

UO Debaters Go To Tournament

Ten members of the University debate team left Wednesday to participate in a three day tournament at the college of Puget Sound, Tacoma. Topic of the tournament is the national debate question, "Should the United States Recognize Red China?"

Entered in the tournament in the senior men's division are Donald Mickelwait and Leland Nee. David Cass and Erik Hansen, will compete in the junior men's division.

Competing in the junior women's division will be the teams of Betty Herrman and Pat Petersen, and Donna DeVries and Shirley McLean. Loretta Mason and Marsha Meyers are entered in the women's senior division.

Accompanying the team to Tacoma are Herman Cohen, director of forensics and James Wood, graduate assistant in speech. The debaters will return Sunday.

Capacity Crowd For Goodall Talk

Reality as a concept changes in relation to our changing experiences, said Professor Donald Goodall in his browsing room lecture Wednesday night.

In his lecture for which there was standing room only, Goodall, head of the department of fine arts at the University of Southern California, said that "painting is an act of visual participation. The painter brings into visual terms his own comprehended experiences. An exhibition of skill alone is an exhibition of sterility."

Colored slides were shown with the lecture which was entitled "The Painter Peers More Deeply Into American Life."

Goodall said that American art has diversity as one of its characteristics. By the 20th century we have altered our perceptive environment so that the viewers of art today are required increased breath and humility.

Discussion leader for the lecture was Wallace S. Baldinger, associate professor of art and curator of the Museum of Art on the campus.

The next lecture, held in conjunction with the second Festival of Art which is built around the theme "The American Heritage," will be given by Dr. Ernest Scheyer, professor of art history at Wayne university. The topic for the lecture will be "The American Tradition in Sculpture."

1955 Legislature Contrasted With That of 50 Years Ago

Editors note: The Associated Press asked C. C. Chapman, editor of the Oregon Voter, who has covered the Oregon Legislature for 50 years, to reminisce a bit and tell about the changes he has seen. "Chappie," who was 79 Wednesday, is taking over the Salem column for this week.

By C. C. Chapman
Written for
The Associated Press

SALEM AP—There is quite a contrast between the 1955 Legislature and sessions of 50 years ago.

Before the 1905 session, which was the first one I covered in Oregon, and for a few years afterward, supporters and opponents of legislation passed out money to legislators rather openly. Some of these so-called fees were small; in other cases, larger sums changed hands.

In my first Oregon session, some Portland business men raised some money in behalf of an entirely proper measure. I was present when one of the businessmen's committee was given \$100 to influence a senator. He brought back \$95 change.

Another senator usually sold out both ways. When those for and against finally caught on, they paid him by check. After the senator voted, the losing side would step to the telephone and cancel payment on the check they had given.

Both of these senators served several terms. They later became prominent in affairs of state.

A. L. Mills was speaker in 1905. He won the Republican nomination because the gas company franchise was about to expire, and its renewal was opposed by a Portland editor who had been getting free gas.

After the bitter battle, the bankers won in their fight for the franchise, and the editor had to pay his gas bills after that. With the coming of the direct primary, nominations by political machines became discredited and usually were beaten. These popular victories deprived the Legislature of many of its leading members.

The newer members knew less about how to carry on, and the bribery practice largely disappeared.

In the years from 1910 to 1920 bribery was almost wiped out. Movie magnates came to the 1925 Legislature with money to buy votes against a bill intro-

duced by a preacher who wanted to curb movies.

The big movie men displayed their currency. The preacher's bill was beaten on its merits, but a few thousand dollars changed hands in the process and helped grease the way.

In recent sessions there have been two or three legislators who were suspected of being open to bribery. One former member was suspected, with some success, but without the slightest outcome on legislation.

Recent sessions have had membership of very high quality on the whole, especially from many districts outside of Multnomah county. Occasionally a few good men have been elected from Multnomah.

The present session includes many who are highly competent, being men of substance and established reputation.

There is a higher percentage of inexperienced legislators. But on the whole, all are well-disposed. Legislation is being considered on its merits.

Perhaps the competent member of any session was a Multnomah member. He had been a candidate for a federal job, but the government told him he had to file an application.

The old chap thought this meant he had to file for an office, so he turned up on the last filing day and ran for the Legislature.

But his party committee could-

not locate him to levy a party assessment. I finally identified him as a swamper in the Fourth St. resort in Portland.

But he was nominated and elected.

He came to Salem and took a room at a hotel, having been given a new suit of clothes by party politicians in Portland. I was staying at the same hotel.

My hotel bill was rendered every two weeks. When the first bill came, I was astonished at its size, and asked to see the charge slips. I found that many of them had been signed with a big round hand with my name.

I recognized the handwriting as that of the new member, so I suggested that he sign another name.

The old chap meant well, but he just got confused as to who had paid him a small fee, and often voted the wrong way.

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