



## Dr. Moore Lectures On Poet

Some 175 persons were present Thursday night to hear Dr. Carlisle Moore discuss the poetry of T. S. Eliot, 1948 Nobel prize winner.

The mixed audience, made up of students and members of the Friends of the University of Oregon library, heard the fourth in this term's series of lecture-forums given in the quiet atmosphere of the library browsing room.

After a brief biographical sketch of Eliot, Mr. Moore read some of the more prominent works of the poet. He also played recordings of Eliot reading two of his poems, "Gerontion" and "The Hollow Men." Although the speaker warned the audience that they might be disappointed by Eliot's rather dry reading, many persons later reported they enjoyed the records. Dr. Moore then laughingly explained that he had hoped his warning would have just that effect.

### His Poetry Difficult

"Many critics have found Eliot's poetry too difficult," Dr. Moore said. "Eliot believed, however, that it is almost necessary to write difficult poetry in order to express the complexity of modern life. He knows how to write with simplicity and cheerfulness when he wants to." The speaker read one of Eliot's more amusing poems to illustrate this point.

A question period followed the lecture, and inquiries by several of the persons in the audience were directed towards the basic philosophy of Eliot, his religion, and some of the controversies that have arisen concerning his poetry.

The purpose of the Lecture-Forum series is to relate prominent authors and their books to current questions of history, government, philosophy, literature, biography, and science. The Thursday night talks are free to members of the association and university students, said Miss Bernice Rise, head of circulation and readers' consultant.

### Next Week

Next week's subject is entitled: "Some sidelights of the Constitutional Convention of 1787," based on a work by Max Farrand. The speaker will be Dean Orlando Hollis, of the law school. Mr. William Tugman, editor of the Eugene Register Guard, will be the discussion leader.

## U of O Will Get Nine Day Vacation

Spring vacation will begin on Saturday, March 19, and last until Monday, March 28, according to the office of the registrar. The period of time is the same as last year's vacation.

News of the change in tuition, decided upon at the recent state board meeting, has not yet been received by the registrar. However, it is expected that the new rate, \$55, will go into effect next year.

## 'Menagerie' Performance 'Year's Best'

By Barbara Hollands and Bob Funk

University Guild theater last night presented Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie"—perhaps its best production so far in the current year.

Mary Esther Brock, portraying Laura, a neurotic cripple, carried her role throughout the performance with power and simplicity. Her expression of Laura's intense shyness and acute terror when meeting situations showed unusual understanding.

As Amanda, the tyrannical mother, Gerry Hettinger fulfilled the demands of her extremely difficult role which could easily have been over-dramatic or over-amusing, managed to follow the narrow line between the two emotions.

Playing the role of narrator and prodigal son, Louis Vogler was particularly effective in the quarrel scenes and a climactic scene in which he came home, rather inebriated, from an evening of movies and quarters over the bar. Vogler also displayed understanding of the delicate balance between humor and the stark reality of his role.

Appearing in the last scene of the play, Don Dimick, as the "gentleman caller," remembered his lines admirably and made it through to the end of the play. In one of the most remarkable love scenes ever written, Dimick did show a faint grasp of the situation.

Adding to the non-realistic effect of the play, the sets, designed by Gordon Erickson, were appropriate to the unconventionality of a memory play. The lighting and the musical background accented the emotional qualities of the drama.

The play, directed by Horace W. Robinson, found its opening night audience more than receptive.

# Entertainment for Dads Gets Top Billing in Campus Affairs

## Dads' Day Hostess



MRS. PAT METCALF CHASE will reign as hostess for the Dads' Day weekend activities. Judges selected the former Junior weekend queen as the veteran's wife with the personality and charm most appealing to fathers.

## UO Plays Host; Opens Doors to Visiting Fathers

### Living Organizations Compete for Honors In Attendance Contest

Dads registration will open at 9 a. m. today at Johnson hall and in the lobbies of the Eugene and Osborn hotels. Registration will continue through noon, and from 1 to 5 p. m.

