similar speeches and discussions. Bringing a lecturer to the campus for a necessarily indefinite 40-minute address seems hardly worth the money involved, and often the material offered, by the time the speaker has "cleared the ground" so that all may understand, is hardly worth the audience's time.

If the University can, through this means, establish a method of correcting some of the evils involved in the formal speech, it will be offering a far more valuable lecture series. The discussion hinges, necessarily, on student cooperation and response. Aside from the opportunities inherent in a discussion with Commander Bryant, the speech-forum as an experiment deserves the attendance and participation of all interested students. And in these times, no wide-awake student can be completely disinterested in the situation in the Orient. Too much is at stake.

And Down Went McGinty

ACCIDENTS" in the millrace are an old story to University students. Most of them are no more serious than being tossed over the bridge for breaking house rule No. 389 or for planting your pin, but sometimes the millrace is the scene of a serious accident.

On more than one occasion the swirling waters of the favorite springtime stream have claimed the lives of those who ventured too far. The accident which occurred Saturday evening, while it did not result in catastrophe, is a grave reminder of this fact.

Death by drowning, while not the most serious contributor to the toll of violent casualties during the summer season, is responsible for much loss of life. In most cases the foolish factor of negligence or carelessness is the cause.

WE would not advocate that students refrain from canoeing in Oregon's traditional stream. Canoeing is an excellent sport, and when indulged in wisely, is as safe as any other athletic endeavor.

But those who participate must realize that manipulating a canoe in the swift waters

of the race is no mean task; that inexperienced persons may overturn their craft by sudden movement unless they are warned; and that the headwaters of the race are as dangerous a place for inexperienced paddlers as the water of the McKenzie.

Some people, when they read of Saturday's accident, advocated that a barrier be put at the head of the race to prevent foolish or inexperienced pleasure-seekers from risking their necks. While this may be necessary it seems strange that "intelligent" college students should have to be kept out of danger by building a fence around it.

THE millrace, for the most part, is a safe place. Accidents will occur, however, as long as carelessness or tomfoolery is indulged in by those who frequent the race. And in the background of every accident is the possibility of tragedy.

Playing safe may not be the most exciting pastime, and it may not thrill your girl, but drowning is also very unexciting after the first three miles along the bottom of the river.

Prize Is Awarded

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capacity canoe fete crowds, climaxing the weekend program.

With a white-garbed hussar-empress perched precariously on a tottery steed, and with Cossacks holding flaming brands to outline the picture, the float represented old Russia. The old imperial flag topped the float.

Second prize went to Alpha Xi

Delta and Theta Chi with another colossal figure, a huge Buddha overlooking a Chinese garden scene.

The south seas float of Delta Delta Delta and Delta Upsilon took third place, with a ukelele-playing coed riding in a golden crescent moon.

Nine competitive floats in all glided down the race as 4000 spectators watched. The competitive floats were preceded by the queen's float, which brought the queen and

her court to the elaborate raised throne platform. The queen's float was a floating throne with a background of a huge globe bearing a map of the world done in contrasting flowers.

Strong Bids Made

A strong competitor to the place-winning floats was the gondola-balcony scene offered by Gamma Phi Beta and Phi Delta Theta. Another strong bid was made by the Ferdinand the Bull float of Phi Kappa Psi and Alpha Omicron Pi.

Other floats represented Robin Hood, Anthony and Cleopatra, the Little Dutch Mill, and the Swiss Chalet.

President Erb Lists

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ents the essential qualities he would list that an ideal university should have.

Reiterating the points he named at his address at the first student assembly he attended this year, Dr. Erb placed great emphasis upon

Murphy Tells Plans For Governor's Day

Complete plans for the first annual governor's Day competition between the ROTC units of the two state colleges on May 25 at the Eugene fairgrounds were released yesterday by Colonel E. V. D. Murphy, head of the Oregon unit.

The competition will start at 2:25 when the units of both institutions will arrive on the fairgrounds. At 2:30 Governor Martin will come on the field and will be honored by both companies. The main program will then start at 2:30 and will last until 3:55 when, after the presentation of awards to the winners by Governor Martin, both schools will form and pass in review. Dismissal is scheduled for 4:40.

Oregon's chance of winning the trophy presented by Governor Martin will rest mainly on the "competition company," a special company organized of first-year students. Under the leadership of Company Commander Reed Fendall, the company has been drilling almost daily. Assisting as platoon leaders are William Gieseke and Jack Lew.

Art School Grads To Marry May 29

Announcement was made recently of the engagement of Miss Elaine Litscher, '35, assistant supervisor at the art school, to Lowell F. Anderson, '34, of Portland.

Both Miss Litscher and Mr. Anderson are graduates of the school or architecture and allied arts.

The wedding will be an afternoon event of Sunday, May 29, at the First Congregational church.

the part that a good and financially independent faculty plays in building a university. A faculty that is not so burdened with a large number of classes that it cannot give sufficient time to pre-class preparation is to be desired, he said. He pointed out that while most of the southern schools, such as Stanford, think their professors are over-burdened with eight hours of classes, the Oregon average is sixteen or eighteen or more.

Other Qualities Listed

Other requisites for an ideal university, according to the president's standards, include a student body of the right size, an adequate and able faculty, a complete library of research and technical data, and an "esprit de corps," or certain feeling that is felt by the students and faculty and seem to belong to the school.

Chancellor Hunter spoke for the Oregon Dads' group and the state system of higher education to welcome the mothers and commend the fine work of their organization. Miss Elisabeth Stetson, AWS prexy, and Harry Weston, ASUO prexy, gave welcoming speeches for their organizations. Newly-elected president of the Oregon Mothers' organization, Mrs. Harry Weston, Portland, was introduced.

Campus Calendar

Senior picnic committee will meet at the College Side today at 4.

Gamma Alpha Chi meeting today at 4 o'clock in the men's lounge of Gerlinger hall. Election of officers.

House managers will meet tonight at 6 in the Chi Psi lodge.

There will be an important senior class meeting in 105 Commerce tonight at 8 o'clock.

Communion for Episcopal students tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock in the men's lounge at Gerlinger hall.

Four ROTC Majors Will Get Positions In U. S. Army Ranks

With four regular positions in the U.S. army open to University graduates in military science, ten seniors in ROTC have filed applications for the appointments, Colonel E. V. D. Murphy, head of the University of Oregon department, said Friday.

The positions, opened by the recently passed Thomas act, will be for one year's full commissioned service. The outstanding men will be picked after that time and given regular places in the army, Murphy said.

All applicants must be reserve officers on or before July 1, 1938, more than 21 and less than 28 years of age. They must also be physically fit and unmarried, Colonel Murphy said.

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