



Kay McAlear and Derwent Banta . . . playing the roles of Norma and Japhet, respectively, in the Guild Players' production of Andre Obey's "Noah" tomorrow night in the University theater, will have their chance to demonstrate their sailing ability when the ark hoists anchor.

Andre Obey's 'Noah' Opens Thursday Night

Andre Obey's play, "Noah," opens Thursday night at 8 p.m. in the University theater in Johnson hall.

The comedy, second in the series of productions to be presented this year by the Guild Hall players, was proclaimed a huge success when shown as a stage play in Paris, London, and New York.

"Noah" features both veteran actors and some new to the University theater. Mrs. Ottilie Seybolt is directing the show.

Tickets to the play can be procured at the University theater box office in Johnson hall, and the drama division secretary urges all those who wish good seats to get theirs as soon as possible.

Ace Scribe Patric Hates Writing; Once Was Student Here

By HUBARD KUOKKA

"Just like a tramp" he casually called himself, but the last story John Patric sold to the National Geographic magazine netted him \$1000 and expenses.

This incessant traveler who has toured the five continents and who more recently has been a prolific contributor to the National Geographic recently in Eugene last weekend to look over the University, one of his eight alma maters. He studied journalism under Dean Eric W. Allen in about 1932 or 1933.

Phony Phone Alibi Fails to Vindicate Girls

By HOPE DONDERO

Two girls in the school of fine arts at the University of Kansas stole into a professor's office the other evening to check up on their grades. As an alibi in case they were caught, they decided to tell him they were just using the telephone. Footfalls fell in the hall and one of the girls grabbed the phone. She was saying, "Well, goodby," just as the prof entered. "That's very funny," he said, "because the phone isn't connected after 5 o'clock." It was then past 5:30.

Add Definitions

The intermediate process of decay is known as a college education.

Time Slooshes On

Any freshman who thinks he has been having a hard time of it, will appreciate this rule from the "Ten Commandments for Freshmen" published at West Virginia university about 1900:

"Freshmen must remember that no self-respecting girl wishes to be seen in their company—therefore, freshmen must not talk to girls on the campus."

Sympathy

University of Georgia's top-ranking scholar, Julian Halliburton, has a 98.67 grade average, but he is afraid he can't make the grade this year because "courses are getting harder every quarter" and he fears his average will drop. Sorry we can't help you, Mr. Halliburton; we're having troubles of our own.

Noble Will Speak At Reed College On Japan Situation

"Japan's Home Front" will be the topic presented to the students of Reed college by Dr. H. J. Noble in an address before that student body in Portland today at 11.

Dr. Noble, professor of history at the University, spent the last two years in Japan. He will explain the situation of the Japanese in their home land as a result of the war with China.

In the evening Dr. Noble will speak before the International club, at the home of Dr. G. E. Noble of Reed college on the United States in the Far East.

Yesterday in Dean Allen's articles and features class he gave the students some observations from his experience in the field of writing.

Hates Writing
"I hate writing," he said. "I detest it. It is the hardest work in the world."

Then sucking at the revelation in his underslung pipe, he paused as a classful of journalism students looked at each other disconcertedly. Dean Allen winked and remarked, "You know, I'd judge him more by his actions than by his words."

This chunky, blue-eyed, 5-foot 10-inch young author with the wavy brown hair had a bound volume of the Geographic containing the five issues (since April 1936) with his articles.

Is Prolific
These stories with pictures taken by himself were: "Friendly Journeys in Japan," the first which he ever tried to sell and for which he received \$200; "Imperial Rome Reborn," "Magyar Mirth and Melancholy," "Roads from Washington," and "Czechoslovaks, Yankees of Europe," in last August's issue. Yes, he gets around.

His writing is remarkably concise. He challenged anyone to eliminate one word from his articles without detracting from his thought.

But this footloose young man with a battery of "gopher" matches to keep his pipe going refused to talk about himself saying, "We can talk about more interesting things than my experiences."

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Sigma Delta Chi Will Fete Rae, Ellsworth

Arne Rae, assistant professor of journalism, and Harris Ellsworth, editor and publisher of the Roseburg News-Review, will be honored at a dinner given by Sigma Delta Chi at the College Side at 6 Thursday night. Both were undergraduate members of the journalism honorary at this University.

Mr. Rae is leaving sometime during the Christmas vacation for Chicago, where he will assume the position of executive secretary of the National Editorial association.

Mr. Ellsworth will be interviewed by George Turnbull, who has been interviewing prominent journalists every Thursday night at 7:30 over KOAC.

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National Poll For Students To Start Here

Emerald Will Take Local Opinions of Current Questions Each Week

Establishment of the Student Opinion surveys of America for the scientific measurement of student thought has been announced here with the Oregon Emerald as one of the college newspapers cooperating in every section of the United States.

