Drama Confab Opens Sessions In Guild Theatre

Opening sessions of the Northwest Drama conference and regional meet of the American Educational Theater association were held yesterday afternoon in the Guild Theater, Johnson hall.

The purposes and importance of the American Educational Theater association to the arts was discussed by Jack Morrison, lecturer in theateer arts the University of California at Los Angeles. The AETA was formed to encourage high standards, help with the problems, and provide the proper integration of theater in the educational program, Morrison said.

Bowmer Speaks

Angus Bowmer, director of drama at the Southern Oregon College of Education, spoke on the Oregon Shakespearean festival. He outlined the requirements for a successful summer theater, and gave the advantages to the community and producers that a summer theater provided. He told of the success of the Shakespearean festival at Ashland.

"Northwest Folk Art; Our Germinating Force" was the topic of Burton James, Seattle Civic Repertory Playhouse. James described the confusion of the theater world today, and spoke of the "need to find new pathways of communication to the people." He divided the theater into two sections: the mass production theater and the theater of the craftsman.

Folk Art Found

James said that folk art is found in productions that are clear and plain to the audience, and are a functional part of the social part of the community.

The speakers were introduced by Chairman Roy C. McCall. President Harry K. Newburn gave a welcome address.

Westminister Welcomes Dads

A student panel on "World Federation" is scheduled on the Westminster forum at 6:30 p.m. Sunday. Participants will include Boyd Peterson, Ralph Teters, and Wally Mead. Warren Miller will act as moderator.

Westminster house will be open Dads' weekend with a full program beginning Friday evening, including the regular social period from 8 p.m. to midnight. Students have been invited to bring their dads to the house after the game Friday and to other scheduled events over the weekend.

The recreation room in the Westminster basement is near completion, according to Dr. Harris, Westminster director. The weekly "Hi-Lites" is now being printed there, and a ping-pong table and Coke machine will be installed shortly.

Mickey Campbell has announced that his Tuesday noon luncheon at Westminster this week will feature Nancy Moran of the YWCA telling about the purposes of that organization in the overall campus picture. This is the third in a series of such programs introducing the various University groups.

On Wednesday evening Rev. D. Hugh Peniston will continue his talks on "A Modern Approach to the Bible."

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