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Peter Seeger, Renowned Folk Singer, Will Entertain in Today's Assembly

Peter Seeger, well-known American folk singer and banjo artist, will appear today at 1 p. m. in the Student ballroom in conjunction with the current University Festival of Arts.

Following the festival program theme of "The American Heritage," Seeger will present a lecture-recital on "American Folksongs." Although he plays several instruments, including the recorder, the banjo player leans most heavily on the long-necked, five string banjo for concert work.

Now in his middle 30's, Seeger

has had little formal music education. What he knows of singing and banjo playing he has picked up by listening, first to records in the library of Congress where he worked with Alan Lomax as a folk archivist; and second, to the real thing, the people of the nation who sang and played their instruments across the mid-western and southern parts of the country.

Thumber Across Country

Seeger quit Harvard in the 30's to thumb his way across the country, learning the American folk music first-hand from its original performers. It was on the road that he learned to play the old-fashioned long necked banjo.

The folk singer is the son of Charles Seeger, leading musicologist, and Ruth Seeger, violin teacher and compiler of children's songs. Presently engaged in a study of American folk instrumental techniques, he has spent the last 15 years touring the country.

He has sung on picket lines, on radio and television, at rallies, and at formal concerts, in the classroom and in night clubs. He first appeared with the Almanac singers (Woody Guthrie, Lee Hays, and Millard Lampell) in the early 40's.

Made Records

Later with the Weavers, Seeger traveled across the entire country

making records and giving performances until he and his driving banjo are now a familiar sight in America today.

Seeger is probably best-known, in popular music circles, for his recordings of "On Top of Old Smoky," "Good Night Irene," and "Wim-O-Weh," made with the Weavers. He, with three others, Hays, Ronnie Gilbert and Fred Hellerman, formed the folk singing group in 1949.

The Over 6' folk singer frequently gets his audience to sing along with him in some of the better-known folk numbers. One of his better known record albums, a Stinson recording entitled, "A Seeger Concert," is the reproduction, in part, of one such concert. In it are several folk favorites as, "Winnsboro Cotton Mills," the English traditional "The House Carpenter," "Paddy Works on the Railroad," and "Long John."

Seeger also is heard on another Stinson album entitled, "American Folksay," with other folk singers including Guthrie, Leadbelly, Sonny Terry, and Josh White. He is also the author of several books on how to play the five string banjo.

He made one other informal appearance in Eugene Monday night at Eugene high school, under the sponsorship of the Oregon Folklore society.

French Professor Has Book Printed

A University professor is the author of a new French textbook which will be released Feb. 16.

Carl L. Johnson, associate professor of Romance languages, wrote the book which is entitled "First Year French."

The text contains all the important principles of grammar of the language and is illustrated throughout.

The book will be used as a beginning text for college courses in French.

UO Students Will Lead ISA Discussion Groups

Three Oregon students will lead discussion groups at the regional Independent Students association convention here Friday and Saturday.

Sam Vahey, junior in business, will lead the discussion on finances Friday afternoon. Hollis Ransom, graduate in political science, will head the Saturday morning meeting on student government, and Connie Drury, sophomore in music, the discussion on off-campus students Saturday afternoon.

Other discussion periods, to be led by delegates from other schools, include party organization, dormitories, co-ops, public relations, relations with the administration, and social planning.

Delegates are expected to attend the ISA convention from Washington State college, University of Washington, Willam-

ette university, Pacific university, Idaho State college, University of Idaho and Oregon State college.

Registration will begin at noon Friday in the Student Union. The meetings will be open to all Oregon independent students.

The second annual United Independent Students' dance will be held Friday night for convention delegates and also will be open to all Oregon students. The UIS dance will begin at 8:30 p.m. on the third floor of Gerlinger hall. Admission will be 50 cents per student.

Convention chairman is Len Calvert, senior in journalism, and UIS president. Assisting him are Joy Bellarts, sophomore in music, secretary, and Ray Westenhouse, senior in chemistry, assistant chairman. Miss Drury is in charge of the UIS dance.

Junior Petitions Available in SU

Petitions for Junior Weekend committee chairmen are now available in Student Union 303, according to Bud Hinkson, junior class president. Regular ASUO petition forms will not be accepted.

Members of the junior class will be given preference for the chairmanships, Hinkson reports, but petitions will be accepted from members of all classes.

Chairmen are needed for the all-campus sing, junior prom, all-campus luncheon, terrace dance, all campus cleanup, queen contests and coronation, promotion and public relations, and publicity committees.

Deadline for submission of the petitions is 5 p.m. Feb. 22.

Influenza Siege Hits UO Campus

A record of 23 infirmarium patients was established Monday, according to hospital records. Only 12 patients were confined to infirmarium beds Sunday, with an overwhelming influx of 11 patients Monday.

So intense was the increase, that infirmarium personnel were forced to post no visitor signs on all doors in order to keep others from catching an extremely contagious influenza (flu) which is said to be the cause for this extreme amount of illness. This flu bug has been a menace to University students for approximately three weeks.