The Emerald will publish the weekly reports of the surveys giving the opinions of all college students in the nation on current social, political, and economic questions. Personal interviewing of students on the Oregon campus and at other colleges and universities over the country begins this week and will continue throughout the year.

First National Poll

Based on the principle of scientific sampling that has proven highly reliable in other national polls in recent years, the surveys will be the first college poll that will actually cover the entire nation in its weekly reports of student opinion. The Texas Student Publications, publishers of the Daily Texan at the University of Texas, are sponsors of the surveys in cooperation with almost every college daily and scores of weeklies in universities, eachers colleges, normal schools, and junior colleges, public and private.

The surveys have been organized after fifteen months of research in measuring student opinion on the Texas campus.

Deutschmann to Direct
Paul Deutschmann, editor of the Emerald, will be local director of the poll with John Biggs as interviewer. Joe Belden, University of Texas senior who has established both the bureau and the surveys, will be editor of the new polls, with Waldo Niebuhr as associate.

The project is concerned only with disclosing facts about public sentiment and does not in any way seek to influence public opinion, the editors of the surveys have announced. Pressure groups or part movements will have no part in the polls, and all reports will

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Geology Group Plans Coast Trip Sunday

General geology classes are planning a field trip to the coast Saturday and Sunday, weather permitting. They will go to Florence, Sea Lion caves, Seal Rock, Newport, and to Depoe Bay, where they will inspect the aquarium.

If they have time, Dr. Warren D. Smith, head of the geology department, said, they will visit Cape Lookout, which will require a two and one-half mile hike over sand dunes. This is a place which is seldom visited by tourists because it is off the road, but it offers a good field for study, Dr. Smith said.

S. Smith Challenges Purdue Professor's Stand

With the shadow of final exam week hovering low over the campus, Professor S. Stephenson Smith, of the English department, voices disapproval of a statement made by Professor Fairman, of Purdue university, who says: "I think final examinations are a waste of time, for I find very few students have changed their semester grade by taking a final. The time spent on these exams could be better used for further study."

Exams Should Challenge
Professor Smith believes the above statement was based on an imperfect conception of knowledge about examinations. "An examination should be a challenge to a student—an opportunity for him to show his knowledge and understanding of the subject," he said. "The chief purpose of an exam is to test the abilities of a student and thereby obtain a record of the exact quantity of his knowledge, and use this knowledge. The final exam should be the crown of the course."

More Like a Game
"Unluckily though," Professor Smith continued, "exams are regarded as a game to see if the professor can test the student, or if the student can outwit the professor and get by. I would say Professor Fairman has been affected by the concept of an exam as merely

Dad's Man



John Luvaas . . . named Monday by the ASUO executive committee as chairman of the annual Dad's day which will take place early in February.

Dr. Erb Returns To Campus After Eastern Trip

Prexy Will Speak At YMCA Meeting In Salem

Back in his office in Johnson hall yesterday was Oregon's President Donald M. Erb after a flying visit to Chicago for the annual meeting of the National Association of State Universities and to New York City where he visited several foundations, was the guest of honor and principal speaker on November 17 at the University of Oregon Alumnae banquet in the eastern city.

On November 16 Erb was the guest at dinner of Oswald Garrison Villard, son of the late Henry Villard, Oregon pioneer railway builder and one of the men who helped establish the University.

The president returned home on Tuesday before Thanksgiving only to hurry to Portland Wednesday to speak at the fifth annual all-faith Thanksgiving service at the Portland municipal auditorium.

While resuming his official duties at the University, Dr. Erb will find time to attend the older boys conference of the YMCA of Marion, Palk, and Yamhill counties in Salem on Friday and Saturday where he will speak on "The Trend of World Affairs."

The president will talk on the "Stage of Economic Recovery" before the Schoolmasters Club of Oregon and Washington at the Chamber of Commerce building in Portland on Saturday, December 10.

UO GRADS MARRIED

Robert W. Crouder, graduate of the University of Oregon in '36, and Miss Alene King, class of '37, were married Saturday afternoon at the bride's home in Alvadore. The couple will make their home in Craigmont, Idaho.

More Money Required for New Building

Bids Higher Than Available Grants; Construction Work May Be Delayed

The possibility that construction on Oregon's new Humanities building will not begin before the date scheduled, January 1, caused University officials to rush a request to Washington early this week for an additional \$12,924 of PWA funds.

At the hearing for construction bids in Portland last Wednesday, it was discovered that the lowest bid, that of Stein Brothers of Eugene, was more than the \$120,000 allotted by the loan and grant already established for the construction.

Needed by January

The request has been rushed to PWA headquarters, according to President Donald M. Erb, as it is necessary that all arrangements be completed and construction be started before January 1. If the request is granted, the construction contract will automatically be awarded to the lowest bidder, and work can start immediately on receipt of approval.

