

## Preppers to Vie In Speech Fray This Weekend

Representatives of 31 high schools will attend the first annual convention of the Oregon high school state speech league when it meets on the University of Oregon campus Friday and Saturday, April 16 and 17, according to Kirt E. Montgomery, assistant professor of speech and drama, tournament director.

Approximately 142 students, winners who represent 11 of 13 state districts, will compete.

Eight events are scheduled, including oratory, extemporaneous speaking, discussion, humorous speaking, poetry, radio speaking, debate, and after-dinner speaking. Events will be held before speech and drama classes as far as possible, to provide audiences for the contestants.

Banquets are slated for both Friday and Saturday nights, with the final winners to be presented in an hour-long program over state-station KOAC Saturday night.

Speaker Friday night will be Roy C. McCall, head of the department of speech and drama. After-dinner speaking will take place Saturday night, also.

Montgomery will be assisted by Professor Paul Knoll, of Oregon State college, and Warren Miller, forensic manager. Chairmen have been chosen from speech and drama classes.

Housing for the contestants, who will be accompanied by faculty advisers, has been arranged with campus living organizations. The full program for both days will be posted on the bulletin board inside the south entrance to Friendly hall. All those interested are welcome to attend.

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## 'Dream's' Magic-Maker Oberon Finds Difficulty in Dual Demand

As the stately Oberon, king of the fairies and instigator of much mortal difficulty in Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Norman Weekly, sophomore in drama, finds some difficulty himself in trying to be kingly and yet convincing.

"Oberon is a very powerful being who is able to create magic and, to his vast amusement, even control mortals who come into the woods," explained Weekly.

The play, which is to be presented in MacArthur court April 24 by the University theater under the direction of Horace W. Robinson, throws the added problems of timing and central staging on the cast. Since the University symphony orchestra is to play Mendelsohn's full score of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," the cast also must synchronize its cues with the music. The entire action of the play will take place in the center of the floor on a series of elevated platforms of different levels fitted together.

"We've been rehearsing in much more compact positions than we shall have in MacArthur court, which will require some adjust-

ment when we begin to have rehearsals there," he said.

As for his own particular role, Norman said thoughtfully, "A particular pleasure for me in playing Oberon is the beautiful poetry in his lines. For that matter, the whole play is such poetry that it is much more than just a fantasy."

University theater audiences will remember the young actor for his most recent outstanding performance as Lt. Charles in "The Adding Machine."

After graduation, he plans to continue his drama work in summer theater and do graduate work in directing all phases of the theater before attempting to go into drama professionally.

### Rushing Meeting Held

All girls interested in spring term rushing are asked to attend a meeting in the conference room, Emerald hall, today at 4 p.m. Those girls who have not yet registered for rushing may do so following the meeting.

Children don't like to take their noise out of doors because the acoustics are better inside.

## Muhula Fills Post As Newman Prexy

Fran Muhula, junior in music, was elected president of Newman club for the coming year at the election meeting of the organization Tuesday evening. Vice-president is Tom Sandmeyer, sophomore in architecture. Larry Crusing,

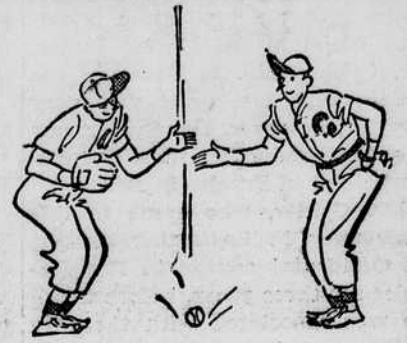
## French Group to Meet

Pi Delta Phi, French honorary, will meet Monday, April 19, at 4 p.m. in room 211, Friendly hall.

sophomore in business administration, was named treasurer.

Amelia Diamont, junior in foreign languages, was elected secretary and Barbara Heywood, sophomore in journalism, was named corresponding secretary.

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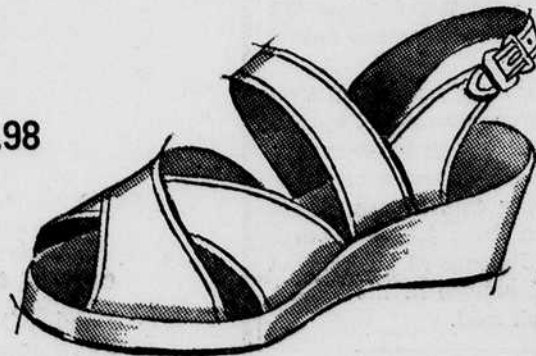
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