

Modern History Not Emphasized Enough in Colleges--Caughey

By Adeline Garbarino
There is not enough emphasis placed on modern history either in our textbook or in our college courses, said John Caughey, noted American historian, Thursday night in the fourth of the University-sponsored lecture series.

"The major justification of the study of history, particularly western history," he said, "is to make us better able to meet the problems of today." Although this is not now being done adequately, Caughey hopefully concluded that, "maybe in the next world things will work out that way."

Compared to Racing form
Caughey compared the proper study of history to a racing form sheet, which lists a little of the origin of the horse, and some chronological information, but which stresses the most recent performances of that horse in order to prepare the reader for today.

For purposes of comparison, Caughey divided the whole scope of history west of the Mississippi into five phases—the pre-historic phase, a period of spying out the land, an early pioneer epoch, a full pioneer epoch, and finally, our times.

20th Century Shunned
An unproportionately large share of historical literature deals with the earlier times, leaving the twentieth century much to shift for itself.

Scientists have written much about the lay of the land, the rivers, mountains, and the inhabitants of that period which took place "before the dawn of history," said Caughey, and the historian is well-versed on this era.

Second Era Covered
The second era, he said, lasted for three full centuries and was a period of exploration well covered by historians. In fact, Caughey

Junior Weekend Committee Head Petitions Called

First call for Junior Weekend committee chairmanship petitions was issued by Class President Merv Hampton Sunday, with deadline set at Feb. 21.

Special Junior Weekend petition blanks are available in the Student Union Program Director's office. They may be placed in special boxes at the Co-op, Student Union main desk, or in 303 SU, headquarters for the weekend.

Chairmanships are open for 11 committees: All-Campus Sing, luncheon, float parade, traditions, Junior Prom, promotion, publicity, Midnight Serenade, queen's contest and coronation, cleanup, and terrace dance.

Any scholastically eligible student may petition, but preference will be given to juniors for chairmanships, Hampton said.

Legislature Trip Plans Formed

Foreign students and YWCA members are now being contacted and arrangements made for a trip to the State Legislature Feb. 22, Janie Simpson, chairman of the YW public affairs committee said Monday.

The Salem trip will be especially for these two groups, however other students are also invited to participate.

Making arrangements for the day's program is the Willamette University YWCA in Salem. A visit to a session of the Legislature, committee hearings, tours, and lunch with the Willamette YW and YM are tentatively planned, Miss Simpson stated.

Reservations for the trip, which will be by chartered bus, may be made at the YW in Gerlinger Hall. Expenses will include bus fare and lunch.

stated that there are as many books concerned with this period as there were famous men in it.

In the third or early pioneer epoch, he said, we find a situation similar to the preceding one, but not to the same degree. This is the age of the Santa Fe Trail, and the Rocky Mountain fur trade.

Pony Express Time
Next comes the time of the Pony Express, the California Gold Rush, the clipper ship, and vigilante law. The exciting phases of this period, said Caughey, are well covered. There are just about as many books written about the Pony Express as there were ponies used in this means of communication, he remarked.

Early History Emphasized
Continuing in his observations that as far as history is concerned it seems that the main "first come—best served" applies, Caughey told of the inadequacies of twentieth century historical literature.

"Our West is quite a different one indeed," said Caughey. He characterized this period as one of power, rapid transportation, industrial development, and urbanization. In spite of its far reaching developments, most historians, he said, still mistakenly emphasize the earlier periods of history.

Foreign Student To Talk on India

Nicky Haralu, exchange student from Assam, India, will tell guests at the international student luncheon in the SU today about her native country and its problems.

All interested students and faculty members are invited to attend the weekly luncheons.

Miss Haralu is a graduate student in philosophy and economics. Although she is not majoring in the subject, she is studying racial relations. Upon her return to India Miss Haralu intends to become a social worker.

A graduate of the University of Calcutta, she has been in this country over a year, and hopes to remain here until March of 1952.

Piano, Violin Recital Scheduled Tonight

Joyce Everson and Ellen Liebe, seniors in music, will present a joint recital in piano and violin at 8 p.m. tonight in the Music School Auditorium.

The program includes numbers from Bartok, Debussy, Bach, Brahms, Hindemith, and Wieniawski. LaVerne Watts, junior in music, will accompany solo numbers by Miss Liebe.

Admission to the public is free.

Training Program Offers Bank, University Work

A group of four men accompanied by A. O. Stromquist, educational director of the United States National Bank of Portland, were visiting on the campus Monday. The visit was to acquaint the four with the school as they expect to register next fall.

This group is one of two that is taking part in a special training program under the auspices of the bank. Upon or before graduation from high school, they are hired for part-time work and continue this through the summer following their graduation.

They study and work at the bank for a year and then enter the University for a year of school, following that with another year of work in the bank. This is kept up until graduation.

The groups alternate, one going to school while the others work. Fees are paid by the bank and upon graduation, they are fully trained for their work. A. B. Stillman, professor of business administration, is adviser for the group on campus.

Frank Beach, of the bank staff, is head of the program, according to Karl W. Onthank, director of the graduate placement office,

who released the above information. Onthank reported that Beach would be on campus later in February to interview those who will be graduating this June. This does not include those who are under this special program.

Onthank also said that the bank was especially interested in women who would like to train for responsible jobs in the bank. Women are being trained for jobs to take the place of any men who might be called into the armed forces. Those interested may make appointments with Onthank's office.

YMCA Executive Interviews Students

Paul E. Keyser, area executive for the YMCA student work, will be on the campus today to confer with students and faculty about the YMCA's work.

Keyser is also chairman of the area committee on recruiting men for Y work. Any students interested in talking to Keyser about opportunities in the profession can make appointments through the YMCA office in the Student Union.

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Univ. of Pittsburgh

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