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## Cornerstone Around the Corner--Almost

ONE of the surest things about the perennially just-around-the-corner student union building at the University of Oregon is that very few people have any good idea just what a student union building constitutes. It sounds good on the tongue, and at Corvallis there is a debt-bound Memorial Union, but as far as this University is concerned common knowledge does not go much farther.

This condition, however, stands a good chance of undergoing "the cure" before the time comes for cornerstone laying, if the efforts of the ASUO student union committee bear fruit. If the committee has its way there will not be a student in the county who will not know just what is on the fire for the future.

THE student union will be the next building to go up on the campus, that much is accepted by the committee. The building almost got its start this year, and it would have if federal PWA money had held out. Now a waiting game is being played, a game where at the first smell of available funds competent supporters will go to bat, armed with plans and figures, prepared to come home with a student union tucked away in their pockets.

Long an enthusiastic, quietly working group, the committee, a permanent body whose members serve four years and are replaced each year as the seniors graduate, moved up to the front last week in its first meeting of the year. All through summer they corresponded, keeping up with new developments. During fall term about all they could do was to study various student union systems now in use. At this time they were waiting for Chairman Roy Vernstrom to round into shape a display of all relevant material available, mostly gathered by himself during the summer in the course of his nation-wide wanderings. Vernstrom looked over the student union plans in half the states of the union, and he brought home with him their setups. The committee studied the facts.

THE fruits of this combined labor are about to come before the student body, and before anyone else who might be interested. The display is permanent, and the committee has even managed to get a room in the basement of Johnson hall which will be the "Student Union room" until the dirt starts to fly from the excavation for the new student building. It is planned to have this room open

every week, with some member of the regular committee in attendance to answer questions. In this way a better understanding of the problems and requirements coincident with the developing of a student union will be made clear to those who are now in doubt. And if they go to visit they must surely see, for included in the display, which covers walls and tables like a county fair exhibit, are pictures, graphs, charts, piles of documents, and reams of other material showing all there is to be known about the systems in effect in some of the student unions now in operation.

EVEN the Dads are to look over the student union display when they come to the campus for Dads' Day weekend, a couple of weeks from now. There they will learn how completely lacking in hot air is student union information, and just what is the purpose behind it, as well as plans already made to insure success.

The freshmen too have been roped into the program, in a fifteen-person interest-arousing committee, whose sole purpose is to inform itself on the student union plan. It is to keep the freshmen student-union minded, in view of the fact that it is more benefit to them than to any other present undergraduate class when the union is built, for they still have their three and a half years at the University.

All the main committee is after is to get students to go and look over what is to be seen in Johnson hall basement. After that they figure no selling will be required. It is only proper that students should make it a point to get to the exhibit, for the project is for students, and by them and the only way to have a satisfactory building is to plan it before it is built rather than after.

MORE will be heard from student union as the year moves along. The committee will meet every other week. They are even planning an assembly program devoted to student union, as an educational function.

At any rate it is plain that with so many ardent backers working intelligently toward their end the student union is much closer to accomplishment than otherwise. Without pushing it might never come true. As it is now the preliminary financial framework is already in operation, with student union drawing down a substantial percentage from every ASUO card sold.

It is a slow process, but it will get there.

## Stability Gets Underway

WHEN the near-ineligibility of Jim Pickett, junior class president, put the judiciary and the ASUO executive committee to work last week there was no doubt that something was going to be done to prevent any like situation from ever happening again. The junior class was not only without the top 50 per cent of its officers but it was also without a constitution, at a time which made the threat particularly unfortunate, with Junior Weekend work about to begin.

During the thickest part of the legal tangle the executive committee declared that a committee of all officers of all classes would meet to formulate permanent constitutions for each class, to do away with the necessity of working up a new code each year.

Yesterday the first evidence of action appeared with the appointment of the president of the senior class to head the committee. Accordingly, fifteen undergraduates will soon

be in the throes of drafting four new constitutions.

WHAT will probably be done is that the group will take almost bodily some existing document, possibly one of the present class constitutions, iron out the kinks if any, and make it general. There is no reason for them to start from scratch. Viewed in this light their work does not seem too difficult. What must not be lost sight of, however, is that no matter what forms are adopted as "permanent" there will always be room and provision for revision when necessary, although change may never come to pass, if the work about to be done is done well enough.

The principle of stable constitutions is a sound one. It will be interesting to see what the committee does with it. Results will soon be forthcoming.

