

# Drama Conference to Hear Robert Edmond Jones

Robert Edmond Jones, noted Broadway and Hollywood pioneer in theater design, has been secured as featured speaker for the Northwest Drama conference to be held on the campus February 10, 11, and 12, it was announced yesterday by Horace W. Robinson, director of the University theater.

Jones, who designed such stage productions as John Barrymore's "Richard III" and "Hamlet," and the movie "Becky Sharp," will speak on "The Theater of the Future." He is the recipient of the Howland memorial prize from Yale university in 1926, and the Fine Arts medal presented by the American Institute of Architects

for conspicuous attainment as a designer of the theater.

In his career in the theater, Jones has designed such historic productions as the controversial "Macbeth," in which Lionel Barrymore appeared, the famous "Green Pastures," and many of Eugene O'Neill's plays, including "Desire Under the Elms," and the more recent "Iceman Cometh," of two seasons ago.

Jones is also a director, and is responsible for the production which gave the initial impulse to the famed Central City Festivals in Colorado. He has also authored two books—Dramatic Imagination,



ROBERT EDMOND JONES

and (with Kenneth MacGowan) "Continental Stagecraft."

Today, at the pinnacle of his career, Jones is, as always, a pioneer, looking forward toward the theater of tomorrow. He challenges conventions in his forecasts of the theater of the future in which motion pictures, radio and television will play so large a part.

This is the conference's second year on the Oregon campus. A steering committee composed of Robinson; Angus G. Bowmer, director of drama, Southern Oregon College of Education and director of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival; and Marvin A. Krenk, president of the Eugene

Very Little Theatre, has planned the program, which will include productions of "The Glass Menagerie" and "School for Scandal."

Also scheduled are sectional and divisional meetings, a business meeting, and a buffet banquet for the final day of the conference. Daily exhibits from commercial concerns on lighting, costume fabrics, books, and so forth; the Oriental Art museum exhibit, a library exhibit, a picture display from universities, colleges, high schools, and civic and community theaters participating in the conference, and special motion pictures have been planned.

OREGON—Washington State basketball game broadcast tonight over radio station KASH beginning at 7:30.

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### Nelson Tells Term Switch Difficulty

A new factor in the proposed change from a term to a semester calendar was brought to light today by Lyle Nelson, director of information at the University.

As pointed out by Nelson, the adoption of the semester plan by one school in the state system (i. e., Oregon) would mean that all of the institutions in the state system of higher education would have to adopt the semester plan also, since the system is operated as a unit.

This, Nelson believes, will be a major complication in the adoption of a change by President Newburn, Chancellor Packer, and the state board. The proposed change, was recommended by the University faculty on Wednesday, and must be approved by all the above-named offices before going into effect. The faculty recommendation is now on President Newburn's desk.

When questioned by the Emerald yesterday, Dr. Newburn stated that "I have not had time to study the faculty recommendation yet, but plan to give it careful consideration."

Dr. Newburn's approval would mean that the recommendation would go to the offices of the chancellor and then to the state board.

### Friendly House To Present Dull

Prof. Paul S. Dull will be the guest at today's convention hour at Friendly house, when methods of preventing wars will be discussed from the point of view of the political scientist.

Dr. Dull is assistant professor of history and political science and is also head of Far Eastern studies. During the war he served in the marines as Japanese language officer, and in 1944 he was in the government information service.

The evening will begin at 7 with a gramophone record recital by Mr. Roy C. Andrews of the chemistry department. The conversation hour begins at 8, and is followed by refreshments and dancing at 9 p.m.

Friendly house, 11th and Ferry, is a meeting place of American and foreign students of all races and creeds.

### Illustrated Lecture Series Topic 'Near East Heritage'

Nine illustrated lectures on "Our Heritage From the Near East" by Dr. C. C. McCown, visiting professor in the University department of religion, will be presented this term by the University Lecture Committee.

The initial lecture, "The Dawn of Civilization," will be held in Room 207, Chapman hall January 13. It will concern fossil man, the Neanderthoid, and the beginnings of agriculture.

