

Architecture Students Send Letter to Wilson

(Following is the full text of the letter presented by 15 architecture students to President O. Meredith Wilson Saturday:)

To President Wilson:
January 6, 1956

We students consider the recent readjustment of the staff to be more than routine processes for achieving departmental efficiency and harmony. Rather we consider the current activities to be a turning point in the philosophy of architectural education at the University of Oregon.

We feel the direction established in the latest staff reorganization if pursued, will inevitably result in the training of technicians in a craft rather than the education of creative individuals to operate in the profession of architecture. Such a direction would damage not only the distinguished reputation that the school enjoys but would be a breach of faith to those of us who have invested, or will invest, our time and energy earning degrees from this university.

We also feel that the present administration changes will set in motion patterns of policy that will be felt for years to come and as such, merits your most thoughtful examination.

We would like to go on record as opposing what we feel is a philosophy of education determined by administrative convenience, and as favoring the philosophy exemplified by Mr. Hayden—that of unfettered personal inquiry as a basis for education.

Reaffirming our belief in the ideas set forth in the Student Proposal of Spring 1955 for a return to a program based on the principles upon which the School of Architecture was founded, we, the undersigned, express our belief in Mr. Hayden. We feel he is the only member of the architectural staff qualified by longstanding background, integrity and devotion, to assume a position of leadership in the administration of a program suited to the best interests of the students.

The very encouraging program initiated this fall term under Mr. Hayden's direction has provided the first and only steps sympathetic with last spring's Student Proposal.

However, the position to which Mr. Hayden has been relegated leaves him without authority or direct responsibilities and therefore renders him ineffective both as a teacher and as an influence in the formation of school policy.

We want to be sure that Mr. Hayden is not held responsible for the dissention and discontent in the architectural area; the student action of last spring was neither directed against Mr. Hayden nor instigated by him.

Tickets Still Available For YW Smorgasbord

Tickets are still available for the YWCA-sponsored Smorgasbord dinner, to be served from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday on the sun porch of Gerlinger hall, according to Jean Fay and Olivia Tharaldson, co-chairmen of the event.

Priced at \$1 each, the tickets may be purchased from YWCA representatives in all women's living organizations and also from salesmen in men's dorms.

Authentic Swedish meat balls will be featured on the Smorgasbord table, along with various salads — potato, jello and cole slaw—hot rolls, rye bread and Swedish flat bread.

Assorted cheeses, relishes, stuffed dates and coffee are also on the menu.

Preparation of the buffet-style supper will be under the direction of Mrs. Signe Anderson, a Eugene cateress. Student chairman of the food, waitresses and clean-up is Larrilyn Carr.

Decorations of Scandinavian design are being made by YWCA members under the supervision of Nancy Lidbeck, Kathy Thurston, Sue Slauson and Gerry Scarborough.

Promotion is being handled by Sue Walcott. Flying speeches for the Smorgasbord at living organizations this week are being presented by the Alpha Phi

Under the Weather

Two newcomers Beverly Koster and Regina Hannon together with some old timers, Patricia Laurence, Marilyn Hagan, Nancy Zimmerly, Donna Hill and James Mee were listed as being in the infirmary Wednesday.

TWO-WEEK RUN

Hunter Names Assistants To Arena Style Production

F. J. Hunter, director of "Fancy Meeting You Again," has named assistant directors and two new cast members for the production.

Alberta Utt and Taffy Jones are assistant directors for the year's University theatre arena production.

The two most recent castings are Virginia Gobble, in the part of a secretary, and Bruce Watkins as a second Nubian slave. "Fancy Meeting You Again,"

a comedy by George Kaufman and Leueen McGrath, will open a two-week run Jan. 27.

The comedy is about a young lady, Amanda Phipps, played by Peggy Gathercoal, who has pursued the same man, Sinclair Heybore, played by Ed Ragazzino, for 50,000 years.

Amanda has been unsuccessful in the chase in the Stone Age and the Roman era. In the modern age she is a sculptress and Heybore is an art critic.

The arena production will take place in Villard 104.

Arena theatre is also called theatre-in-the-round, circus style and penthouse style. The audience surrounds the actors.

UT business manager Dori Barsness says that the arena theatre originally grew out of a need for a simple method of production. Arena style makes it possible for a play to be staged in nearly any large room.

Certain values of its own were discovered in the arena style theatre, says Miss Barsness. One of these advantages, she says, is

"the increased intimacy between the audience and the actors."

"The audience is practically on speaking terms with the actors," Miss Barsness adds, "and the line between the two is defined only by the lighting."

Arena theatre is particularly suited to light comedy such as "Fancy Meeting You Again."

The box office opens for reservations Monday, Jan. 23.

Fun Fest Petitions Due by Monday

Petitioners for general chairman of the International Fun Fest have been asked to return petitions to Lloydene Hurt at Alpha Delta Pi or to the YWCA office in Gerlinger hall by Monday, at 5 p.m.

The Fun Fest will be held Feb. 4, in honor of foreign students in Oregon. The purpose of the affair is to acquaint the international students with each other and with University and Eugene residents.

UO Republicans Hold First Meeting

Campus Young Republicans will meet tonight at 7:00 in the Student Union for the first business meeting of the year. Plans will be made for the next speaker who will address the group next Thursday.

Final work will be completed on selecting a faculty adviser now that the group is permitted to have one. Candidates for club offices may announce their intention to run in the early February elections.

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Graduates Receive Silver Pilots Wings

Four University of Oregon graduates have recently received their silver pilots wings at Goodfellow AFB, Texas, after completion of basic multi-engine pilot training there.

The four are second lieutenants John A. Elliot of Klamath Falls, Jack B. Krieger of Woodburn, Douglas G. Clayton of Portland, and Gerald R. Ingwerson of Springfield. All four received their commissions through the Air Force ROTC program at the University.

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