

'Druid' Thomas Condon Gave Science, Liberalism to UO

By PEGGY OVERLAND

Someone once described him as an "ancient Druid"—partly because of the long, grey beard which lay across his entire chest and partly because of his great oratorical powers which made him one of the best known speakers in the state. And the pictures that remain of Thomas Condon are certainly testimonials to the beard, if not to the title.

Dr. Thomas Condon was one of the five original members of the University of Oregon faculty when it first assembled in 1876 with 177 students in attendance, and with the entire University represented in Deady hall where classes were held. Like Henry Villard, the Bavarian immigrant, Condon was himself an immigrant. Born in southern Ireland, he had left for America at the age of 11 years and faced New York city entirely destitute except for his enthusiasm and courage.

Adrift in New York city and entirely on his own resources, Condon picked up an education through contacts with intelligent physicians and others. Perhaps it was through these wide contacts that he first conceived the idea of entering the ministry. Whatever may have been the cause, Condon did complete a formal education at Cazenovia institute and Auburn theological seminary. He then joined the ministry of the Congregational church and came to Oregon, where in succeeding years he had charge of parishes at Forest Grove, Albany, and The Dalles.

No one would expect this Irish immigrant, almost entirely self-taught except for his finishing course at the theological school, to retire into the usual dignified, quiet life of a small town minister. But here the story develops more into a copy of a movie score. For Thomas Condon became one of the foremost intellectual leaders in the state. His strong original interest in science was developed through discovering the John Day fossil beds in central Oregon, and the subsequent important private collections he made aroused the interest of the leading geologists of the nation. Lectures were formulated with the aim towards reconciling his new scientific points of view with Christian theology. Naturally this brought on a storm. As one devoted Episcopalian remarked: "Condon seemed more interested in rocks, and them stratified, than in Christ, and Him Crucified." The eventual result was that Condon became the recognized leader of the liberals in the state.

Dr. Condon never did anything remarkable. He never had the opportunity of saving the University or of producing a great work. But his personal charm and his strong interest in his students made him one of the most beloved of professors. He taught the social sciences, as well as geology, which was his favorite, and there is perhaps no one connected with the University who had a greater hold on the popular imagination. Thomas Condon died in 1907 and it wasn't until 1924 that Condon hall, the first wing of a science building, was erected to his memory.

Keith Murphy Chosen As Cheer Leader Spot

Filling the position of cheer leader on the University rally squad, Keith Murphy, freshman in business administration, was chosen at the executive council meeting last week.

Murphy gained his experience in cheer leading while serving in the army. An assistant cheer leader may be named later in the term, according to the executive council.

Week's Scrap Drive Seeks Paper Turn-in

Emphasis will be placed on paper for the scrap drive this week, Florence Hintzen and Bibbitts Strong, co-chairmen of the salvage committee, announced Tuesday. This week's drive should be the biggest yet, they said.

All houses on the campus should have their collection of scrap ready Friday afternoon when a truck will pick them up. The collection of paper is in conjunction with the paper drive in Eugene but tin cans and fats will also be collected. The cans should be completely flattened with labels removed and the waste fats should be in glass jars or cans, preferably covered. In case of rain the scrap should be placed in a dry place until collected.

The papers must be tied in neat bundles to facilitate handling and moving, the chairman said. In order to help augment its funds, the money gained by selling the papers to the civilian defense council will be given to the campus war board.

Six records will be awarded to the living organization turning in the most paper.

'Bond Girl' Contestants

(Continued from page one) this fund. All other bonds purchased by individuals or the living organizations may be kept by the purchasers.

Any bonds bought during the month of December and January may be counted as votes if receipts were received for them at the Co-op. It has been suggested by the committee that students write home to their parents asking that they send them the money they were going to use to buy bonds so that the bonds can be purchased at the Co-op and be used as votes for their house's candidate. Letters are being multiplied and will be distributed to each living organization.

To vote, the student should purchase the bond at the Co-op, get a receipt and take the bond and the receipt to the educational activities office where the votes will be taken. Each \$25 bond counts 25 votes.

The man who buys the largest bond will receive a date with the "Bonds Away Girl". When he goes to the educational activities office to vote, he should also sign up for the amount of the bond.

'Love' Discussion Set

(Continued from page one) Bryant, housemother at Westminister house, and Karl W. Onthank, dean of personnel administration, will meet within the next few days to set dates for the discussion and decide upon speakers.

At the first meeting speakers will discuss the three aspects, psychological, biological, and religious, of love and marriage. It will be Sunday afternoon in order that both soldiers and civilians may attend. Local professors will discuss the question at the living organizations.

Except for last year, the "Love and Marriage" series has been an annual tradition.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

The Badminton club will meet at 7:30 p. m. today in Gerlinger hall. All students, faculty members, and army students are invited.

All nickel hop representatives will meet at the Side today at 5 p. m.

Regular meeting time for the Amphibian club, swimming honorary, has been changed to Wednesday night at 7:30, Milo Woodward, president of the group said Friday.

New officers who have been recently elected are: Milo Woodward, president; Betty Bush, vice-president; and Beverly Hauser, secretary-treasurer.

