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### No Fooling—A No-Date Dance?

A CCORDING 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" andor 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.

### A New Type of Entertainment

AT last the University will have its long-awaited and muchdebated 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.

T is not the intention to censure the campus dances too severely, for when held in the spirit of democratic informality they are a means of bringing the students together into the happy social relationships that should be included in the wholesome, well-balanced college life. But the musical comedy will add something more, an adventure into the make believe-a chance to satisfy that urge to be on the stage, which is so strong among young people.

Furthermore, the musical will be valuable training for the talented ones, musicians, singers, dramatists, writers, and composers that are being trained here at the University. And who knows-perhaps hidden genius will be brought to light. -H.K.

WITH WEN BROOKS

Round 'n About .....

Dr. Norris Reports CAMPUS **On Physics Meeting** CALENDAR

Christian Science Organization will hold a regular meeting this evening at 8:00 in the Y. W. C. A. Eungalow. Students and faculty members are cordially invited. A versity physics department, repbusiness meeting will follow the resented the University of Oregon regular meeting. during Christmas vacation at a two-day physics conference in Los

Polyphonic Choir meets Tuesday Angeles. and Thursday at Music School au ditorium at 3:00.

attracted physicists from many Economics Club will meet to sections. The meeting was the annight at 8 on the third floor of nual gathering of the Pacific coast Gerlinger. All students interested section of the American Physics Society.

Order of "O" meeting Friday Greatest representation was noon at the Kappa Sig house. All from the Pacific coast, but several new lettermen are requested to be came from the eastern portions of the United States, and there was there. even a scientist from London, Eng-

Kwamas will meet at 5 today in land, as well as one from Austrathe AWS room lia, Dr. Norris reported.

Most of the papers read before There will be a Phi Theta Up- the meetings were on the subject silon meeting at 4:00 in the Col- of atomic physics in its various lege Side today. 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

Two-Day Session

During Holidays

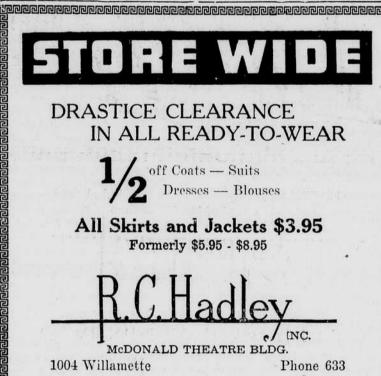
Dr. Willibald Weniger, head of new 200-inch reflector which will the department of physics at Ore- be the world's largest telescope gon State college, will be a guest when completed. of the faculty club Saturday eve-The meeting last year was held ning. at Stanford university.

Dr. Weniger will speak on "Adventures in European Laborato-

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Faculty Club Guest

The University of Texas will conries." During the past summer he struct a tearoom to be used as a inspected physics laboratories in laboratory by students of home England, Germany, Holland, and economics who are studying instiseveral other European countries. tutional management.



Portland C. of C. Will | W. A. Dahlberg, head of the group, said yesterday. Hear Debate Squad Men debaters will hold their first

Members of the University of meeting Wednesday, January 11, Oregon's men's debate team will at 4 o'clock in room 108, Friendly hold their most important engage- hall. Mr. Dahlberg said. He added UCLA Campus Sees ment of the year early in Febru- that the men's speeches on "Val ary when they speak before the ues" must be written by this meet-Portland Chamber of Commerce, ing.

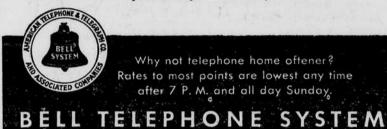


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of finals. That leaves but 43 more actual class days. I feel better already. This is the big term socially.

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 children. 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 bring unusual results. . on paper, anyway.

Grove, and Virgil Shelton of Mc-Minnville; a sister, Mrs. L'ena Searcy of Eugene; and five grand-

rial park

including this one and the week ed distantly with J. P. Morgan, Jr., the New York financier'. . .

> And last, but far from least, that one girl columnist is writ-

'er away, Alyce! Mrs. Anna M. Dunn

(Continued from page one) Dr. Frank B. Matthews of Portland, John B. Matthews of Forest

Funeral services are to be held tomorrow at 2 p. m. from the Branstetter-Simon chapel. Rev. B. Earle Parker will officiate. Interment will be in Rest Haven memo-

Running a want ad is sure to

Getting back in that glorious school is on again? A senior's rut . . . excuse me . . . grind privilege but that's all the good again and some are already it does a fellow around a house. The Burkerickson team is packing books and complaining about the terrible load they're not back. And the campus . . . especially one fellow . . . will going to have to carry while others have already begun to miss the girls . . . especially count the days . . . until spring one girl. How about it. Hub? vacation. Well, let's see . . this And did you know that one is a short term. Just ten weeks

Delt, Norman Foster by name, has autographed pictures of several of Hollywood's more attractive stars in his room? That Lyle M. Nelson is connect-

or money fancier?

ing again for this paper! Take

**C**REGON 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 nosetilted 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 largebut 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.

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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