

Museum Materials Show Burmese 'Way of Life'

By Harold Norberg

Alfred F. Whiting, assistant professor of anthropology, is giving students in "Peoples of the Pacific Rim" firsthand insight into native Burmese culture, and practical experience in museum technique.

The class is preparing a display of native materials collected in the Chin hills district of Burma by the late Dr. E. H. East, medical missionary at Fort Haka, Burma, from 1902 to 1911.

First Public Display

Carried over from winter term, the display is one of three museum projects undertaken by Mr. Whiting and students in Anthropology 425. The Burmese collection has been assembled, cataloged and prepared for exhibition.

As soon as display boards are available, the collection will be exhibited in the University Museum of Natural History in Condon hall. The Burmese collection has never been on public exhibition before.

Dr. East, who practiced medicine in Portland from 1912 until his death in 1939, had wanted his Burmese collection to get into responsible hands. In line with her husband's wishes, Mrs. East visited the campus in 1941 expressly to view the Museum of Anthropology.

Deeded to Oregon

She directed that the Burmese collection be deeded to the University of Oregon. Mrs. East visualized use of the material in relation to courses concerned with primitive peoples.

The collection includes weapons, clothing, basketry and toys. Among the weapons are axes, swords, bows and arrows and crude flintlock guns.

Native Clothing

Clothing in the collection indicates the Burmese people were picturesque in dress. Their hand-woven textiles have an exquisite, firm texture. Headgear includes broad, grass-woven hats and turbans. Another item of clothing is a knee-length raincoat made of overlapping layers of coarse grass.

No Literature

Basketry in the collection ranges from wicker-woven containers to wicker balls which were used by the natives in individual exercise much as we use Indian clubs. The toys include hand-painted horses and dolls carved from wood.

While identifying the Burmese material, the class found no literature on the Chin hills district,

which indicated that the collection will be significant in further study of the area.

Fijis Feature Grass Skirts

Phi Gamma Delta highlighted the social calendar last weekend with its traditional surprise dance, the "Fiji Grass Skirt Formal." What was slated to be strictly formal turned out to be only 50 per cent so for the men, who substituted grass skirts for trousers, but otherwise appeared in complete formal dress.

The girls, some of whom had secured new formals for the occasion, learned reluctantly at the last moment that they had to wear the grass skirts prepared by their escorts.

The programs were boiled bones on which the pertinent data was painted. These were tied by strings of raffia.

High point of the evening was the significant appearance of the Fijis' celebrated, campus-sing-crashing dog, "Gismo," who modestly sported a grass skirt of her own.

Poetry Contest Scripts Due Soon Prizes Scheduled for Upper, Lower Classes

All manuscripts to be entered in the poetry competitions sponsored by the department of English must be turned into the English office in Villard hall by noon Saturday, May 25, Philip W. Souers, head of the department, announced Tuesday.

Prizes awarded for the best poems will be the Julia Burgess prize of \$25, open to upper-division students, and the Walter Evans Kidd prize of \$15, open only to lower-division students.

Rules covering competitions for both prizes are as follows:

1. Any type of poem is acceptable. If, however, short lyrics are submitted, there must be at least three of them and not more than five.
2. All entries must be typed double spaced, and submitted in triplicate.
3. Name of the author must not appear on the manuscript, but shall be sealed in an envelope on the outside of which the titles of the poems submitted by that person are to be typed.
4. No prize in either competition will be given if in the opinion of the judges no manuscripts of sufficient merit have been submitted.

Judges for the contest are Dr. Frank G. Black, Mrs. Alice H. Ernst, and Dr. Ernest G. Moll.

Former Student Supplies Tribute to Dean Adams

By Hans Wold

Assistant Dean Percy P. Adams, whose death terminated nearly five decades of service as instructor and friend to students in the University school of architecture and allied arts, will be long remembered and sorely missed by the friends and pupils with whom he worked so long and faithfully.

