



Erb Union Takes Form, May Finish Next Spring

By George Dorris

Amid a forest of concrete forms, manned by a small army of workmen, the Erb Memorial Student union is slowly taking shape.

With the steel work all in place, the final concrete is expected to be poured by the middle or end of June. Brickwork, already covering the north end of the structure, is being extended as the concrete is finished. The brick will soon cover the west side of the building where the soda-bar will be located.

Coping stones will be placed on the north end of the building, starting today, and the basement floor and the sub-basement of the south end will soon be underway.

The entire exterior will be enclosed by the beginning of fall

term next year, finishing the ball-room walls and terrace on the west side of the edifice, and completing the fourth floor machine rooms, now marked by girders alone.

On the interior of the building, the walls of the browsing library in the north end have been erected, and the two fireplaces, one in each end of the room, are now being built. Another fireplace, this one purely ornamental, will be in the leather lounge.

R. J. Gibbs, foreman, announced yesterday that the S.U. project, which is now employing 70 men, will probably be finished by next spring term, and might be done sooner if the marble and hardware, both of which are still in short supply, can be obtained sooner.

Vote Set on Veterans Military Credit Problem

A motion to exempt veterans with one or more years of military science from required work in military science and health and physical education will come up for vote at tomorrow's faculty meeting in room 3, Fenton hall.

The motion grew out of faculty action on April 13 to abolish the granting of health, physical education and military science credits to veterans who entered the service after March 31, 1949. Veterans now enrolled at the University are not affected.

Paul Civin, assistant professor of mathematics and author of the present motion, said it would not change the previous ruling.

"It will, however, leave veterans free to take other courses of their choice," Civin stated.

Col. F. R. Maerdian, head of the military science department, although opposed to the motion, foresees little change in the R.O.T.C. set-up if it is passed. The number of veteran students has fallen off in the past year, and their exemption next year would not seriously curtail the department's courses.

Commandant Opposed

But those who might be excused, according to Col. Maerdian, would not have had the kind of educational training in the Army that is available in the R.O.T.C.

Since the war the University has granted six hours credit in health and physical education, and 6 to 24 hours in military science. Veterans have been exempt from these courses.

Ruling Requires Training

Under the April ruling, those who entered military service after March 31, 1949, are required to take six hours of military training, one hour of health education, and five hours of physical education courses to get their junior certificates.

Civin's motion does not provide for any credit to be given in these courses, but would abolish the requirement that they be taken.

Weather . . .

Fair today and Thursday except for some low cloudiness during the morning. High 80.

ASUO Officers Attend Conference

The ASUO student body president and president-elect, Bob Allen and Art Johnson, left today to attend the Pacific Student President's association conference in Sun Valley, Idaho.

The conference which lasts Thursday through Sunday, will see representatives of between 60 and 65 Pacific coast colleges and universities in attendance.

Speakers will include Governor C. A. Robbins of Idaho; Merrill Gee, judge at German war tribunals; Edwin Miner, associate commissioner of the U. S. department of education; and representatives of the FBI and treasury department.

Retail Group Here Sunday For Conference

When the Oregon Retail Distributors' Institute conference is held here starting Sunday evening, businessmen in retailing from all over the state are scheduled to deliver speeches putting forth the problems of the retailer.

Dr. Victor P. Morris, dean of the school of business administration, will give the main address at the banquet Sunday evening at the Eugene hotel. His topic will be "Problems in the Business Expansion of Oregon."

At the Monday morning session, W. L. Swearingen, sales manager of the B. P. John furniture corporation in Portland will start the proceedings with an address on "How Manufacturers Can help the Retailer." His speech will follow a welcome address by ORDI President Reese Dooley and election of officers in the reception room of Gerlinger hall.

Immediately following Swearingen's address, Paul Lafferty, of the Lafferty wholesale grocery company in Eugene, will discuss "How Wholesalers Can Help the Retailer."

Following these addresses, a panel committee of four will discuss points brought forth.

"How Buying Offices Can Help the Retailers," is the topic of an address by G. Vandenynde, mana-

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World Federalist President to Speak

Cord Meyer, Jr., president of the United World Federalists, will arrive here today from Portland on the western leg of his national tour.

His main address, "Let's Put it Up to Russia," will be given at the Roosevelt Junior High School, 18th and Agate, at 8 p. m. this evening.

