

'Windowless' Building Draws Student Comment, Curiosity

by Eugene Rose

What would you say is the most mysterious building on the campus?

Undoubtedly to most of us the answer would be "the building with no windows."

Located near the center of the campus between Chapman Hall and the University Library, "the building with no windows," or the Museum of Oriental Art, is a massive, box-like brick structure.

It was constructed in 1921 to house its noted collection, with the citizens of Oregon financing the building cost. The collection to be found within it was the priceless oriental art collection of Mrs. Gertrude Bass Warner. It was a gift to Oregon in the memory of Mr. Murray Warner.

To serve as director of the museum, Mrs. Warner was appointed for lifetime. Today, she is assisted by Mrs. Mabel K. Garner.

The collection includes an impressive array of oriental items from delicate handwork, through unusual paintings, to massive furniture.

In addition to the collection, there are administrative offices, a library, and a study and reference room on the three floors of the museum.

Another classification it could

fall under is that of being the least visited building on the campus.

Although students make it a point to see when visiting parents arrive, they seldom make more than one visit to the museum unless they are in a correlated field of study.

Special events like Homecoming, Mother's Day, and Father's Day are usually expected to bring the visitors to the Museum. Its collection is one of the best of its type on the coast and yearly attracts visitors throughout the state.

The prevailing student opinion about the absence of windows is that they were omitted to protect the collection from burglars.

However, explains Mrs. Garner, this belief is entirely wrong. The building was constructed as it is to protect the collection from the damaging effects of the sun, and to provide additional space to hang the far-East art.

But the really strange things about "the building with no windows" is that it has several windows. If you're ambitious enough to go inside you would see they do exist. And if that is still too much effort, you can notice two tinted windows on the south side of "the building with no windows."

WBC Meeting Set Jan. 19

Business women from Eugene, Springfield, Corvallis and Portland will meet on the campus Jan. 19 for the third annual Women's Business Conference.

The conference, sponsored by Phi Chi Theta, business women's honorary, will include discussions of personnel, accounting, and retail merchandizing as business fields for women.

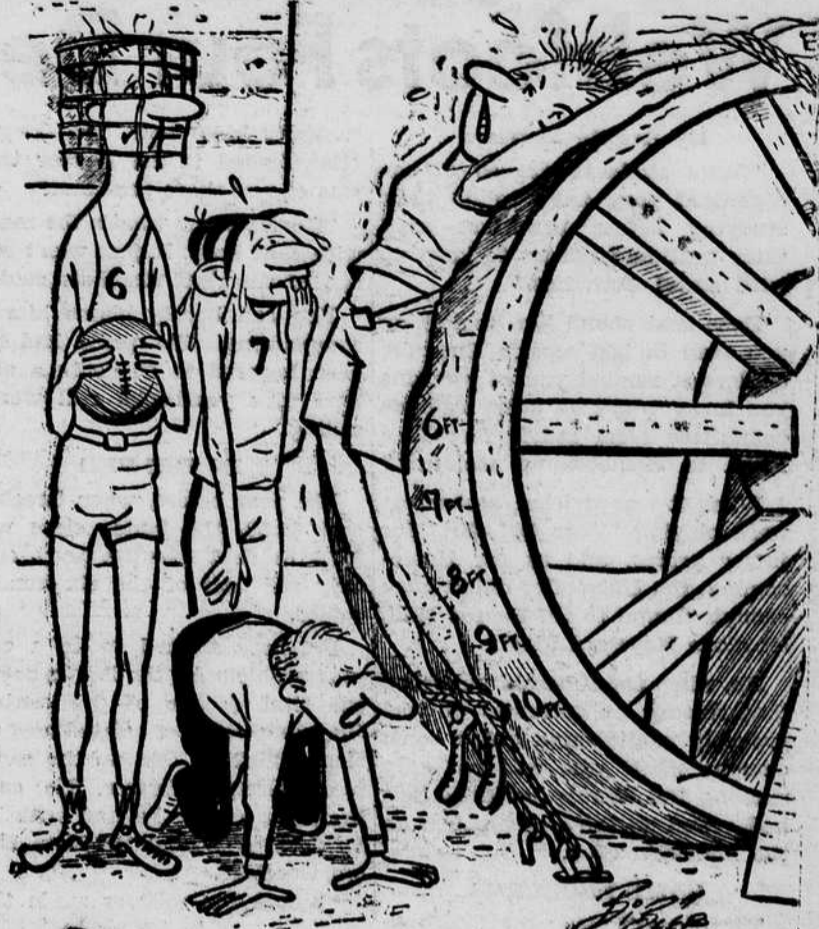
Members of the honorary sold homemade candy to University students Wednesday to provide funds for the conference. The sale continued only half of the day, because of excellent response by the students, who consumed the supply shortly after noon, Johanne Wong, president of the honorary, explained.

Bergaman Cuts Ties

ROME—(UP)—Ingrid Bergman will get a swift Mexican divorce so she can marry Italian Movie Director Roberto Rossellini as soon as possible, Rossellini's attorney said Thursday.

The director's lawyer, Gino Sotis, said the Swedish actress had agreed to give up custody of her 11-year-old daughter, Pia, to Dr. Peter Lindstrom, her Hollywood surgeon husband.

Memo to Athletic Dept.



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