

Geography Teacher Stovall A Favorite of UO Students

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There are many hard workers among the instructors on the Oregon campus, but James C. Stovall, greying, bearlike assistant professor of geography and geology, is a hard man to beat.

The established Oregon authority on rocks and minerals always has his office door open to friends, rock-hounds, instructors, community workers, and above all, his first love, the students in his classes.

He always tries to find time for all of them, is always interested, and is genuinely concerned with their problems.

Popularity Increases

Because of his attitude towards others, his popularity has grown throughout the state.

"No matter where I go in Oregon," L. W. Staples, professor of geology stated, "I find someone who knows Jim and asks how he is and what he's doing. His name is synonymous with the name of the department."

According to S. D. Erickson, assistant professor of geology, approximately one-fifth of the freshman class has him for one course or another each year.

Stovall, at the age of 51, stands six feet, two inches tall, weighs "too darn much," speaks with a careless use of the English language, and has become famous for his easily understood lectures.

Luanne McClure, a student in Stovall's general geology class, typified student opinion of his talks when she said:

Honey Touch

"Mr. Stovall is the perfect lecturer. He has that 'homey' touch which reminds me of my father."

Staples commented that Stovall "has a genuine interest in his subject, and can teach it as the student can best understand it."

"Big Jim," as his graduate assistants fondly call him, blames his interest in the study of rocks and minerals on his step-father, a retired country doctor, whose hobby is geology.

"Doctor," as Stovall affectionately referred to him, "used to take a horse and buggy to visit patients around the Lakeview countryside, and I used to drive for 'em."

"We'd talk about geology by the hour, goin' 'round and 'round about his pet theories, which were very radical, and which he stubbornly held on to. Trouble was, most of the time, he was so disgustin'ly right."

Stovall left Lakeview in 1923, after graduating from high school, and started at the University that fall.

Mops Floors

He worked his way through college, mopping floors in the old Eugene hospital, chopping wood, and clerking in stores.

His athletic career at the University was "outstanding medically."

"I turned out for freshman football, and ended up with an appendicitis operation," Stovall related. "I was appointed pitcher on the frosh baseball team and got pneumonia. Another professor and I became university intramural handball champions. We could beat anybody at dou-

bles, but at singles I always lost."

In 1927, Stovall married a Co-burg school teacher.

He received his master's degree in geology in 1929.

That year they moved to Springfield where he opened up a flying school. The business failed, because "everyone who wanted to fly at that time had learned."

Stovall then moved to Berkeley where he was appointed a teaching fellow at the University of California.

Returns to Oregon

He left Berkeley a year and a half later to return to Oregon as an instructor of geography and geology.

In 1940, along with his University duties, he was given a Civil Aeronautics association job as co-ordinator and ground instructor for college pilots.

When World War II broke out, he was given the task of establishing a training field at Klamath Falls for pilots from the University.

He has an outstanding record of only one "washout" among the nearly 600 whom he taught, all of whom went into either the Army or Navy Air corps.

"There wouldn't be enough room in this office, Stovall commented proudly, "to put up all the medals and honors those boys earned."

Stovall likes to keep careful track of all the students, past and present he can get information on. He enjoys them as much as they like him.

Genuine Interest

His attitude towards the group he teaches has probably been best summed up by Erickson:

"Mr. Stovall has a genuine interest in his students. There is nothing superficial about the man. He can remember when he was a student, and can sympathize with their problems."

"He tries to help them as much as he can, even though his

office has probably been broken into more often for tests than any other professor's on campus.

"Now he just hangs a sign on his door saying:

"Please, fellows, don't bother breaking in. There are no test papers in here. I've taken them home."

Grad in Chemistry Gets \$3600 Grant

Herman Johansen, graduate in chemistry, has been awarded a \$3600 research grant provided by the Alcoa Aluminum Foundation fellowship for chemistry.

