

Dean Leeper Declares Nickel Hop 'Good Deal'

Dean Leeper, with friendly eyes, and smile, and unruly brown hair, leaned back in the office chair where the YMCA has temporarily settled him, and gave his full attention to being interviewed, frightening the reporter with demonstrations of magic.

Leeper, traveling secretary for the Student Volunteer Movement, is on the campus for a few days to speak for the basic ideas of international cooperation and Christian friendliness on which the SVM is based.

World Missions

The Student Volunteer movement for World Missions is an undenominational organization which contacts students in established religious groups like the Y, to spread its dual plans, to create awareness in American students of their responsibility in the post-war reconstruction and world wide Christianity, and to train college youth for such leadership.

Dean Leeper became affiliated with this organization when he graduated from the University of Illinois last year. Since October he has visited 61 colleges in 12 states.

He was a member of three scholastic honoraries at school, president of the YMCA (which completed a \$300,000 building during his time in office. He is also talented in magic, and—wonder of wonders—rides a unicycle. (Use the dictionary.)

Since he arrived on the campus, Leeper has spoken at a YWCA cabinet meeting, in Dr. Means' life objectives class, at an open meeting to discuss the Student Volunteer Movement, and the Nickel Hop (although not much speaking was involved there).

When asked his impressions of the U. of O., he said that he was surprised to see so much green grass so early. (He is from the grain (soy-bean) belt — he wouldn't admit it was corn). His other outstanding impression was that the Nickel Hop is a "good deal," and should be started on other campuses.

Crushing 18-inch thick concrete and gently cracking egg shells are equally easy for a new two-and-a-half story testing machine in the technological institute of Northwestern university.

Greeks Bright, Survey Shows

Fraternity men rank higher in scholarship than non-fraternity men in the United States for the twelfth consecutive year, according to a survey covering institutions of higher learning which has just been released by the National Interfraternity Conference.

The nation-wide survey made by Dr. Alvan E. Duerr of the Manufacturers Trust company of New York City, included the scholastic records of more than 75,000 undergraduate members of the 2,389 chapters belonging to 60 national fraternities established at 180 colleges and universities. When fraternity men passed unorganized men in scholarship for the first time in 1929-1930, there were only 125 institutions which furnished scholastic records covering 60,000 fraternity members.

Average Rating

The average rating of all fraternities throughout the country for the academic year 1940-1941 is .036 per cent above the composite all-men's average of their institutions, states the report. The margin, however, is the narrowest since 1929-1930. This might be due, Dr. Duerr points out, to disturbed conditions resulting from the national emergency, as no previous survey had revealed so many complete reversals of form between semesters on the part of individual chapters.

In the Pacific coast states, Oregon State leads with a ten per cent average above the all-men's average and with only two of the 26 chapters on this campus below. Campus leader is Sigma Phi Epsilon with 35 per cent above average and 15 per cent above the closest runner-up fraternity.

The schools listed in this area are: California, UCLA, Occidental, Oregon, Oregon State, Southern California, Stanford, Washington, Washington State, and Whitman.

Young Artists Plan Recital

Everett Fulton, pianist, and William Shisler, violinist, who will be presented in recital on Sunday, at 4 p.m. in the music school auditorium, have considerable musical experience behind them even though they are still high school students.

William Shisler, 15, has received high honors in state and national music contests. A year ago he went to Los Angeles and played in an orchestra composed of the outstanding high school musicians in the country. He now plays first chair violin for the Eugene high school orchestra and plays first violin with the Junior Symphony.

Everett Fulton, 15, attended the state and national contests as accompanist for the Eugene soloists entered in the contests. At both contests he received the highest honors possible on each one of the accompaniments. He is at present accompanist for the Eugene high school capella choir and orchestra. He is also church pianist for the Lighthouse Temple. He has also done solo work with the Junior Symphony.

Gleemen to Sing Here

The Eugene Gleemen will hold their annual mid-May concert on the evening of Sunday, May 17, at McArthur court, John Stark Evans, director of the chorus, announced Wednesday.

Their programs will include new pieces and several request numbers, Mr. Evans said.

Dr. Erb Given Draft Number Registers T11214

No all clear signal was sounded. It has been so long since Eugene heard an alarm that it was feared the citizenry would head for the Rockies en masse.

But, now, with all the blare of brass the Emerald can muster, it hereby announces: Dr. Donald M. Erb, president of the University, is temporarily out of danger. Selective service calls him No. T11214. He'll not be drafted for a while, anyway.

Modern Icelandic is to be taught at the University of Wisconsin.

McCosh Painting Bought by Red Cross

Mrs. David McCosh, wife of Assistant Professor McCosh of the drawing and painting department, received word this week that her drawing "Artificial Respiration" has been purchased by the American Red Cross.

The picture was sketched from real life in a Red Cross first aid class at Condon school by Mrs. McCosh, who does her art work under the name "Anne Kutka." She is a volunteer office assistant in the Eugene headquarters of the Red Cross.

Mrs. McCosh has exhibited paintings in New York and Pittsburgh.

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