Those confined to the infirmarium are: Sharrel Houfek, Marlene Perry, Georgia Adams, Marilyn Stratford, Dorothy Griffith, Georgia Lee Gayer, Rose Marie Bruce, Gwendolyn Ellis, Maureen Naylor, Elizabeth Church, Jeannette Amick, Ronald Carlson, Row Schlessler, Richard Church, James Imbrie, David Mackin, Thomas Whatley, Larry Bruce Kenyon, Walt Ching, John McCall, Don Rotenberg, Willard Starnes, Don Schwartz.

Alpha Hall Picks Three Finalists

Misses Williams, Hay, Bartz Still in Contest

Selection of three finalists for the title, "The Toast of the Alphaholics," was made Monday night at Alpha hall by three University officials, invited by hall members to judge the six semi-finalists.

Bette Bartz, sophomore in liberal arts; Joan Hay, junior in political science, and Mary Helen Williams, freshman in business, are the three finalists chosen by Mrs. Golda Wickham, dean of women; Si Ellingsen, Student Union director, and Brad Blaine, head counselor for men.

The six semi-finalists were entertained at dinner and a dessert at Alpha Monday night, in the fourth gathering of the contest.

The "Toast of the Alphaholics" will be announced March 5 at the hall's formal dance. Hall members will vote on candidates by secret ballot this week.

Democrats Set Time, Place for Convention

WASHINGTON (AP)—Democratic leaders announced Monday that they have decided provisionally to open their national convention in Chicago on July 23 next year, but Republicans are still debating a time and place for their session.

President Eisenhower met with his political lieutenants to discuss the question. Traditionally, the GOP nominates its presidential ticket before the Democrats. The last three GOP conventions have been held in the same city.

Leonard W. Hall, Republican national chairman, reported after Monday's White House meeting that Eisenhower expressed no preference among three cities contending for the 1956 GOP convention but favored as late a date as possible and a short campaign.

Liked Idea

Democrats liked the idea of a late date and a short campaign, too, but they found it was impractical because some states require certification of presidential candidates 70 to 90 days before the November election.

If the election laws are changed in time, Democratic Chairman Paul M. Butler announced, his party will delay its nominating session until Aug. 13. That was the date tentatively chosen earlier.

Ike Not Committed

Hall told reporters he is "going on the assumption" that Eisenhower will accept nomination for a second term, although he said there was no discussion of that Monday. The President has not committed himself one way or the other.

A subcommittee headed by Hall will meet Wednesday to recommend a Republican con-

vention site. The full national committee will convene Thursday and probably will make its selection then.

Chicago and Philadelphia have offered to underwrite the GOP meeting with \$250,000 funds. San Francisco got into the running over the weekend. Hall said the West Coast city has given assurances that it can match the Chicago and Philadelphia offers, but its bid is not yet "in as definite a form."

Sculpture Topic Of Browsing Talk

"The American Tradition in Sculpture" will be the topic of the browsing room lecture given this Thursday, Feb. 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union. Dr. Ernest Scheyer, professor of art history at Wayne university, will give this week's lecture.

Dr. Scheyer is being brought to the University in conjunction with the second annual Festival of Arts. The theme for this year's festival is "Our American Heritage." Discussion leader for the lecture will be M. R. Spontenburgh, assistant professor of art.

County Scientists Meet Wednesday

Science students, prospective science teachers, and science instructors are invited to attend a meeting of the Lane County Science and Mathematics Teachers Association Wednesday at 8 p.m. at Eugene High School.

Several major supply companies of science equipment will present displays, according to Jim McNabb, president of the association.

Championships, Trophies, Money Offered in Contest

Two Northwest championships, five trophies and 1350 silver dollars will be put on the line at Forest Grove, Feb. 24-26, in the All-Northwest Barber Shop Ballad contest.

Crack male foursomes will match their vocal talents for the Northwest crown, being defended by the "Forceps Four" from the University of Oregon medical school in Portland.

For the first time in the history of the event a women's quartet contest will be held jointly with the men's competition.

Men's and women's quartets will be judged by the same rating system. Technique, blend, pitch, tonal quality, diction and precision will take up 35 percent of the rating. The rest of the judging will be based on barbershop style, 25 percent; showmanship and personality, 20 percent; appropriateness of selection, 10 percent, and appropriateness of costume, 10 percent.

The University of Oregon will have one entry in the event, Campbell club's quartet, winner of the University's title on Dad's weekend.

Civic Music Sponsors Evening Violin Concert

Tossy Spivakovsky, violinist, will appear in concert Wednesday at 8 p.m. in McArthur court under the auspices of the Civic Music association.

Spivakovsky has been appearing before the American public for only ten years and in that time has established himself as a master.

He first attracted attention in America when he performed the difficult Violin Concerto by Bela Bartok with the Cleveland and Pittsburgh orchestras so success-

fully that Artur Rodzinski, then leading the New York Philharmonic Symphony, invited him to appear with that orchestra in the fall of 1943.

He was born in Odessa in southern Russia but moved to Berlin at the age of two to study violin under Arrigo Serato and Willi Hess.

Spivakovsky made his first public appearance at the age of 10.

The artist plays a Stradivarius, made in 1721.