



Dr. James Conant Will Give Talk At Friday Session

President James B. Conant of Harvard university will speak on "University Education and National Security" at the 75th Anniversary Convocation Friday.

President Conant has guided Harvard, the oldest and richest (its endowment is more than one hundred and ninety million dollars) educational institution in America, since 1933. At that date he became one of Harvard's youngest presidents, and with one exception, the only president who had been a scientist.

Since ascending to Harvard's presidency at the age of 40, he has achieved distinction as an educator and as an adviser to the United States government during World War II. In late 1950, as a member of the Committee on the Present Danger, he proposed the immediate mobilization of manpower and the institution of universal military training.

Called for Universal Conscription After the beginning of World War II in Europe, Conant was one of the first to call for universal conscription in the United States and all-out aid to England. In May, 1941, he became a member of the Fight for Freedom Committee which advocated that the United States enter the war. During this period he gave many forceful speeches attacking isolationist sentiment.

On the war's scientific front, Dr. Conant was a key figure, not only because of his knowledge of the field, but also because of his administrative ability. Conant was, in the words of TIME, the "organizer, moderator and catalyst" for the entire two-billion-dollar wartime research program, including chemical warfare, radar and the atomic bomb. In June, 1948, President Truman awarded the Medal of Merit to Dr. Conant.

In late 1950, Conant proposed

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Moonlight Girls Chosen; Winner Voting on Nov. 9

Finalists in the Moonlight Girl of Phi Sigma Kappa contest are Jean Paulus and Suzanne Ney, Carson hall; Jeanese Crist, Delta Gamma; Marilyn Power, Kappa Alpha Theta; Rosemary Vaught, Alpha Chi Omega; and Verla Thompson, Alpha Omicron Pi.

The finalists will attend a dinner next Wednesday at the Phi Sigma Kappa house. Voting for the winner will take place Nov. 9 at a fireside at the house. The winner's picture will be entered in the national contest.

Class Council Hears Reports

The ASUO council in its Tuesday evening meeting:

1. Heard a report from Homecoming Chairman Francis Gillmore on plans for Homecoming weekend.

2. Appointed a committee to prepare a model constitution to be used by all classes in the interest of uniformity.

3. Discussed the possibility of class dues.

4. Reviewed proposed plans for a freshman-sophomore vaudeville show winter term.

5. Received a report from Les Anderson, alumni secretary and class advisor, on class records and a dance organization chart.

Miss Gillmore told the council that this year's Homecoming will stress spirit and participation. She called upon the two freshman representatives on the council to encourage active defense of the Oregon Homecoming bonfire due to expected retaliation from Oregon State students. The OSC bonfire was burned ahead of schedule last week.

Proposed Homecoming Schedule

The proposed Homecoming schedule as announced to the council by Miss Gillmore is as follows:

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Greeks to Entertain Children At Halloween Party Tonight

Some 2000 Eugene children will be entertained by Oregon fraternities and sororities tonight in a gigantic Halloween party which will culminate in a campus-wide stocking dance.

Underprivileged children of the Eugene area and fourth, fifth and sixth graders of the elementary schools will visit Greek houses for games, food and contests and then will travel to McArthur court where chosen finalists will participate in traditional Halloween games of apple bobbing, compete in a costume contest and play pin-the-tail-on-the-donkey.

Campus entertainment will also be featured as part of the McArthur court program.

No-date Sock Dance at 10

The no-date stocking dance will

begin at 10 p.m., at which time children will be returned to their parents by members of the Order of the O. Dress for the dance will be jeans or peddle pushers for women; regular campus clothes for men.

The dance will continue until midnight. Closing hours for all women's organizations have been extended until 12:30 a.m. Women will be allowed to leave their dormitories at 10 p.m. to attend the dance.

Parties Begin at 7 p.m.

The series of individual parties will begin at 7 p.m. Children will visit three or four houses where they will be entertained until 9 p.m. by sorority and fraternity members who have been paired by houses for the occasion. They will

then be escorted to McArthur court. Children will return to the house which was their original starting point before leaving for the basketball court.

Three of these Halloween parties will be visited and tape recorded by George Drougas, KWAX announcer. The recordings will be played on the air at 9:15 p.m., followed by a "live" broadcast at 9:45 p.m. from Mac court.

KWAX Will Record Interviews

Drougas will interview both hosts and guests at the parties.

"By this arrangement we hope to present a campus Halloween to the general public," Drougas explained.

At Mac court, entertainment and judging of contests will take place between 9 and 10 p.m. Costume Judges are President Newburn, Mrs. Leonard Casanova, Basketball Coach Bill Borcher and Eugene's mayor, V. Edwin Johnson. This feature will highlight the 15-minute broadcast.

Representatives from the Oregonian, the Journal and the Register-Guard will be present. A group from Republic Studios of Hollywood, California, presently filming "This is Eugene," also will be there.

The fraternity and sorority having the greatest proportion of their membership present will be given awards. The four losers, determined by the number of shoes deposited in individual boxes before the dance begins, will form the clean-up committee.

ASUO Cabinet to Count Shoes

Shoe judging will be handled by members of the ASUO cabinet. Stu McCollom, ASUO public relations chairman and promotion chairman of the parties and dance, requests that each organization furnish its own box for shoes.

Main chairman for the evening is Jack Smith. Other committee heads are Nancy Pollard, judges; Muriel Hagedorn, decorations; Gerry Pearson, entertainment; and Dick Davis, publicity.

Homecoming Queen Candidates Nominated; First Eliminations Scheduled for Tonight at 7 in SU

Candidates for Homecoming Queen of 1951 were chosen Monday evening in campus living organizations.