He will speak to the Lion's club luncheon, and all members of other service clubs have been invited. At 1:45, he will be interviewed over the University Hour on KOAC.

A press conference will be held at 2:45 at the Officer's Club at the Eugene hotel. Representatives from the radio stations, the Register-Guard, the Emerald, and the news bureau have been invited. A banquet will be given in his honor in the Bamboo room of the Eugene hotel sponsored by the United World Federalists of Eugene and the Eugene Council on World Affairs.

Meyer believes in a dual foreign policy for the U. S. Explaining this point, he asserts "It would be both foolish and dangerous for the U. S. government to weaken the defense of the U. S. in any way so long as the present state of international anarchy exists, however, the present situation cannot go on indefinitely. We must be willing to accept international law and government. We must put it up to Russia; we cannot know what her answer will be till this is done."



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Campus Burglar Still at Large

No lead has been found on the identity of the robber who made off with a \$200 wrist watch and \$68 in cash from the Kappa Sigma fraternity house Sunday morning, according to the office of men's affairs.

This is the second robbery to hit Oregon fraternity houses within a week. Sigma Alpha Mu and an off-campus rooming house were burglarized early on the morning of May 1, with a total loss of \$73.50 reported.

Kappa Sig James Wasch lost his \$200 watch in Sunday's robbery, while four other men lost from \$8 to \$30.

The office of men's affairs issued a warning yesterday to all men's houses to be on the lookout for similar burglaries.

Omission

Peter Gong, whose name was omitted from the list, was tapped by Asklepiads during junior weekend, according to President Lynn Hamilton.

Vodvil Winner Awarded Prize

Since the nationwide radio talent show to be sponsored by the University of Nevada has been canceled, Elizabeth Nelson, judged the outstanding individual performer in the All-Campus Vodvil, has been awarded a table model cigarette lighter as an award.

Art Johnson, Vodvil chairman, made the presentation yesterday at lunch at Miss Nelson's living organization, Delta Delta Delta.

According to Johnson, the Nevada show was first postponed and then canceled because of budget difficulties. The University of Nevada does plan to sponsor a radio talent show next year, but all plans for this year have been junked.

T. Z. Koo Speaks on China Thursday

"China in Transition" will be the topic of a speech by Dr. T. Z. Koo, secretary of the World student Christian Federation, in McArthur court Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Among Dr. Koo's numerous visits to the United States was his trip to the April, 1945 United Nations conference in San Francisco as adviser to the Chinese delegation. Presently he has been lecturing on religion at the State University of Iowa.

Secretary of the World Student Christian Federation since 1934, Dr. Koo represented that organization in a speaking tour of the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, and South America in 1945. He has also been a leading figure

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in Christian gatherings in Oxford, England; Madras, India; and Amsterdam, Holland.

After graduating from St. John's university in Shanghai, Dr. Koo worked for nine years as a Chinese Railways Service official. He joined the staff of the national committee of the Chinese YMCA in 1919 and served in this capacity for 10 years.

At the beginning of the past war Dr. Koo and his wife suffered near-starvation in Hong Kong before reaching Shanghai. In 1944 he experienced a hazardous journey to Chungking disguised as a peddler.

Dr. Koo is speaking at the University under the auspices of the campus YWCA, YMCA, and the educational activities department.

Essay Contest Open to Writers

"Academic Freedom and Democracy," "Civil Rights in Oregon," are the subjects for essay entries for this year's Philo Sherman Bennett prize, open to Oregon students.

Committee Chairman Waldo Schumaker, professor of political science, explained that under the terms of this bequest, a prize is to be offered for "the best essay on the principles of free government."

This year, he said, a prize of \$35 is offered for essays of 6000 words and under on the above subjects. The contest, with deadline set for May 21, is open to any undergraduate.

Standard practices with respect to documentation must be observed. Additional information may be obtained from members of the committee, Schumacher, P. L. Kleinsorge, associate professor of economics, and R. W. Smith, assistant professor of history.

Webb to Meet Weekly Publishers

Carl C. Webb, assistant professor of journalism, will attend a meeting of weekly newspaper publishers in Pendleton Sunday.

Seven northeastern counties will be represented at the informal meeting.

Webb is secretary-manager of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers association.