

Nation Observes YWCA Week

"The YWCA—your window to the world" is the theme of National YWCA week, April 24 to 30 this year. Observing the event, the University YWCA is "stressing the significance of the Y to college students," President Billijeane Riethmiller said.

Beginning with a small group of women in New York City a century ago, the YWCA has grown to the largest women's organization in the world. The widely scattered groups cover communities, cities, and number over 600 on college and university campuses.

"Illustrating the meaning of fellowship and service," the president stated, "programs as the clothing drive and the planning of summer projects have been scheduled this week."

The last event of the week will be the social hour for foreign students at the YWCA at 4 Friday.

Velma Snellstrom, junior in public school music, attended the convention in San Francisco when plans for the national observance were made. In discussing coming plans for the University YWCA, Velma told about Dr. T. Z. Koo, secretary of the World Student Christian Federation, who will speak at the YWCA May 12.

Y cabinet members have planned these activities for the week to show that national observance is evident through Oregon University's local YWCA.

New Locality Set For YW Offices

According to present plans, campus YWCA headquarters will move to Gerlinger hall from its present home in the Kincaid street bungalow this summer and will be ready for student use in the new location next fall.

YWCA activities have been housed in the present building for the last 35 years, the money for this building having been donated by members and friends of the association. The property on which the bungalow is located was given to the University by the YWCA several years ago during the depression.

"We are looking forward to our move and hope that people will find their way to the YWCA in its new headquarters as they have to the bungalow," said Lois Greenwood, YWCA executive director. Headquarters will be set up in the south first floor wing of Gerlinger hall and will include two offices, a lounge, and kitchen.

Change Made In Erb Union

Erection of the Student Union has made only two changes in the original specifications necessary, neither of major importance.

During the digging of the foundations of the building, a fault in the rock foundation was discovered, which made it necessary for the edifice to be raised some 20 inches. However, the fault is not expected to cause any further trouble, not being of the earthquake nature.

In the recreation area, a relay lighting control panel is being located behind the attendant's desk, rather than spreading the switches over a larger territory, thus making it much easier to close up the room.

Clothes Needed Badly

The following letter in French was received recently at the University YWCA in answer to a package of clothing sent by the sophomore commission. The directress of the school of improvement at Metz which received the bundle writes:

Dear Friends:
We have received the package which you in your kindness have sent to our school and you are thanked muchly.

Perhaps you would be interested to know to what need it answers. The school which I direct has six classes of 20 pupils, boys and girls, slightly deficient mentally. For nearly all it is the misery which is the cause of their backwardness, their parents being rag-gatherers, street sweepers, mechanics, etc. We try to take these children from their misery and to prepare them to become good workmen. We teach the girls to direct a house, to prepare simple, well-made meals, and to do the work which they will have to execute when they leave school.

Our boys learn boat making, simple carpentry, gardening, and the labor of working masons; all, the girls as well as the boys, have instruction in arithmetic and French.

But the primary problem is that of their actual subsistence. Many of us arrive without having had breakfast. Thanks to the American packages we have been able each day to give them a cup of milk. The other food products which you have sent furnish the kitchen cabinet and are consumed at the school.

I permit myself to add that many are clothed in rags and that some parcels of clothes, even a little used, would bring us much joy and render so much service as the nourishment.

I do not know if yours is a girls' school or boys'. These are the girls who have written you. If you wish to correspond with the boys they will write with pleasure.

Believe our grateful thanks and receive our good wishes.

L. Richaud

Nursery School Is YWCA Service

A nursery school for the two to four-year old members of the Oregon family is one of the many unheralded services carried on by the campus YWCA. A project of the service committee, under the chairmanship of Jean Armstrong, the nursery is limited to 30 children from faculty or student families. Mrs. John McCloskey, wife of the associate professor of English, is director.

Bearing the official title of the University YWCA Cooperative Nursery, the group has been meeting at the Fairmount Presbyterian church every weekday morning from 9 to 12 a.m. for a year and a half. Mothers pay a small fee and many donate their time to the work. Members of the YWCA committee have held two work parties this year to clean the rooms and paint equipment.

All of the children have at least one parent learning or teaching at the University and a number of them have both parents attending classes. Like the University, the nursery school will continue through exam week and reopen in the fall, perhaps in a different location.

Mortar Board Ball Chairman Announced

Beth Basler, senior in education, will chair the Mortar Board Ball this year. Other members of the senior women's honorary will head the subcommittees, instead of acting as advisers as past groups have done.

