

Journalism Majors to Hear Gratke

Second annual Eric W. Allen Memorial lecturer to the University will be Charles E. Gratke, who will also address the Oregon press conference, February 20, 21, and meet with students of the journalism school.

Gratke is an alumni of Oregon. He has been foreign editor of the Christian Science Monitor since 1937. Before joining the staff of the Christian Science Monitor, Gratke free-lanced in New York, and pre-

vious to that he worked for the Detroit News. He has also been a reporter on the Oregonian, and worked on the Oregon City Enterprise.

In 1946 Gratke received the Sigma Delta Chi award for foreign correspondence for his series of articles in the Christian Science Monitor on the conditions in occupied Germany.

Other speakers on the program will be William O. Thorniley, J.

Walter Thompson Co., Seattle; Clifford Kaynor, publisher, Ellensburg, Washington Daily Record and chairman of the non-metropolitan daily newspaper committee of the National Editorial association; Quincy Scott, cartoonist, The Oregonian; Fred Lockley, columnist, Oregon Journal; William L. Blizzard, publisher, Oswego Review; David Eyre, assistant news editor, Oregon Journal; Dr. Lawrence R. Campbell, professor of journalism, University of Oregon; and Dr. Harry K. Newburn, president, University of Oregon.

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Status of YWCA Listed for Scrutiny

Past, present and future of the University YWCA program will be discussed at a Y cabinet meeting today at 5:30, Bjorg Hansen, president, has announced.

In place of the annual winter term retreat, the cabinet has planned this night meeting which will include a potluck dinner and group discussion.

Mrs. Paul Ellis, member of the advisory board, is scheduled to lead the discussion. Yolanda Stoll, social chairman, is in charge of the menu.

'World' Meeting 7:30

Keith Bacon, graduate in political science, and Fred Ehelebe, senior in education, will discuss plans for world federation at a One World club meeting in the YMCA tonight at 7:30.

This is the club's first regular meeting of the term.

University Author Makes Good; Writes Next Theatre Production

By PAT KING

After graduating cum laude from New York law school and working for a short time as a \$15-a-week law clerk, Elmer Rice, author of the next University Theatre production, "The Adding Machine," suddenly quit his job and announced to the misgivings of his friends that he was going to write a play. The young novice wrote his play and proceeded to blast theatrical tradition by naively mailing his script to a producer and having it accepted at once.

The play, "On Trial," which used the flashback technique for the first time, was a sensation and landed \$100,000 in his lap. The suddenly acclaimed young man who was soon to be known as Elmer Rice had gambled with his \$15 a week job and won.

Original work

Not blinded by his initial success, Rice went on to study and experiment with the stage for nine years and in the course of time has developed and displayed his talents as a playwright, a novelist, a director, and a producer.

His next play of real consequence was "The Adding Machine" produced in 1923 by the theater guild in New York. Regarded as one of the most original plays of the American stage, it has grown in reputation and number of presentations as each year passes.

Modern Satire

The play, which will be presented by the University theater guild under the direction of Horace W. Robinson Feb. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14, hits hard at the ugliness and meaningless banality of life and pleads for beauty, individuality, and romance with relentless, satirical blows at modern life.

Rice's "Street Scene," a Pulitzer prize winner in 1929 which has recently been reopened on Broadway, resolved his doubts as to his place in the theater. He also won recognition as director of another Pulitzer prize winner "Abe Lincoln in Illinois."

Justifies Belief

"I have found justification for my belief that the theater must

not necessarily be devoted exclusively to tap dancing, wisecracks, gags, knockabout farce, fustian romance, and polite adultries," said Rice.

In 1942 he married Betty Field, star of stage and screen, and they have formed one of the most successful husband and wife teams on Broadway.

Low GPA Women Called By Dean

Women students on scholastic probation are requested by the dean of women, Mrs. Golda P. Wickham, to be present at a meeting at 6:45 p.m. Thursday in alumni hall of Gerlinger. Those asked to attend include all women with a fall term GPA below 2.00, or an accumulative below 2.00. About 300 should be present, the dean said.

Purpose of the meeting is to discuss study methods and to help students analyze their own situations and make their corrections, according to Mrs. Wickham.

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