Social Events Set for Term

All petitions for winter term social events have been turned in to the dean of women's office, and the completed calendar is as follows:

January 14—Pi Lambda Theta initiation, Steiwer Hall fireside. January 22—Alpha Delta Pi fireside, Little Theater, Rally squad dance. January 26—Alder Lodge fireside. January 28—Little Theater. January 29—Little Theater, Alpha Xi Delta, all co-op skating party, Sigma Kappa, Alpha Omicron Pi, Hawthorne lodge, Laurel lodge, Alpha Gamma Delta, Highland house. February 5—Military Ball. February 9—AWS assembly in music building. February 11—Matrix table. February 12—Episcopal party, Delta Gamma, Alder lodge, all co-op dance, Alpha Phi, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Chi Omega, Delta Delta Delta, Pi Beta Phi, Casa Blanca Lodge, Gamma Phi Beta, Ordes, Heart Hop, Kappa Alpha Theta.

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Campfire Girls Seek Summer Counsellors

Marge Dibble, last year's AWS president, and Marianbeth Wolfenden, campfire executive from the Portland area, will be on the campus today to interview all girls interested in being campfire counsellors at Camp Namanu this summer, announced Micky Campbell, AWS president.

The representatives will be in the dean of women's office from 10 to 12 a. m. and from 1 to 5 p. m.

They have announced that girls are especially needed this summer to fill counselor posts. Girls with special interests and abilities will have opportunity to apply for different counselor positions.

Camp Namanu is located approximately 30 miles east of Portland on the Sandy river. It is the largest, best equipped camp of its kind in Oregon.

The endowment of Northwestern university totals \$30,000,000.

Fall Term House Grades

Men	G.P.A.	Women's Rank	Women's Organizations
	2.702	1	Hawthorne Lodge
	2.696	2	Hilyard House
	2.679	3	Kappa Alpha Theta
	2.671	4	Highland House
	2.646	5	Hilcrest Lodge
	2.637		WOMEN'S CLUBS
	2.633	6	Delta Gamma
	2.613	7	Sigma Kappa
	2.611	8	University House
	2.593	9	Kappa Kappa Gamma
	2.574	10	Alpha Xi Delta
	2.567	11	Alpha Omicron Pi
	2.562	12	Alpha Chi Omega
	2.539	13	Pi Beta Phi
	2.506	14	Rebec House
	2.496	15	Birch Lodge
	2.489		WOMEN'S SORORITIES
	2.485	16	Alpha Delta Pi
	2.476	17	Delta Delta Delta
	2.463		ALL WOMEN
	2.449		ALL UNIVERSITY
	2.444		INDEPENDENT WOMEN
ALL MEN	2.386		
	2.379	18	Alpha Phi
	2.3561		WOMEN'S HALLS
	2.3557	19	Mill Lodge
	2.325	20	Gamma Phi Beta
	2.276	21	Chi Omega
	2.237	22	Alpha Gamma Delta
	2.230	23	Laurel Lodge
	2.158	24	Casa Blanca Lodge
	2.136	25	Alder Lodge
	2.082	26	Lombardy Lodge

Homeric Audience Lecturer's Topic

F. M. Combella, assistant professor of German and Latin, who returned this fall from a year's leave of absence at Harvard university, will speak on "Who Heard Homer?" at the second lecture of the University lecture series tomorrow night at 7:30, in 107 Villard hall.

"The purpose of the lecture," Professor Combella stated, "is to try to say a little about the Homeric audience—the people who listened when this work was first composed."

While at Harvard on a Guggenheim fellowship, Professor Combella had access to the University library which he described as the best library in the United States.

The University lecture series is planned for students as well as faculty, and is open to everyone. The first lecture of this series was "Art and Freedom" given by B. E. Jessup, assistant professor of English and aesthetics.

Dads to Sign

(Continued from page one) Oregon dads will take place Saturday afternoon in Guild theater, Johnson hall. All dads are asked to attend this function and new officers will be elected.

Because of the war time difficulties in travel, dads are not being urged to travel to the campus in large numbers as they have in the past. Instead it is being left to individual students to invite their fathers to come to the campus. Letters will be the best way of inviting dads, the committee believes and every student is asked to write at least one letter home telling about the various events and fun planned for dads.

Dad's cups and awards usually given for attendance at the annual Dad's day will not be awarded this year, Karl W. Onthank, dean of personnel, has announced.

The decision was reached by a joint student-staff committee on Dads day, one of the reasons being that the fraternities would be unable to compete since they are not represented sufficiently on the campus this year.

Mixer to Swing

(Continued from page one) the canteen theme, W. R. Baker, emcee, has planned a variety of "mix-em-up" dances, using the traditional Paul Jones and tag, and some new ideas of his own.

"Bonds Away" Coeds To Meet Today For Pix

All candidates for the "Bonds Away" should meet at the Alpha Gamma Delta house today at 5 p. m. to have their pictures taken. Short silks should be worn.

Scholarship Grant Offered Pre-Nurses

Any girl who plans to take or is taking pre-nursing this year and is in need of scholarship help should contact Karl W. Onthank, dean of personnel, about scholarship conditions, Dean Onthank said.

The money is designated to assist girls who are having to work their way to allow them to spend more time in their course. Even if the scholarship will not be needed until the spring or summer term, Dean Onthank should be contacted at once.



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