Students who graduated under the tutelage of Professor Adams never lost an opportunity to visit him whenever they returned to the campus. Often they brought with them their problems, gaining the guidance of the man whom they always thought of as their teacher, and to whom they were still his pupils.

Letter Received

A letter received just one day

Highland house-Gamma hall Phi Delta Theta-Gamma Phi Beta Sigma Alpha Mu-Delta Gamma Delta Delta Delta-Delta Tau Delta

Delta Upsilon-Alfa Chi Omega Susan Campbell hall open house Mortar Board dance salesmen meet 5 p.m. at Westminster.

TOMORROW

Bible breakfast, John Straub dining hall, 25 cents, Herb Butt speaker

YMCA varsity Christian fellowship Bible study with Herb Butt Westminster house all-campus pot-luck supper.

before the death of Professor Adams from Howard D. Eberhart, professor in the college of engineering, at the University of California, and former pupil of the assistant dean, contained the following tribute:

"... time has a way of moving us all along eventually. I would like to sit down and talk with Mr. Adams particularly, since most of my work was taken from him. I don't believe I have ever had the opportunity to tell him that he is one of the finest teachers I ever had or have ever met, and that I learned more about teaching from him than all the courses I ever took in the school of education. I hope I have been able to pass on to some of my students part of the things I learned from him."

Final Tribute

It was fitting that one of the final tributes he was to receive in this life should come to him from one of his students.

At a meeting of the Oregon chapter of the American Institute of Architecture January 22 of this year, Professor Adams was made an honorary member. Nearly half of the members present were former pupils of the professor, and expressed, in this manner, their appreciation of a man who had faithfully devoted his life to the education and advancement of his fellow men.

Conference to Feature Religion, Outdoor Life

"The Christian Difference," will be the theme of the first postwar Seabeck conference, scheduled June 22 to 29.

Open to students of all nations, races, and creeds, it will be sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Student Christian association under the guidance of Mrs. Margaret Norton, regional student YWCA secretary, and the Reverend William H. Genne, regional student YMCA secretary.

Registration forms should be filed by June 1.

Among the recreational activities that will be available are swimming, boating, golf, hiking, folk dancing, ball games, tennis, badminton, and ping pong. In addition, library facilities include works pertinent to discussion topics as well as many pamphlets and new books. Seabeck is on the Hood Canal in Washington.

After dinner every evening there

will be fellowship singing. Seminars on race relations, campus citizenship, philosophy of life, and other subjects will be held during the morning.

Talks Listed

Dr. David Eitzen, professor of psychology at the University of Southern California, will speak to the students every morning during the platform hour. Worship leader will be the Reverend Harold Ingalls, associate secretary of the national student YMCA council. Miss Winifred Wygal, author and lecturer and former member of the national YWCA staff, will lead vespers.

An open meeting at which colored moving pictures of last year's conclave will be shown for students interested in the Seabeck conference will be held by the YWCA cabinet Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Co-chairmen of the 1946 conference are Carola Hayes, Willamette university, and Allan Anderson, Linfield college.

Additional information may be obtained from Miss Lois Greenwood, executive secretary of the YWCA, in the "Y" bungalow.

Gullion Arranging Prill Collection

Gordon Gullion, anthropology student, is now arranging and taking inventory of the Prill collection of birds, skins, eggs and animals in the museum of natural history, Condon hall.

The specimens were collected by Dr. A. G. Prill and purchased by the University last year for exhibition in the museum.

SOCIAL CALENDAR TODAY

Inter-varsity Christian fellowship Bible study with Herb Butt, 7-8 p.m. at the YWCA.

Desserts—

- Omega hall—Alpha Xi Delta
- Theta Chi—Delta Zeta
- Phi Kappa Psi and Kappa Sigma—Chi Omega
- Sigma Phi Epsilon—Hendricks hall
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon—Alpha Gamma Delta
- Alpha Tau Omega—preference



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