Johansen, a candidate for a Ph.D. degree, is conducting research on corrosion. His project will be supervised by Pierre Van Rysseberghe, professor of chemistry.

A second fellowship will be announced later, according to A. H. Kunz, head of the chemistry department.

VETS' NEWS

The following items of interest to students who are veterans, is submitted each week by R. Lawrence Whitson, officer in charge of the local Veterans Administration office.

Veterans who have changed their marital status since separation from the service, or those who have had children since they started school under the GI bill, should file a "change of status" form with the Veterans Administration office.

The change of status form entitles the veteran to a higher allowance rate. For the single person who has married it would mean an increase from \$110 to \$135 per month and for a married veteran who has had a child the increase would be from \$135 to \$160.

Most important part of the change of status process is that the raise will not be effective until proof of the change has been received by the Veterans Administration. The raise is not retroactive to the date the change took place, so the longer the delay in filing, the longer the delay in receiving the higher rate.

Veterans attending the University may contact the local office of the Veterans Administration, 208 Hampton Building, for questions regarding their status and their allowance under the GI Bill.

Smoke Out an Old Flame and Some Friends and Come to the **FIREMAN'S BALL** Memorial Bldg., 8th & A, Springfield Friday Eve.—Adm. \$1.00—Door Prizes BYOL BYOL BYOL BYOL BYOL

Campus Calendar

Noon Italian Tbl 111 SU
Jr. Panhel 112 SU
4:00 Fri at 4 Fishbowl SU
6:30 Rally 1st Fl Terrace SU
9:00 Fishbowl Mixer SU

Committees Picked By Political Party

Establishment of four administrative committees for the remainder of the year was approved by United Independent Students Wednesday.

Committees approved and their membership are: organization, Gordon Rice, Carl Groth, Marna Gehrman, Harvey Henneman, Jean Miller and Kathy Morrison; finance, Ray Westenhause, Dale Bajema, Germaine LaMarche, Loris Larson and Chuck Mitchellmore.

Other committees named are platform, Kip Wharton, Myrtle Johnson, Wes Nelson, Sam Vahey and Jackie Wardell, and publicity, Mary Alice Allen, Joy Bellarts, Connie Drury and Dorothy Iler.

Governor Praises Band Performance

The University band's Saturday performance at the Homecoming football game paid off in compliments and praise from many sources. Among the congratulations which the band has received is the following letter from Oregon's governor Paul Patterson to Robert Vagner, band director:

Dear Mr. Vagner,

I certainly want to compliment you and the members of the University of Oregon band on the excellence of the performance during the half time period of the Homecoming game.

It was a thrilling demonstration and one which will long be remembered by all who witnessed it. The beauty and precision of movement was evidence of many hours of practice and teamwork. My congratulations to the University band for an outstanding performance.

Sincerely yours,
Paul Patterson
Governor.

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"THE LAST TIME I SAW PARIS"—
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MAYFLOWER ELEVENTH AT ALDER
—Starts Sunday:
"THE GREATEST LOVE" with Ingrid Bergman
Critics and fans hail the new Ingrid Bergman for her new power and emotional depth in the film story of a woman who defied convention in search for love and happiness. Directed by Roberto Rossilini.
—Starts Next Wednesday:
"GONE WITH THE WIND" with Clark Gable, Vivien Leigh

Debate Team Enters Meet

The University's debate team will take part in the Western Speech association tournament to be held in Tucson, Ariz., on Nov. 22, 23 and 24.

The team will be composed of two men and two women.

Don Micklewait, senior in liberal arts, and Dave Cass, freshman in liberal arts, will participate in the senior men's division.

In the junior women's division, Pat Peterson and Donna DeVries, both sophomores in liberal arts, will make the trip.

Listening In ... On KWAX

Friday, Nov. 19
6:00 Dinner Hour Serenade
7:00 News Till Now
7:15 Guest Star
7:30 Radio Workshop Players
8:00 Off the Record
9:00 Kwaxworks
11:00 Sign Off

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