Request Covers Alternates

Alternate parts of the construction, cancelled last week in an attempt to hear a bid that would come under the already allotted \$120,000, will be restored if a large enough grant is made from Washington.

The new building will be three stories tall and will be located on Thirteenth street directly across from the Commerce building.

Oregon Law Review Nears Publication

Student-Faculty Writers Edit Bar Periodical

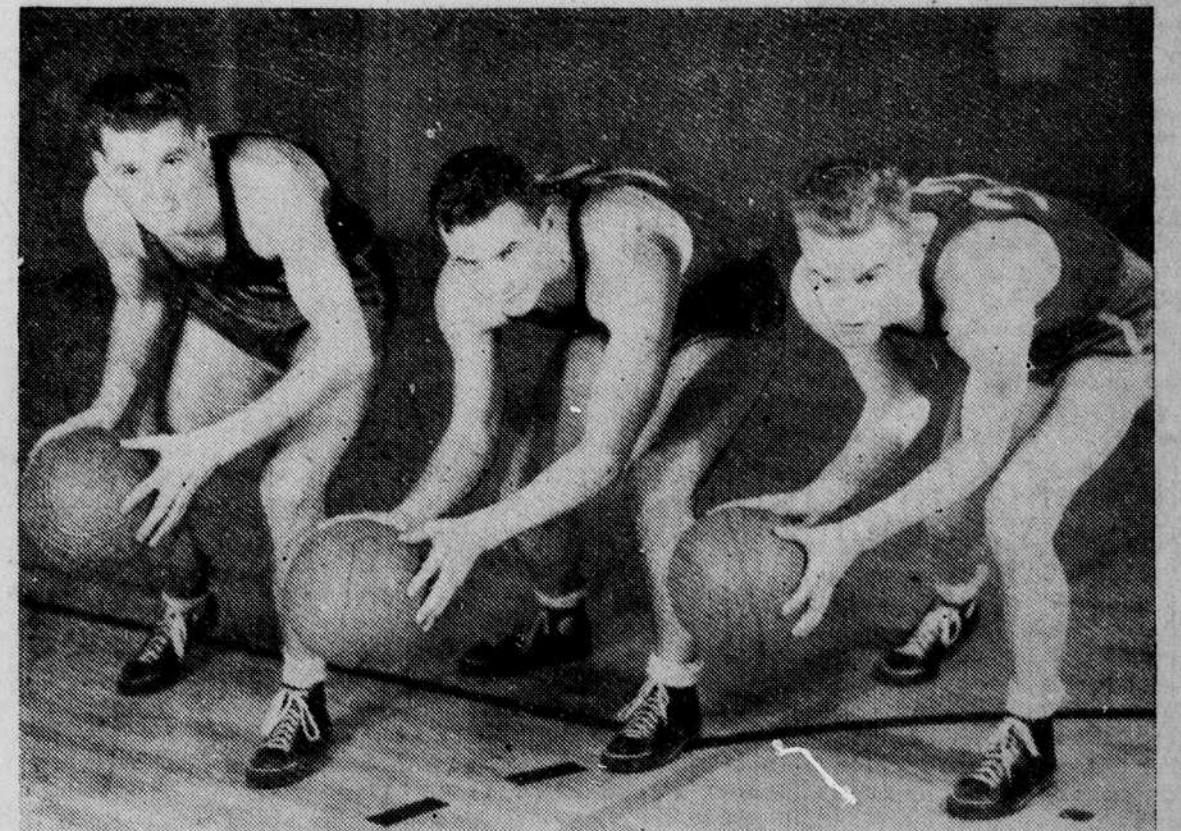
The Oregon Law Review, now in the hands of the University press, will be in the mail by December 15, according to Frank Nash, editor.

Student contributions include articles by Stanley Darling, on former jeopardy; William Lubersky, on insane delusions; Sheldon Parks, on contracts; Orval Etter, on judicial review in administrative law; and Austin Dunn, on trade marks.

University of Oregon faculty members who will have articles in the Law Review are Wayne L. Morse, dean of the law school, who wrote an editorial about the law school; Charles G. Howard, who also contributed an editorial in commemoration of the late Benjamin Cordozo; and D. D. Gage, associate professor of business administration reviewed a book. Two graduates, Chris Boesen and James Dezenoff, will each have an article in the Review.

The student staff includes Frank Nash, editor-in-chief; Orval Etter, (Please turn to page four)

They've Hit Pre-Season Form Already



Ted Sarpola, Bob Anet, Wally Johansen . . . these three former Astoria high school boys are part of "Hobby" Hobson's hot-footed hoop squad which turned Portland university back 51 to 24 in last night's pre-season opener.

