

What to Do? Campus Sun Dial Found Wastin' Time

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Somebody had better wind the sun dial.

No one knows quite what to do when a sun dial starts losing time, but someone should do something pretty soon for the historical dial next to Johnson hall has been losing ground at the rate of nearly a minute a year for the past 18 years leaving it 15 minutes in arrears.

This isn't the menace that it might seem on first thought. It doesn't throw student's timing off to any great extent because

it only works five per cent of the school year.

Came in 1912

Back in the spring of 1912 when the monument made its debut on the Oregon campus it had as much efficiency as any normal sun dial, but the landscape artist who planned its setting included some little shrubs in his plan. During the years they matured into trees and now prevent two or three hours of sunlight from falling on the face of the dial. As if that wasn't simple enough the architects who planned the campus built the ad-

ministration building in such a spot that it cuts off another hour of light.

So altogether, on a clear day, the dial still has seven hours left to bask in vitamin D, that is if the sun is shining, but the sun only shines approximately 50 of the 260 days during the school year.

It's a Puzzler

Not many people make an attempt to read the dial anyway. Each year a new influx of freshmen try their luck, but not being able to make any sense of the many Roman numerals and

Latin phrases, stay clear of it.

Another handicap to reading the dial is the fact that minutes have to be added or subtracted according to the time of the year. This is provided for in a metal plaque on the southern side of the monument. April 15 is the only day in the year when, according to the plaque, the time will be in complete accord with the dial.

As to the history of the dial, it is a memorial to Wilson Pierce Mays, of the class of 1909, who died in 1910. His parents erected the monument.

The probable reason for the inaccuracy of the dial is that it was not built on a cement base and the weight of the stone has caused it to settle and leave the dial's surface on an angle.

It is still possible to find the correct time by the instrument, however. Simply wait until some time other than the 94.4 per cent dark era, find the correct bearing, look at the plaque and add or subtract the correct number of minutes. Having completed that, add the 15 minutes that the dial is slow.

Well, anyhow, it's pretty.

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Spins Yarn
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Committee Named for Luncheon

Plans Take Form For All-Campus Weekend 'Feed'

With the selection of the campus luncheon committee by Grace Irvin, chairman, plans are beginning to take form for the annual "all-campus feed" which accompanies the coronation of the Junior Weekend queen.

Members of the committee, named yesterday, are Janet Gore-sky, assistant chairman; George Macken, financial chairman; Caroline Kortge, serving chairman, and Kenneth Bowes, set-up chairman.

Miss Irvin announced that the theme of an old German beer garden would be carried out as far as possible, even to the extent of a German band. The girls who will do the serving will wear official Junior Weekend pinafores.

Mothers here for the weekend will be given special tables, Miss Irvin announced.

She also announced that firms who wish to place bids for the campus luncheon should contact George Macken, 318.

Lyle Nelson Only Editor Candidate

Lyle Nelson, present managing editor of the Emerald, was the only candidate who had filed his petition for the editorship of the paper when the deadline was reached last night at 5 o'clock.

Nelson will be interviewed by the educational activities board Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Scotch Instinct

I think I'll inhale deeply 'Round someone who has the flu, Or a sweet bouquet of poison oak Would accomplish much, it's true.

I'm going to take some poison, (Not like arsenic, maybe rat) P'raps to eat a dozen sundaes Would be an easier way at that.

If you wonder why I'd turn myself into a walking "germery," It's just because I'd like to use My time at the infirmary.

—J. W. S.

Infirmary Sets Term Record With 200 Calls

Largest attendance at the University infirmary health service this spring came Monday, when more than 200 patients signed up for medical service at the desk. Average attendance for the term has been around 125.

In the hospital division Monday were Mary Sheldon, Bettie Wilson, John Merrill, Arthur John Fagin, Barbara Barrett, Margery Williams, Bill Graham, Hy-mie Harris, Glenn McKibben, Eugene Rideout, and Mrs. Harriett Eckman.