Committee heads, as announced by Mortar Board President Nancy Peterson, are: Laura Olson and Anne Woodworth, decorations; Bep McCourry, patrons and patronesses; Olga Yevtich, tickets; Jordis Benke, Bobolee Brophy, and June Goetze, publicity and promotion; Nancy Peterson, cleanup; Janet Beigal, intermission entertainment; Bev Pitman, programs; and Trudi Chernis, plasterboard.

Petitions may be submitted to Beth Basler at Delta Delta Delta, or to Trudi Chernis at Hendricks hall by Friday noon.

Foreign Students Will Be Helped By Clothes Drive

Clothes and money for students in foreign countries will be collected by campus YWCA and YMCA organizations in a drive beginning today and continuing through Saturday noon.

"Any kind of used or new clothing will be acceptable," according to Co-chairmen Delores Jeppesen and Pat Williams. Committee chairmen include Joan Skordahl, promotion; Georgianne Oberteuffer, mailing; Margaret Edwards, women's collection; and Ed Ehelebe, men's collection.

Collection boxes will be placed in every campus living organization as well as in the YMCA, YWCA, and the downtown YM-YW community building. Drive headquarters is located at the campus YMCA.

Students attending one college in each of three foreign countries, Germany, France, and Japan, will receive clothes and money donated by University students.

Ross to Lecture

M. D. Ross, assistant professor of architecture, will deliver tonight's browsing room lecture on "Mechanization Takes Command" by Gideon. The lecture will be from 7:30 to 9:30 at the University library.

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YW Service Organization Renowned for Coordination

Coordination among its multiplicity of officers through cabinet meetings and conferences is one of the outstanding features of the University YWCA, known as one of the most active groups on any campus.

Over forty officers and committee chairmen cooperate to make the Y a leading force in many fields of activity. Greek and independent women, leaders and workers, unite with a common purpose and headquarters in the little bungalow on Kincaid street.

New president Billijeane Riethmiller works in close connection with her cabinet, consisting of four elected officers, fifteen committee chairmen, and the presidents of the sophomore and upperclass commissions.

Elected to cabinet positions at the women's elections last term were Velma Snellstrom, first vice president; Marguerite Johns, second vice president; Joan O'Neill Foulon, secretary, and Marjorie Peterson, treasurer.

Committee chairmen are Mary Stadelman, membership; Leona Kohler, luncheon club; Dolores Jeppesen and Pat Williams, international affairs; Barbara Ness, public affairs; Lou Weston, religion and worship; Lilan Schott, house; Shirley Potter, social; Shirley Hillard, conference; Jean Armstrong and Beverly Buckley, service; Jackie Barbee, public relations; June Fitzgibbons, publicity; Marilyn Thompson, flying speech; Jean Burgess, posters.

Helen Caldwell is chairman of the upperclass commission, consisting of junior and senior women; and Barbara Metcalf of the sophomore commission. The latter commission have their own committee chairmen, and carries on a variety of affairs. Sophomore plans for the future include the duckling counselor program and a picnic for all sophomore women Y members, slated for May 18.

Eighteen women chosen from the faculty and townspeople act as an advisory board for the University Y. This group is self-perpetuating and elects its own successors for a term of three years.

The advisory board is in charge of relations between the campus group and the community as a whole. They arrange for the connection between the Community Chest and the Y which supplies a large proportion of the organization's operating expenses.

Future Y workers are recruited from the ranks of the large and enthusiastic freshman commissions which meet during fall and winter terms. Fourteen junior women act as junior advisers for these groups.

Next year's junior advisers will be Jackie Barbee, Margaret Edwards, Jo Anne Gilmore, Florence Hansen, Janice Hughes, Glenna Hurst, Ellie Johns, Nancy Kuhnhausen, Ruth Landry, Mary Lou Sorenson, Barbara Stevenson, Sally Terril, Leslie Tooze, and Emily West.

Federalist Head Due in Eugene

Cord Meyer, national president of the United World Federalists and former Marine Corps captain, will speak in Eugene on May 11 under the sponsorship of the Eugene and University student chapters of the Federalist organization.

The 28 year old world federalist served as veteran assistant to Harold Stassen at the signing of the United Nations charter in San Francisco in 1945. A number of his articles on world federalism have been published in the Atlantic Monthly and other publications.

Elected president shortly after four government movements joined forces under the name of United World Federalists, Meyer has served in that capacity for over one and one-half years.



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