## Dad's Prexy Visits Campus, Reviews Plans

### Record Turnout Expected of Dads January 26-27

A dad's touch was added to campus Dads' Day preparations with the visit yesterday of Loyal H. McCarthy, president of the Oregon Dads' club.

With pre-celebration signs pointing to a record turnout, McCarthy reviewed student plans for playing hosts to the dads. Arrangements for mailing the special Dads' Day Emerald to all dads in the state were also discussed by McCarthy and student committeemen.

The state organization, in conjunction with local groups, is endeavoring to make arrangements whereby dads will have transportation furnished to them so that they may make the trip from all parts of the state.

Erection of the gates to the campus was also discussed, and McCarthy promised to bring the question of their immediate erection before their attention at the meeting of the Dads Saturday morning.

## Students Apply For Air Course

### Director of School, Carlton E. Spencer, To See Prospects

Sixty University students who wish to enroll in next fall's civilian aeronautics flying school have already filed application for class membership. Carlton E. Spencer, director of the school, announced yesterday.

The number, including five girl students, has been mounting at the rate of two new applications per day. According to Mr. Spencer, the total number is expected to reach more than 300 for next year.

"If that many students do apply," the director revealed yesterday, "I intend to ask the civilian aeronautics authority for a larger quota next fall, and I hope that the great interest on the part of students as evidenced by the large number of applications coming in, will cause the CAA to look with favor upon my request."

Choice of students is based on seniority, grades, and physical health. All those interested in the course may see Mr. Spencer in Fenton hall.

## Soph Societies

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by Oregon students for cokes will bring a goodly portion of a college education to Chinese students struggling for learning," student leaders of the drive explained last night.

House Sales Started  
House to house sales were launched yesterday with announcements by Kwamas and Skull and Dagger. Representatives in each house have the pro-Chinese tags for sale.

Last year's Oregon campaign netted only \$18 as compared with \$310 from Oregon State college. Yesterday Dr. Koo said that he could feel this year a difference in the attitude of the student body for his movement, and that he felt sure that the University would support the fund.

## Pianist, Harpist Will Give Recital

Aurora Potter Underwood, pianist, and Doris Helen Calkins, harpist, will combine their talents in the music auditorium on Tuesday evening, January 23, to offer a joint recital. The public is invited.

Many of the numbers to be played by the two soloists are their own adaptations of two piano compositions. The arrangements will have their public premiere that night. Both soloists are well known for their concert work in Eugene and other Oregon cities.

The numbers to be played in harp-piano arrangement include works of Tournier, Bach-Maier, Saint-Quentin, Chabrier, and Ravel. Mrs. Calkins' harp solos will be Tedeschi's "Andante," Zabel's "Marguerite at the Spinning Wheel," Tedeschi's "Spanish Dance," Donizetti-Attili's "Harp Solo," and the second arabesque of Debussy.

Mrs. Underwood will play "Tocatta" by Casella, "La Puerta del Vino" by Debussy, "By the Beautiful Blue Danube" by Strauss, and an etude by Scriabine.

## Schools to Have Health Program

### PE Department Will Work With Board of Health

One of the most modern and efficient health education programs for public schools in this part of the country will be the result of a new physical education program to be inaugurated at the University soon, according to Dr. Ralph W. Leighton, dean of the University school of physical education, and J. F. Cramer, city superintendent of schools.

The new plan will make use of both members of the University staff and the state board of health. Dr. Paul Anderson, recent addition to the school of physical education faculty will serve half time as physician for the Eugene public schools and devote the rest of his time to the University. The state board has loaned the services of Miss Ethel Mealey, consultant in health education, who has been made associate professor of physical education.

Dr. Anderson has taught in Nebraska before coming to the University and has done similar work in Porto Rico. Miss Mealey has had much experience as a health worker and classroom physical education instructor.

## Art School Displays Old Textile Pieces

Soft shades of aged red, rose, and violet compose mainly the colors of the group of museum textile pieces now on exhibition in the art school.

The prints are Toile de Jouy pieces and are owned by Elinor Merrill who loans them for exhibits. All the prints are made on heavy cotton or linen, and are printed either by hand or copperplate. They have stood time remarkably. The youngest in the collection was made in 1830; the oldest, 1780.

Brownell Frasier, associate professor of interior design, arranged to have the exhibit brought to the University. It is being shown in the exhibition room of the art building every week day from 1.30 to 4 o'clock, and is open to the public.

