

Completion of Erb Memorial Union To Fulfill Dreams of Thousands

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Completion of the Erb Memorial Union Building in late March or early April will be the fulfillment of a dream.

It is a dream of thousands of students and alumni who began raising money for the project back in 1923, and who did not give up despite the fact that it has taken more than a quarter of a century for the plan to be realized.

MASS OF MATERIAL

When completed the building will be an organized mass of brick, stone, concrete, wood, marble, wires, pipes, sheet metal, and glass.

But you won't be aware of all that when you look at the finished product any more than you would think of a person as a mass of blood, arteries, bones, and muscles.

The building was conceived on the drawing boards of Architects Lawrence, Tucker and Wallmann of Portland. Construction was begun in October, 1948.

GRADUATE OF OREGON

Ralph J. Gibbs, superintendent of construction, is a man familiar with the project from the beginning. A 1924 graduate of the University, Gibbs was a student when the movement for a student union building began.

Despite a sign in Gibbs' office that reads, "More fish has been caught and more deer shot in this office than in any other part of the state," the work has gone along pretty much on schedule.

Another Oregon alumnus "on the job" is Jim Kirsch, brother of Baseball Coach Don Kirsch, who

is clerk for the Ross B. Hammond Company, building contractors. He graduated in 1948.

SODA BAR

Both men spoke familiarly of the "leather lounge," the "soda bar," and the "memorial stairs" as though they were complete, when to an outsider they were mere empty spaces in a big, hollow shell.

The body of the building is made of roughly 290,000 bricks, 6,200 cubic yards of concrete, 15 freight car loads of Indiana limestone, 56,000 pumice blocks of various sizes, and 3,000 concrete blocks.

TERRAZZO FLOORS

Floors of the leather lounge, the main lobby, and the memorial stairway are of terrazzo, a mixture of green-tinted concrete and marble chips. The stairway is lined with marble. In all, about 2,000 square feet of walls are of marble.

Total floor area is about 120,000 square feet. Other floors are made of wood, quarry tile, asphalt and rubber tile, and concrete.

The browsing room of the new building is a replica of the Ethel R. Sawyer room in the library. It has a fireplace at each end, and the walls are wood panelling.

THIRD FLOOR BALLROOM

Third floor of the building has the ballroom with a spring dance floor. The ballroom opens into a salon on the east and a terrace on the west. The terrace can be reached from the sidewalk by steps on the outside of the building.

Push-button controls operate the dividing "curtains" that separate the salon from the ballroom.

Arteries of the building are the nearly 30 miles of copper wiring used. About 11½ miles of conduit and 550 feet of primary cable were also used.

EXTENSIVE WIRING

The wires lead to the 27 feeder panels, and carry the current which operates the paging system, the public address system, lights, projection room equipment, the program clock, bell system, and the annunciator.

The annunciator is a device which detects when a person is in certain of the rooms which are used only with permission.

In case of power failure, an emergency lighting system has been installed.

In case of fire, both thermal and "break glass" fire alarm systems are in the building.

REMOTE CONTROL

The lighting in some sections of the building is remotely controlled. The recreation area in the basement with its eight-alley bowling set-up and rooms for table tennis and billiards is lighted in this way.

Plumbers have installed 13,260 feet, or about 2½ miles, of pipe in the building.

So it is that a mass of brick and stone, wood and metal, are molded into a building. Molded into the building also are the dreams and dollars of all the people who contributed to it.

'Bishop Misbehaves' Troupe Plans Road Show Tour in Eugene Area

The University Theatre will produce "The Bishop Misbehaves" for audiences within 60 miles of Eugene.

The comedy-mystery, in the form of a traveling unit, will start engagements early in December. The show will make its only overnight trips on the week-ends.

Preliminary plans, concerning lodging and food for the cast and stage crew and revenue from the play, must be worked out before the production.

Interested communities or organizations should address their letters to Horace W. Robinson, University Theatre, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon.

Army Positions Invite Women

Positions for single women as United States Army civilian employees overseas are now open, according to the Portland Employment Service.

There are positions for both librarians and recreational directors. Applicants will be interviewed at the State Employment Service, 11th and Stark, Portland, Dec. 1 and 2. Information and applications are available at the Eugene Employment Service.

Librarians must be 21 or over and have a library degree. Recreational directors must be between the ages of 24 and 35, have a college degree, and have one year's paid adult recreation or group leadership experience.

The positions are in either Japan or Okinawa. The minimum tour of duty in Okinawa is one year and in Japan two years. The approximate pay is Japan, librarians, \$205 and recreational directors, \$185; and Okinawa, librarians, \$235, and recreational directors, \$215.

