

Court Set Precedent; Martians Have Last Say Over Displayed Rock

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How do you discover a meteorite? The easy way, second-hand variety, is to climb the back stairs of McClure Hall to the outdoor porch, where resides what looks like a sophisticated hunk of coal.

It's just a papier-mache replica, but it's a model of the largest chunk of visitor-from-outer-space ever found in the United States—the Willamette Meteorite, which has its own little history of sweat and tears.

How do you discover a meteorite firsthand?

You sit on it, thump it idly with your axe, decide "I'll bet this thing's a meteorite" when it rings like a bell.

At least that's how Ellis Hughes nearly 50 years ago, back in 1902, discovered the Willamette Meteorite on a wooded hillside near Willamette, Ore., across the river from Oregon City—a hillside that, unfortunately, didn't belong to him.

"The thing would probably be there yet," Hughes told the Oregonian in 1938, "but my wife (you know how women are) had ideas. She was afraid somebody would go up and get it the next day."

The three months it took the discoverer to move the 16-ton hunk of metal (mostly iron) less than three-quarters of a mile to a spot near his home showed this last fear to be groundless. Hughes told no one, progressing less than 100 feet per day with a home-made cart drawn by a horse-operated windlass.

Twenty-five cents was the modest admission price the Welshman charged all comers to see his find when he finally got it set up in a shed. But he collected one quarter too many.

An interested onlooker one day was a lawyer representing the Oregon Iron and Steel Co., who owned the hillside from whence the meteorite had come, and who had a corresponding hole in the ground to prove it. A cash offer of \$50 for the meteorite was declined, and court action followed.

This was the beginning of the end for Hughes. Oregon Iron and Steel claimed the celestial visitor, and the New Yorker to whom they soon sold it presented it to the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, where it still resides.

And does the tale of a meteorite have a moral?

Well, the Mining World of Sept. 9, 1905, extracted a dilly from the court decision.

"The courts found for the landowners and established a precedent that whatever falls from Mars, the moon, or any other distant sphere, whose occupants are not on visiting terms with the people of the earth, becomes a part of the hereditaments of the land on which it falls."

Still, this leaves a legal loophole for the Martians if they ever decide to start claiming old meteorites.

Senior Interviews Urged by Onthank

Prospective March graduates are advised by Karl W. Onthank, director of the graduate placement service, to make contact with his office as soon as possible to obtain employment information, job interviews, and recommendations.

Students planning to graduate in June are also advised by Onthank to make this contact.

The Graduate Placement Service Office is located in Room 216, Emerald Hall.

Medical School Sets Interviews

Interviews for approximately 45 candidates for appointment to the University of Oregon Medical School at Portland will be held in McClure Hall today and Saturday.

Students who will have completed pre-medical requirements by the end of the school year are eligible.

Four faculty members will conduct the interviews. They are David W. Beard, dean of the Medical School; Edward S. West, chairman of the admissions committee and head of the department of biochemistry; William B. Youmans, member of the admissions committee and head of the department of physiology; and William A. Zimmerman, executive secretary of the Medical School.

Appointments are based on recommendations, GPA, records in key courses, results of the medical aptitude test, and personality.

Selection Date Set For Rally Leaders

Four new rally dukes will be selected from tryouts at 4 p.m. Tuesday in McArthur Court, Yell King Jim Crismon announced Thursday.

This will enlarge the male population of the rally squad, which previously included only two dukes. Former dukes Bob Stageburg and Dave Callahan have resigned.

Milk Dispensers Installed in Dorms

The University saves four cents a quart on milk through the installation of new milk dispensers in John Straub and Hendricks Halls, according to Foods Director H. P. Barnhart.

The new refrigerated units were installed during the vacation. The Veterans' Commons has had one since last November.

Milk had formerly been served in bottles. The new dispensers hold milk in five-gallon cans. Barnhart said the purchasing of milk in bulk lots reduced the cost from 22 to 18 cents a quart.

Other advantages of the dispensers are that the milk is constantly cold and that less space is needed in storage.

Students to Sign For Winter Rush

Both men and women students may now sign up for winter term rushing if they have a 2 cumulative GPA or a 4 prep decile.

Women apply for rushing in the office of Golda P. Wickham, director of women's affairs, and men at the Office of Men's Affairs, 201 Emerald Hall.

Students who filed cards last term and wish to rush this term must file another card, it was announced. Men students here fall term may pledge any time, but new students must wait until Jan. 16.

New Troubles Seen For Dick Williams

Oregon's Student Union Director has a new worry. It's the mumps.

Three out of six members of Dick Williams' family have already contacted the disease—his wife, and his sons, Tommy, 6, and Jerry, 7. The other son, Bobby, 4, seems to be disappointed that he hasn't got the same thing his older brothers have. Williams himself won't mind being left out at all.

He gives himself until early next week to either contact or miss them. Amy Lee Williams, 1, also has escaped the difficulties of enlarged jaws so far.

Cold Wave Breaks; Showers Predicted

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 5—(UP) The Northwest cold wave partially broke up today, and the weather bureau said the outlook for tonight and Friday called for warmer temperatures, occasional showers, and melting snow in many areas west of the Cascades.

Snow or snow mixed with rain will hit the higher elevations tonight, while snow will fall occasionally in the eastern portions of the two states.

Seven deaths—two in British Columbia, three in Washington, and two in Oregon—were caused by the severe weather. The latest one was north of Ilwaco, a fishing community in southwestern Washington.

Walter Kimbel, 29, died when the car he was riding in skidded on an icy road and overturned in a ditch.

Athletic Tickets Offered Again

Students not completing registration before tonight's contest must obtain a statement from the registrar's office declaring that they have been unable to finish through no fault of their own. The same procedure will be necessary for admission to Saturday's game.

The ticket office in McArthur Court will issue student athletic cards all through the day until halftime of tonight's basketball game between Oregon and Washington State. Cards will also be issued Saturday morning until noon.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

11:00 a.m. "WHO ART THOU"
 9:45 a.m. University Class, Glen Holden
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 9:15 p.m. City Wide Singspiration

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