After graduate study in this country and Germany, Dr. McCown received his doctorate from the University of Chicago in 1914.

He has been professor of New Testament literature and interpretation in the Pacific school of religion, Berkeley, Calif., sometimes dean, and professor emeritus since 1947.

Since 1936, Dr. McCown has been director of the Palestine Institute of Archaeology at Berkeley. In 1930-31 he was director of the Yale University American school research expedition at Jerash, Palestine.

Several of the books which he has written are particularly related to the coming lecture series as: "Ladder of Progress in Palestine"; "Tell en-Nasbeh I"; and "Archaeological and Historical Results".

Other books which he has authored are "The Promise of his Coming"; "The Genesis of the Social Gospel"; and "The Search for the Real Jesus."

The second lecture will be "From Village to City", January 20; and on subsequent Thursdays, "Ancient Life Through Modern Eyes, January 27; "The Beginnings of the Alphabet", February 3; "Persepolis: the glory of ancient Persia", February 10; "The Conict of Cultures in Transjordan, February 17; "Gerasa: Roman city planning at the Pompeii of the Near East", February 24; "The Mystery Religions and Immortality", March 3; and "The Roll and the Book", March 10.

The University Lectures committee of the faculty is headed by Dr. Rudolf H. Ernst.

Writers Wanted

Students interested in writing for the Emerald this term have been asked to attend a meeting Saturday in room 6 Journalism at 1 p. m. Previous Emerald experience is not necessary, says Don Smith, assistant managing editor.

### Enrollment Drop Seen by Registrar

By George Dorris

A record winter term enrollment of 5700 is expected by the end of late registration, January 15, with a total of 5475 reached by Wednesday evening, J. D. Kline, assistant registrar, revealed yesterday. This is an increase of 74 over the 5401 enrolled at the same time last year.

Although these figures are considerably under the all-time record of 6125 established last fall term, the drop is considered natural, Kline stated.

The percentage of veterans among the students has remained about the same, being 55% of the total. The total number of veterans is becoming smaller, particularly when compared to the veteran enrollment of the past several years.

The registration program used for advance registration for this term has been called the best system yet worked out, and current plans are to use it for spring term. No changes are being considered in the program.

January 3 was the last day for regular registration, Kline stressed, and everything after that date is considered late registration. A late registration fee is being charged of \$1 per day, until a total of \$5 has been reached. Saturday, January 15, is the last day for registering, and is also the final day for adding a course. February 5 will be the last day for dropping a course.

MIT Architect Dean to Speak On Wednesday

William Wilson Wurster, dean of the school of architecture at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is scheduled to speak at the University school of architecture and allied arts at 2 p.m. January 12.

The speech will be given at the drafting room, and will include slides.

Dean Wurster is nationally prominent in architectural and planning activities, and is in partnership with Theodore C. Bernardi and Donn Emmons, San Francisco architects. He has practiced in San Francisco since 1926. His work there includes large housing projects, office and commercial buildings, and a dormitory on the University of California campus in Berkeley.

He is a 1919 graduate of the University of California, and has held his present office since 1944. His wife, Catherine Bauer, is well known for a series of books on housing.

Dean Wursters' visit is sponsored by the student associate chapter of the American Institute of Architects. He is the third and last speaker of the yearly program sponsored by the student chapter.

Allen Selects Five For Committee

Members have been chosen for the three-party committee for considering incorporation of the student body proposed last term.

From the executive council Art Johnson and Hank Kinseil will serve; from the three political parties, Mo Thomas of the ASA, Lou Weston of the USA, and Bob Davis of the ISA, will act as representatives. The group will select its own chairman.

### PNCC Confab At UBC Put Off

The Pacific Northwest College Congress, which was to convene at the University of British Columbia yesterday, today, and tomorrow, has been postponed, according to student body president Bob Allen, who had planned to attend as an observer.

Oregon did not budget to send an official delegate this year, Allen explained; instead, the council decided to send Allen as an observer to report back. Then the University student body's future relationship with PNCC will be decided.

### Libe Adds Room

A new typing room, outfitted with three coin operated typewriters and space for three personal machines, was opened this week in room 155 of the library.