The candidates are Barbara Bates, Alpha Chi Omega; Frances Neal, Alpha Delta Pi; Pat Rice, Alpha Gamma Delta; Joan DeBenedetti, Alpha Omicron Pi; Starly Sparks, Alpha Phi; Virginia Wright, Alpha Xi Delta; Joanne Abel, Chi Omega; Marilyn Thompson, Delta Delta Delta; Connie Ohlsen, Delta Zeta; Donna Sherwood, Gamma Phi Beta; Davia Saul, Hendricks Hall; Nellie Sano, Highland House; Meredith Burch, Kappa Alpha Theta; Judy McLoughlin, Rebec House; Donna Jean Meier, Sigma Kappa; Jean Godknecht, University House; Gin-

ny Simmons, Zeta Tau Alpha; Sally Hayden, Omides.

Candidates Listed

Joan Blakely, Alpha Tau Omega; Sally Palmer, Beta Theta Pi; Helen Jackson, Campbell Club and Carson Hall; Carol Tate, Cherney Hall, Hunter and Pi Beta Phi; Ann Carson, Chi Psi; Marilyn Power, Delta Tau Delta; Martha Stapleton, Delta Upsilon; Maggie Powne, Lambda Chi Alpha; Diane Flenner, McChesney Hall; Jo Martin, Nestor Hall and Phi Kappa Psi; Nancy Miller, Phi Delta Theta; Jody Greer, Phi Gamma Delta.

Interviews at 7 p.m. Tonight

Candidates will be interviewed tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. in Rooms 110, 111 and 112 of the Student Union. Judging will be based on appearance, poise, personality and campus interest. The contestants will wear short silks or suits for the preliminary eliminations.

Due to the conflict with the Greek-sponsored Halloween party, all candidates should be at the SU early so that judging can start promptly at 7 p.m., the committee said.

Candidates who are to participate in the Halloween party will be interviewed first and released soon afterwards in order that they may take part in the party as scheduled.

Semi-finalists will be announced Thursday. The judging will take place Thursday night in Gerlinger Hall.

Square Dance Tonight In Student Union at 7

A two-hour square dancing program sponsored by the Student Union dance committee will begin at 7 p.m. tonight in the SU Ballroom.

Duck Club Rep To Speak at Rally Friday in Court

Dick Reed, a representative from the downtown Duck Club, will be featured speaker at Friday's rally in McArthur Court.

Short talks also will be provided by Coach Len Casanova and Duck Co-captains Mike Sikorra and Dick Patrick. The program, which begins at 6:30 p.m., also will include several yells, a performance by the newly-organized pep club, a presentation of John Epley's new fight song, and other entertainment.

The pep band, which consists of 15 students, has vacancies for additional members. An application may be entered by any student by sliding it under the door of Room 309 of the SU.

The University rally board met Tuesday evening and discussed the possibility of a California-Oregon dance in Berkeley on the Friday preceding the Nov. 17 Duck-Bear gridiron clash.

The rally board also decided that houses will be paired for Friday's rally with house pairings listed in Thursday's Emerald. The board also established committees for all rally board activities.

Egyptian Student Describes Thousand-year-old School

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By George J. Primis

In fascinating Cairo, the Orient's Paris, where the enigmatic Orient meets the practical Occident, where the unexpected is always possible, stands a building which is a thousand years old. This building is the El-Azhar university.

There one sees a perfect example of East and West flowing together, but never mixing. Beside the westernized Egyptians, one sees robed and turbaned Moslems from all over the world.

El Azhar (meaning "the splendid") university was erected by the Fatimite dynasty in 87 A. D. In 1148, it was discontinued as a learning institution and used simply as a mosque. But this situation did not last long and its doors were opened again to students.

In this seminary, half-university and half-church, many thousands of Moslems from youth up devote themselves to the memorizing of the Koran (the Moslem's Bible) and the discussion of the Koranic

commentaries. At the same time they study the science of religions, moral, civil, and criminal law as founded on the Koran. Courses in Arabic literature, grammar, rhetoric and logic are also given.

Fifty Percent of Students Foreigners

Fifty per cent of the students are foreigners. From China, India, Malay, Turkestan, Morocco, Japan and Turkey the faithfuls make their way to El-Azhar, because it is the chief centre of learning in the Mohammedan world.

At El-Azhar, students read the unchanging texts of their predecessors and study to become shiekhs of learned holy men. Some of the advanced courses take almost a lifetime to complete, but years are of little significance in such an atmosphere and one generation is indistinguishable from the next.

You may enter the vast arched quadrangle of the university at almost any hour and find, sitting cross-legged on the ground upon their mats, solitary or in groups, the students memorizing their Koran. Everyone here wears native dress and the white Moslem turban. Their shoes are placed beside them and as they learn their

work they sway monotonously backwards and forwards. Some of them will have been there since before dawn and will have gone straight from their morning prayer to their book.

Not Part of Egyptian Educational System

El-Azhar university does not really form part of the Egyptian educational system, because it is unique in its methods, and objectives and as such it differs greatly from both government and non-government schools. In this way the religious institution can be compared to Oxford university in that both began with monastic and other education being carried on side by side.

Apart from its function as an educational and theological centre, El-Azhar university has been a centre of nationalistic movements, especially since the days of Napoleon's invasion. Arabi Pacha, Saad Zaghloul Pacha and Mustafa Kemal Pacha were all students there.

From the social point of view, the university has a great influence on the education of its students. It acts as an agent of conservatism and throughout displays the thousand years of religious traditions behind it.