Assembly Will Reveal Officers

Band to Play Fight Songs; Phi Thetas To Name Pledges

From out of the haze of whispering campaigns next Tuesday will come definite announcement of the ASUO presidential candidates of the two principal campus political blocs.

A special nominating assembly in Gerlinger hall will provide the setting, with President John Dick in charge of the meeting. Candidates for the office of president of the student body, first and second vice-presidents, and secretary will be named at that time, it is expected.

Also on the program of the

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Conference Slated On Campus Today

Problems of community organization and religious education will be discussed by the delegates to the Commonwealth conference to be held on the University campus today.

The delegates will spend most of the day in discussion groups. Those interested in community problems will hold panel discussions in the morning and afternoon. The morning talks will center around "Community Needs and Problems." The afternoon discussion will feature "The Problems of Rural Youth—What Communities Can Do About Them."

Symphony Concert Scheduled

Emerald Sponsor Of Free Program Slated Tonight

Faithful readers of this newspaper will have the opportunity to collect their "spring bonus" tonight at 8 o'clock in the music auditorium when Rex Underwood and the 70-piece University symphony orchestra play a free symphonic concert under the auspices of the Oregon Daily Emerald. All students are invited.

The program, which will last approximately one hour and 15 minutes, will be made up of the selections most popular with the audiences in the orchestra's 1939-40 concert series. Although the orchestra members will wear their formal black-and-white attire, the concert will be on a completely informal basis for the all-student audience.

Selections are taken from the romantic works of Tschai-kowsky, Debussy, and Massenet. A complete listing, and further details, will be found on page 3.

Meeting Attended

Dr. L. W. Staples, geology instructor, attended the annual joint meeting of the Engineering and Technical societies in Portland last week. W. V. Norris, physics professor, also attended.

Leads Tonight



Rex Underwood, conductor of the 70-piece University symphony orchestra, which will play a free concert at the music auditorium tonight, under sponsorship of the Oregon Daily Emerald.

Housing Ample For Weekend

Mrs. Morris Aids In Arrangements To Solve Problem

Students who fear there will be no room for accommodating the guests they would like to invite to the University for Junior Weekend on May 10, 11, and 12, may put their minds to rest, John Cavanagh, promotion chairman, said last night.

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Fraternities List New Pledge Group

Spring term fraternity pledges reach a total of 16 students last week, and the dean of men's office yesterday announced the names of seven students who have signed for Greek houses in the past three weeks.

Latest pledges are Bill Ross, and DeWitt Rucker, Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Frank McKinney and James Doern, Delta Upsilon; Harry Cloninger, Sigma Nu; Robert C. Broderick, Alpha Tau Omega, and Wallace R. Johnson, Pi Kappa Alpha.

Seven Men Get Positions In Air Corps

Students Named On Opening Day Of Army Exams

Seven University of Oregon candidates received appointments as flying cadets to the air corps training center in the first day of army air corps examinations Monday and approximately 15 were scheduled to return Tuesday for rechecks on their physical examinations.

The students accepted were Rodney E. Lewman, Harrison W. Zurbick, Jack D. Blanchard, Wilbur H. Wittcliff, Charles F. Skinner, Gordon S. Benson, and William L. Reynolds.

With a constant waiting line before the door, the examining board worked at top speed from eight in the morning until five in the afternoon, interviewing and examining applicants. Oregon students are showing a tremendous amount of interest in the army air corps, the board announced, pointing out the large stack of applications.

All students who are appointed flying cadets by the board will go to the government flying school nearest their home in either May or September for a three-month period of primary training, then will be transferred to the air corps' "West Point of the Air" for a six-month training period in the newest of the army's planes.

Examinations are being held in rooms 201 and 205 in the physical education department. The board stressed the fact that it takes only a normal physique to pass the physical examinations.

All CAA Students Asked to See Lieut. Kurtz Today

All the CAA students at the University of Oregon are requested to confer today with Lieutenant Frank A. Kurtz, member of the visiting army air corps examining board, on a matter of interest to all flying students.

Lieutenant Kurtz asked that CAA students come any time from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. during the day, to room 201 in the physical education building.