## 'Resist, Fight' Chinese Slogan, Dr. Koo Declares

### Assembly Speaker Says 'Sheer Spirit' Favors Defenders

"Resist and fight the invader; strengthen your own country!" With this determined war slogan of the Chinese people, Dr. T. Z. Koo, noted author and lecturer, struck the keynote to his speech, "China Today and Tomorrow," before a special student body assembly in Gerlinger hall yesterday morning.

"China is fighting a major war," Dr. Koo declared, "but even in spite of this the people are doing everything in their power to build up the nation. Education is being pushed harder than at any other time in Chinese history, and students are migrating to the west in hope of finding a quiet place for study."

Industry Faster Now  
"Industry is increasing at a rate faster than during peacetime. Sheer spirit and ability to make something out of nothing is the dominant factor behind the work going on in China today," Dr. Koo said.

Dr. Koo discussed at length his country's standing from an economic and military standpoint as well as from the social side. He said that in external and internal credit the nation was in a far better position than is generally expected by the outside world.

## Tunnel Extension Scheduled Soon

January 23 will see the initial step in the building of an extension to the underground tunnel system that will bring heat, telephone, water, and electricity to Chapman hall, the library, and the education and music buildings.

The project, under the supervision of Albert Anderson, was a result of a \$87,669 grant from the Works Progress administration, and a state grant of \$4,200. Employing about 50 men, the construction will last from a year to 18 months, and will cost approximately \$110,000.

"This will be an open-cut type of construction," Dr. W. V. Norris, consulting engineer for the project, said. "Open-cut means that the work will be done from above the ground, resulting in a complete tunnel when finished," Dr. Norris explained.

The work will start at the rear of Chapman hall, and go south to the library, where it will continue to the education and music buildings.

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## Kratt to Speak, Attend Chorals

"Present Day Music Education" will be the topic of Dr. Theodore Kratt, dean of the University of Oregon school of music, when he addresses the Portland branch of the University Mothers club in Portland Wednesday noon.

On Saturday and Sunday, January 20-21, Dean Kratt and John H. Stehn, assistant professor of music, will attend the first annual choral clinic to be held at Central Washington College of Education at Ellensburg. They will participate in the program, and direct several discussion groups.

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### Wrong Song for Bars

Not long ago Joe Howard, the Grand Old Man of Tin Pan Alley was invited to sing at a prison near New York. So Joe dusted off his silk hat and went into a spirited rendition of "I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now?" It really got 'em. About half of the men in the room got a kind of far-away look in their eyes and Joe was patting himself on the back when he suddenly realized he was singing the wrong song. Those inmates really were wondering—who's kissing her now. Joe changed to another song in nothing flat.

### Ray Scott Insanity Spreads

Raymond Scott is riding high on his new radio show "Concert in Rhythm." Scott has enlarged his quintet to full band size and his experimenting with larger orchestration of his compositions. He is also featuring novelty arrangements of pop tunes and swing classics designed to test the versatility and resourcefulness of his new organization. Scott is famous for the unique titles he fits to his compositions. Proof of odd inspirations is given in his "War Dance for Wooden Indians," "Mexican Jumping Bean," "The Huckleberry Duck," and "Powerhouse." Maybe, when choosing his titles, Raymond C. tried to avoid the monotony caused by the continuous wave of "love"

ballads flooding the market. At least his compositions don't sound very much like romance.

### Beany Bands

New York's newest fad is a "Danceteria" where madly munching mobs help themselves and chew their food in rhythm with three big swing bands. The idea is to combine a dance hall with a cafeteria so eating and dancing can both be enjoyed at the same time. Sounds like it would be great fun to see a lot of jitterbugs wildly chewing and gulping in true jitterbug style between dance numbers.

### Bea, Alec, and Blue Barron

Bea Wain, Hit Parade warbler, is organizing a Remove-Your-Hat-While-in-the-Movies association and is enlisting members from the amusement industry's fairer sex. There will probably be considerable male support for this organization also. . . . Alec Templeton has been selected by a recent poll as the outstanding new radio personality of 1939. . . . Color scheme: Blue Barron currently playing in the Green room of the Hotel Edison, records for Bluebird, and is booked by Charlie Green of CRA.

### Dr. Gage Preparing Real Estate Course

Dr. D. D. Gage, associate professor of business administration, is preparing a correspondence course in real estate which will be offered in a few months.

The course is being added because of the number of requests received from people who need additional training to pass the state examination for brokers and salesmen in real estate.

Seventy-six people attended a similar course offered this fall term at the University extension unit in Portland.

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