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A New Type of Entertainment

At last the University will have its long-awaited and much-debated musical comedy this spring. Under the able direction of Horace Robinson and utilizing the wealth of not only dramatic and musical talent on the campus but also that of writing and composing, the musical should undoubtedly be the "tops" in campus entertainment for the year.

Following the successful all-campus production of Peer Gynt in 1938 this year's musical comedy is definitely swinging the trend of campus entertainment away from the monotonous series of dances that have been congesting the social life of Oregon's Joe College and Betty Coed for the past few years.

Round 'n About....

WITH WEN BROOKS

Getting back in that glorious rut . . . excuse me . . . grind again and some are already packing books and complaining about the terrible load they're going to have to carry while others have already begun to count the days . . . until spring vacation. Well, let's see . . . this is a short term. Just ten weeks including this one and the week of finals. That leaves but 43 more actual class days. I feel better already.

This is the big term socially. At least, one of the three biggest. There's the Alpha Delta Sigma dance, the Scabbard and Blade Military ball, the Senior ball, to say nothing of numerous formal house affairs. The term will be over before we know it.

Mentioned recently that the University plant was valued at over six million to date, a rather staggering figure when you look around on the campus and try to see just where the money is. Here are the last official figures from the business office. Land . . . valued at \$596,612.30; buildings . . . \$3,656,645.50; improvements . . . \$260,263.94; equipment . . . \$1,375,064.41; and the museum collections are estimated at \$500,000. The grand total adds up to \$6,388,586.15 . . . on paper, anyway.

Incidentally, the University payroll is slightly over a million a year. Quite a big business . . . this education. That figure includes the ASUO activities, other auxiliary activities, University press, dormitories, etc.

Attention, story writers! The annual Marshall - Case - Haycox contest will be on soon with a \$75 first prize and a \$25 second prize. Worth getting into! One student writer, Marie States, had a story in the winter issue of Frontier & Midland, which is published at the University of Montana. Comes out quarterly. Since publication of Marie States' story, "Thunder On the Water," W. F. G. Thacher has received a letter from H. G. Merriam, editor of Frontier, saying Miss States' story was rated best in the magazine by one reader!

This 'n that . . . Bull Pengra losing a bet to the editor over the vacation period—period of vexation for Deutch, who actually grew a mustache! But will he keep the lip-tickler now

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

Christian Science Organization will hold a regular meeting this evening at 8:00 in the Y. W. C. A. Bungalow. Students and faculty members are cordially invited. A business meeting will follow the regular meeting.

Polyphonic Choir meets Tuesday and Thursday at Music School auditorium at 3:00.

Economics Club will meet tonight at 8 on the third floor of Gerlinger. All students interested invited.

Order of "O" meeting Friday noon at the Kappa Sig house. All new lettermen are requested to be there.

Kwamas will meet at 5 today in the AWS room.

There will be a Phi Theta Upsilon meeting at 4:00 in the College Side today.

OSC Prof Will Be Faculty Club Guest

Dr. Willibald Weniger, head of the department of physics at Oregon State college, will be a guest of the faculty club Saturday evening.

Dr. Weniger will speak on "Adventures in European Laboratories." During the past summer he inspected physics laboratories in England, Germany, Holland, and several other European countries.

Dr. Norris Reports On Physics Meeting

UCLA Campus Sees Two-Day Session During Holidays

Dr. Will V. Norris, of the University physics department, represented the University of Oregon during Christmas vacation at a two-day physics conference in Los Angeles.

Held on the UCLA campus December 19 and 20, the conference attracted physicists from many sections. The meeting was the annual gathering of the Pacific coast section of the American Physics Society.

Greatest representation was from the Pacific coast, but several came from the eastern portions of the United States, and there was even a scientist from London, England, as well as one from Australia, Dr. Norris reported.

Most of the papers read before the meetings were on the subject of atomic physics in its various phases, Dr. Norris said.

While in California Dr. Norris and Mrs. Norris visited the California Institute of Technology, and the Wilson observatory. They also watched the grinding of the new 200-inch reflector which will be the world's largest telescope when completed.

