

# Aleutian Expedition Discussed by Laughlin; Ancient Relics Found, to Be Displayed

A two and a half month expedition in the Aleutian Islands was discussed by W. S. Laughlin, associate professor of anthropology, in an interview Tuesday.

Laughlin, under the auspices of the Arctic Institute of North America, carried on research started in 1938 by the Smithsonian Institute and continued during the last two years by Harvard University.

Laughlin, G. H. Marsh, a linguist from Columbia University, and Fred A. Milan, a student from the University of Alaska spent much time at villages on the islands of Umnak and Attu. There they found old village sites from which they took articles such as harpoon heads, carvings, arrow points, fish hooks, etc., made of ivory, stone, and bone.

Many of these articles will be on exhibit soon at the museum in London and in the Library.

### ANCIENT HOUSES FOUND

Also on Umnak and Attu the expedition found underground houses of the ancient Aleuts. These houses were covered with sod. The only source of heat in these underground homes was stone lamps, some of which Laughlin has brought back for display.

The Aleuts speak three dialects of Eskimo, and also Russian and English. They make their living from fishing, mostly for salmon, halibut and cod. Every summer the men go to the Pribilof Islands for fur seals. The government authorizes this journey and the Aleuts kill from 50 to 60 thousand seals for the government each year.

### LIFE IS STERN

"Their stern life in the Aleutian Islands, where the weather is far better than is generally supposed, has made the Aleuts an unemotional and unworried people," Dr. Laughlin said.

"They never display their emotions. Even in childbirth the Aleut women never say a word. You have to become their friends and talk to them man-to-man before you find out what they are thinking about."

### THEORY BORNE OUT

The theory that there have been two waves of immigration into the Aleutian Islands was borne out by the discovery this summer of a harpoon head decorated with a beautiful circle-and-dot design. It is perhaps 1,500 years old and belonged to the pre-Aleut era. It

was found in an old village site at Nikolski on Umnak, which is itself perhaps the oldest settlement in the Aleutian Islands and is still inhabited today by about 55 Aleuts.

"This race of people has had more ups and downs than any recent ethnic group," Laughlin says.

"Two hundred years ago the Aleuts were at their prime—16,000 strong. They had a distinct culture and had even made rudimentary anatomical studies, they had a good working knowledge of human physiology."

### TO PUBLISH GRAMMAR

Marsh, who will publish a grammar of the Aleutian language as a result of his studies, has found that the Aleuts performed autopsies in order to find out why people died.

They are the only race, beside the Egyptians, to mummify and preserve their dead. Since this art is no longer practiced they had no objections to the moving of mummies to the States, said Laughlin. A display of material, skeletal and artifacts, brought back will be in the museum of the Anthropology Department as soon as it is unpacked.

# Inter-dorm Plans Dancing, Bowling

Dancing classes for dormitory students and two inter-dorm bowling leagues will be organized as part of the Inter-dorm Council's social program for the year, it was decided at a council meeting Tuesday evening.

Paul Jaeger, head of the council social committee, is handling the plans for the dances, and Clarence Naapi is setting up the bowling leagues.

Lessons for both beginning and advanced students are planned, Jaeger said. A former Arthur Murray instructor will handle the classes.

Bowling leagues are being planned for both men and women with a rotating cup to be given the winning teams in each league. Dormitories are asked to contact Naapi at Sherry Ross Hall as soon as possible with names of team members.

# AWS Issues Call For Auction Items

Appealing to all campus living organizations, collections chairman Ann Darby yesterday issued a call for material to be sold at the annual AWS auction, set for next Wednesday.

Acceptable items include books, pens, rain hats, and small articles of wearing apparel.

Material may be left at McArthur Court, room 203, before Tuesday, Oct. 18, at 5 p.m.

Miss Darby also released the list of her committee workers. They are Marilyn McDonald, Maxine Krisch, Maxine Anhoury, Jane Cover, Jeanne Hall, Barbara Booth, and Maureen Cotta.

Also auctioned at the annual event will be a group from a men's and a women's living organization, selling their services as hashers or entertainers to other living groups.

# Pictures Scheduled

The following living organizations will have their pictures taken at the Kennel-Ellis studios today and tomorrow:

Today—Kappa Sigma and Sigma Alpha Mu.

Friday—Delta Upsilon and Phi Gamma Delta.

# Service Honorary Taps Sophomores

Vern Stolen and Willie Morris were tapped by Skull and Dagger, sophomore men's service honorary, Tuesday night.

Herb Lombard was elected vice president of the group, replacing Larry Meiser, who is withdrawing from school.

Stolen is a member of Phi Kappa Psi, while Morris is affiliated with Yeomen.

Plans for new Skull and Dagger emblems have been drawn up by the organization and orders placed. The new designs will be a clarification of the old emblems, according to President Vern Beard.

Gordon Wright, associate professor of history, is this year's Skull and Dagger adviser.

# Castell to Assist In New Publication

Aulbury Castell, of the University Philosophy Department, is serving as adviser for philosophy on the "American Quarterly," a new publication by the University of Minnesota dealing in American Studies.

Mr. Castell, prior to his coming to the U of O, was a member of the faculty of the University of Minnesota.

# 'Open House' Today

"Open house" is the order of the day at the YWCA this afternoon from 3 to 5.

Students, faculty members, and interested Eugene townspeople are invited to inspect new Y facilities in Gerlinger Hall. Refreshments will be served. Co-sponsors for the event are the YWCA cabinet and the senior advisory board.

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# Club Schedules Noted Economist

At a dinner meeting of the Social Science Club, Oct. 17 at 6:15 p.m., Dr. Howard S. Piquet, visiting professor of economics, will speak on "Our Foreign Economic Policy and the Recent Currency Devaluations." Dr. Piquet is a senior specialist in international economics, legislative reference service, Library of Congress.

Reservations for the dinner may be obtained from Prof. H. E. Dean, 109 Oregon Hall, by Saturday noon, Oct. 15. The Social Science club is for members of the faculty only.

# Campus Calendar

4:30 — Inter-racial fellowship meeting—Westminster House.

5:30—Phi Chi Theta installation of officers—Faculty Club.

6:15—Phi Eta Sigma—3rd floor Gerlinger.

# Librarians to Meet

House librarians will attend a business meeting today at 4 p.m. in the Library browsing room.

A new president will be elected at today's meeting to replace Robert King, who resigned. The meeting will be conducted by John Brown, vice-president.

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