Ducks Dump Pilots In Opening Tiff, 51-24

Rare Book Collector Visits UO Campus

By HELEN ANGELL

Last summer Frederick W. Skiff told friends that if another article were to be added to his collection of 22,000 rare books and hundreds of antiques which fills his 14-room house in Portland, some of his family would have to move out.

Yesterday, visiting the Oregon campus, the modest gray-haired Portlander admitted he is "still buying books and probably will never stop." His family, however, is still intact, he confessed.

It was nearly half a century ago that Mr. Skiff began his book collection with only a few volumes, and as it grew in scope, he branched out in other allied fields, filling his big white house on Northeast Halsey street with his rarities. Old Chippendale furniture, Navajo rugs that are the envy of many collectors, an exquisite hand-carved bed from Spain, sculptured figures from ancient China, wooden steins from the land of the Vikings, etchings, guns, pewter, and beautiful rugs make up the furnishings of his unusual home.

Collection Old

Yesterday as he toured the University library here with M. H. Douglass, head librarian, whom he visited for the Thanksgiving weekend, Mr. Skiff remarked, "I started my collection 50 years ago and that means that it is now quite old and quite large," but he added with a smile, "I'm still buying books."

Some of the charm of the books which Mr. Skiff has collected have been transmitted to two works of his own, which Mr. Douglass added, are now on the library shelves. "Adventures in Americana" and "Landmarks and Literature" are the titles of the collector's writings.

Likes Oregon Library

Stopping in front of the Burgess collection in which he indicated special interest, Mr. Skiff said, "Your library here is very nice. It is not only well-planned but also very comfortable." (Please turn to page four)

BA Assembly Called For Thursday at 11

BA students will meet in assembly Thursday at 11 o'clock in room 203 Villard, Victor P. Morris, dean of the BA school, will give a short talk to be followed by an introduction of the professors of that school.

Lynn McCready, vice-president of the First National bank of Eugene, will give the main address. He will talk on "College and Business." D. D. Gage and A. B. Stillman, associate professors in the BA school, are in charge of arrangements.

UO Student Elected To Lutheran Office

Lutheran students from the University of Oregon who spent the weekend at a Pacific Northwest regional convention of the Lutheran Students' association, returned to the campus with a vice-president in their delegation, Ken Erickson having been elected to that office at the convention.

Kenneth Selander of the University of Washington was elected president, and Luther Boe of Pacific Lutheran college was chosen treasurer. Other officers included Almeda Carlson, University of Idaho, recording secretary, and Alice Bremer, University of Washington, corresponding secretary.

Next year's convention will be held in Portland under the sponsorship of the Oregon State college group.

Wintermute Paces Hobson's Crew to Leadoff Victory in Slipshod Contest

Oregon's gayly be-decked basketball Webfoots opened their pre-season schedule inauspiciously at the Igloo last night, overpowering Portland university, 51 to 24, in a contest that was conspicuous with early-season raggedness.

Coach Eddie Fitzpatrick floored a quintet that was dwarfed before Hobby Hobson's Slim Wintermute, Laddie Gale, Bob Hardy, John Dick, and company. The Pilots kept close for half the contest, trailing 22 to 11, but melted in the end before Oregon's more experienced reserves.

"Wild Bill" O'Donnell, Portland's veteran forward, "ironman" of the game, got within one point of his two-year average by sharing high-scoring honors with Oregon's Slim Wintermute at 11. Irish Bill was the only player going the route.

"New Record"

"What may go in the books as a new Northwest collegiate record" went to Sophomore Guard Milton Bell of the Pilots who was allowed to play with nine personal fouls on his record, four being the ordinary total necessary for banishment.

Bell's nine fouls were a good fifth of the 41 total on both teams assessed by Officials Herb Colwell and Jim Hatch. Twenty-one were called in the first half.

Oregon scored off the first tip-off when Laddie Gale took the ball from Slim Wintermute and passed to Wally Johansen for a lay-in. It was six minutes before the slow-starting Ducks poked in another field goal. Matt Pavalunas poked in a rebound on Bobby Anet's missed free throw to make it 6 to 1.

Coach Hobson rushed in an entire second five before the contest was over, Oregon's perking up somewhat in the second half with reserves playing.

Sarpola Counters

Ted Sarpola, junior forward replacement from Astoria, sparked the Webfoot offense with four field goals to tie Portland's O'legue group.

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Oriental Rugs Arrive For Browsing Room

Straight from Chinese manufacturers, three beautiful new Oriental rugs arrived in Portland this week and will be placed in the browsing room of the University library next week. M. H. Douglass, head librarian, said yesterday.

The floor coverings, designed by members of the library staff, came from the Orient on the steamship President Coolidge, but are still in the customs office in Portland. They are to be shipped to Eugene this week.

The rugs are the last of a large shipment of new furnishings for the browsing room this fall. Other new additions include two love seats, 12 floor lamps, and several tables and chairs.