Tickets for tonight's Oregon-Washington basketball game should be purchased at time of registration, announced Ed Anderson, Dads day chairman. He pointed out that because of capacity crowds, tickets probably won't be sold at McArthur court tonight.

Alex Murphy, registration chairman, urged students to remind their fathers to give the name of their son's or daughter's living organization when they register. This is the only basis for making attendance awards, he said.

Flowers for the annual Dad's day luncheon in John Straub hall have been donated by Wayne's Florists and Tommy Williams flower shop, announced Bev Miller, luncheon chairman. Wayne's gave the table centerpiece and Williams donated the hostess' corsage.

The Dads' day program for Saturday includes:

10:00 a. m. Executive committee meeting, office of the President, Johnson hall.

12:00 noon. Annual Dads day luncheon, John Straub hall. Ernest Haycox, Dads club president, presiding. Address will be by Chancellor Paul Packer.

2:15 p. m. Oregon Dads' business meeting, election of executive committee, University theater, Johnson hall.

6:00 p. m. Dinner with sons and daughters in living organizations.

8:00 p. m. Varsity basketball game, McArthur court. Presentation of sign contest and attendance awards at halftime.

8:00 p. m. University theater production of "The Glass Menagerie" by Tennessee Williams, University theater, Johnson hall.

Sunday's program:  
11:00 a. m. Dads' day services in Eugene churches.

1:00 p. m. Dinner with sons and daughters in living organizations.

The Dads' day committee issued an invitation to all fathers to visit classes this morning with their sons and daughters.

There will also be a campus open house this afternoon after the business meeting. The University library, Museum of Art, Museum of Natural History, and other departments will be open to visitors.

A conducted tour of new campus construction will be arranged immediately following the general meeting this afternoon. The tour will include the Student Union, Women's dormitory, Speech-Theater building, and the Music annex.

## Allies Organize Western Blockade

BERLIN, Feb. 4 (AP)—The Western allies hit back at the Soviet blockade today with a new counter move aimed at stopping all truck traffic from the West into the Russian zone of Germany.

The action, an open retaliation for the Soviet ring around Western Berlin, may affect even the Russian satellite nations of Eastern Europe.

Diplomatic sources in Washington said the United States has laid down new and more rigid terms for settlement of Russo-Western dispute over Berlin currency. These sources said the terms are stated in a U. S. proposal submitted to a group of United Nations experts. They provide for continued circulation of western marks in the western sector of the city, pending the outcome of efforts to restore four-power rule. Russian marks would continue to circulate in the Soviet sector.)

U. S. and British authorities announced that, effective next Sunday, the bizonal area will be closed to all highway freight shipments destined for the Soviet zone.

The only exceptions to the ban, the announcement said, will be passenger vehicles and those trucks returning from trips undertaken before the announcement was made.

## JO Department Heads Present Views On Recent UW Dismissals

Discussing the action of University of Washington President Raymond B. Allen in dismissing faculty members for alleged communistic activities, Dr. E. S. Wengert, head of the department of political science, called the action "wrong and deplorable in every sense."

"A democracy which refuses to take a chance," warned Wengert, "is doomed to failure. Academic freedom is an investment that a community has to make." Following this up, Wengert noted that a university should be a place where all sorts of ideas are developed. He rejected the idea of limiting

thought and research to any one field or ideology.

"Most of us need to understand that we sometimes have to make investments in things which we dislike or misunderstand." Otherwise, he stated, any unpopular ideas whatsoever would be ruled out.

### Action Went Too Far

"Our college administrations have the peculiarly difficult task of getting people to take faith in the institution." Wengert regarded President Allen's action as "going too far." President Allen had contended that the suspended instructors were too narrow-minded (be-

cause of communist affiliation) to be effective.

"For a (college) administration to attack itself by putting members in any political party on a blacklist is confused thinking. A university must be truly 'universal', representing all fields of thought. The real question is whether or not the people have confidence in themselves and the democratic system of government. Looking at the University of Washington situation, one can't help but think that there must be a lot of scared people up there."

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