Weber Reports Petitions Open For Senior Ball

Petitions are now open for Senior Ball committee positions, Bob Weber, dance chairman, announced Wednesday.

The annual ball, scheduled for Jan. 21, will be the first all-campus dance of winter term.

Committee heads will be chosen from the senior class, but other students are encouraged to apply for committee membership, Weber said. Students are requested to petition for committees following their interests and talent.

All petitions must be submitted to the ASUO president's office at Emerald Hall by Wednesday, Dec. 6.

Open committees are decoration, promotion, tickets, cleanup, intermission program, and publicity.

Quartet to Give Second Concert

The faculty string quartet will present its second concert of the year at 4 p.m. Sunday in the School of Music Auditorium. The group will be accompanied by Stacey Green, professor of piano.

George Boughton, professor of violin, and Mary Kapp Alton, music teacher, are violinists for the quartet. Edmund Cykler, professor of musicology, plays the viola and Milton Dieterich, instructor in cello, the violoncello.

The program will include the Haydn Quartet, Op. 64, No. 5 called "The Lark," the String Quartet No. 2 by Walter Piston, and the Piano Quartet, Op. 15 by Gabriel Faure.

This is the fourth year in which the group has presented monthly concerts.

John: You know you're not a bad looking girl.

Hope: Oh, you'd say so even if you didn't think so.

John: Well that makes us even then. You'd think so, even if I didn't say so.

Kline Tells Veterans Of VA-Deducted Time

Veterans who indicated their desire to allow accelerated expiration of eligibility time on the basis of excessive educational costs are reminded by James D. Kline, assistant registrar, that the Veterans Administration has deducted eligibility time. This applies whether or not costs were excessive.

All veterans are advised by Kline to check carefully on notices of award and if they find eligibility time has been deducted even though their expenses were not in excess of the VA limit, they should immediately make the change with the Registrar's Office.

It is important that veterans notify the Registrar's Office immediately so correct notices of award may be obtained in cases where time during winter term might have been deducted.

The unnecessary deduction of eligibility time will be corrected when the University bills the VA for veteran expenses at the end of fall term.

Requests for accelerated expiration of eligibility time were made during fall registration.

ISA Meet Planned For Tonight at 7

The question of deferred living will be discussed at an ISA meeting tonight at 7 in room 5 Commerce.

Final plans for the mixer dance to be held on Dec. 2 will also be made.

Actors Tryout Tonight

Tryouts for male roles in the second production of the University Theater will be held tonight at 7:30 in 205 Villard. Tryouts for female roles will be announced later.

The play, directed by Otlie T. Seybolt, will be "Thunder Rock" by Robert Ardrey.

Yule Fiesta Planned By Language Clubs

A colorful pre-Christmas festivity to which the public is invited is a Christmas Fiesta party given by foreign language groups at 7 p.m. next Thursday in the YMCA.

The program will include songs and dances performed by members of the French, Spanish, Russian, German, and Oriental language clubs. Refreshments will be served.

Sigma Xi Brings Science Lecturer For Star Talk

Dr. K. O. Wright, Canadian astrophysicist, will be the first visiting speaker of the year in the Sigma Xi, national science honor society lecture series.

Speaking at 8 p.m. Dec. 12 in room 207 Chapman, Wright will present an illustrated lecture on "Stars—Giants and Dwarfs."

A graduate of the University of Toronto, with his Ph.D. from Michigan, Wright is now on the staff of the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory, Victoria, B.C.

For the past decade he has been studying stellar atmospheres and has made contributions to the curve-of-growth theory.

"Wright has a detailed knowledge of the physics of stellar atmospheres and has much interesting information to present upon the very large and the very small stars," Joseph A. Pearce, observatory director, stated.

Preceding the lecture, Wright will be honored by Sigma Xi at a dinner in the Faculty Club.

Alpha Phi Girls Win YW Bridge Tourney

Bridge Players Corlista Vonderahe and Phyllis Gardner Tuesday won a new trophy for Alpha Phi sorority in the finals of the YWCA Upperclass Commission bridge tournament.

Tuesday's finals climaxed several weeks of playing, in which all women's living organizations originally entered candidates. Lists were narrowed down in each week's schedule, with Mary Vranizan and Janice Reed of Delta Gamma competing against the winners in the finals.

"I'm flunking Phys Ed."
"Why? How are your marks?"
"I haven't any marks yet—just a few bruises."

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