The meeting last year was held at Stanford university.

The University of Texas will construct a tearoom to be used as a laboratory by students of home economics who are studying institutional management.

Portland C. of C. Will Hear Debate Squad

Members of the University of Oregon's men's debate team will hold their most important engagement of the year early in February when they speak before the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

W. A. Dahlberg, head of the group, said yesterday.

Men debaters will hold their first meeting Wednesday, January 11, at 4 o'clock in room 108, Friendly hall. Mr. Dahlberg said. He added that the men's speeches on "Values" must be written by this meeting.



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No Fooling—A No-Date Dance?

ACCORDING to the best sources, the University of Oregon student body is about to indulge in another "no-date" and-or date dance—namely the Hobson Hobble. No foolin'!

We would not depreciate the good intentions of dance chairmen and other best sources, who—imbued with the "spirit of friendliness" of Oregon—endeavor to give the campus a real, absolutely informal gathering. As a matter of fact we do not know exactly whose intentions we should depreciate, but we do know that whenever a "no date" and-or date dance is announced—everybody invariably comes dated.

A long time ago the situation was not quite as bad. In those days notables went so far as to announce that dances would definitely be "no-date." Even we can remember back into the past of freshman days when an honest-to-goodness square dance was held with absolutely no escorts and everybody had a good time. But something happened.

IN the interval the "hello" walk receded into the dim past. Friendliness was being given the cold shoulder. The traditional "hello" dance at the beginning of each term also became just another date affair. Conditions went from worse to worse, with rugged individuals who took the timid "no-date" announcements at face value, being all but socially ostracized.

(Before we go further in this dissertation we would have all who have read this far realize that we have absolutely no ulterior motives in this editorial. In spite of our natural aversion to date affairs we have been able to get along, and are not forced to this by purely selfish reasons.)

The lack of informal social affairs at the University of Oregon has come upon the campus gradually and has developed into a serious situation. In a way it is indicative of the general coolness of the student body to anyone outside of the pale and the individual coolness which makes a friendly hello from a stranger outside of one's own private clique unusual and unaccepted.

OREGON once had the reputation for being a most friendly school. Now, whether we realize it or not, Oregon has a reputation that at times approaches that of a typical nose-tufted snob. To be sure, it is not often as bad as that, but the general trend has been toward such a despicable situation.

A university may be unfriendly and may become large—but it will never become great. In our small way we have the opportunity of making Oregon a more friendly institution and finding this campus a much more pleasant 100 acres. A good way to start would be to increase our friendly relations with each other. A real no-date dance would be just the thing to start the ball of good neighborliness a rolling.

What Other Editors Believe....

New Member of State Board

THERE is reason to believe that Edgar W. Smith's appointment to the state board of higher education in the place vacated by State Treasurer Walter Pearson will meet with unanimous approval. Mr. Smith is not only a successful citizen; he is a man who has shown a keen personal interest in Oregon education and the schools need trustees of that sort.

In making the appointment, Governor Martin has emphasized Mr. Smith's long experience with agriculture and its problems, especially its marketing problems. Though his major business activity has been insurance, he has been a grain farmer and a mill man. As chairman of the much debated milk control board he has studied the dairying problems of the state.

Possibly the governor stressed these points to allay any alarm which our friends at the State college might feel because Mr. Smith attended the University of Oregon many years ago before he went to Cornell and because he sent his sons to the University and taken an active part in the work of the Alumni and Dads.

The most important recommendation, for all the schools, as we see it, is Mr. Smith's obvious interest in all the affairs of all youth. He has that quality which the youngsters call "keen." He is interested in student welfare and athletics and all the manifold activities, cultural and otherwise, which are part of the training of youth. He has enthusiasm for Oregon's schools and he is not afraid they will be "great."

Impersonality has been one of the dangers in Oregon's experiment with a "system of higher education," and inhibition can be more deadly than healthy rivalry. The vigorous gentleman from Cornell will be welcomed as a board member. The appointment should be confirmed without delay because it is an excellent choice.—Eugene Register-Guard.

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