

Board to Study Dorm Problem

Will Hear Proposals
For Teacher Training

The State Board of Higher Education faces two of the University of Oregon's building problems Monday and Tuesday at its meeting in Portland. The most pressing problem is this:

Will the state build a new dormitory for men students, or must the university continue to "make do" with the flimsy "vets dorms" on Alder St? The vets dorms are the 12-year-old buildings Fire Chief Ed Surfus two weeks ago branded as "firetraps." Once a fire got started, the chief estimated, the plywood structures would be gone in a few minutes. On March 1 the dorms housed 180 students.

The board will also review the bids on projects to increase the university's athletic facilities. In Eugene Friday bids were opened for expanded seating in McArthur Court and Hayward Field. The board will decide what combination of bids makes the most sense, considering the amount of money that can be spent.

MAJOR ITEM

Also on the board agenda, and the principal item as far as the board is concerned, is the matter of teaching training. The board will hear recommendations of its curriculum committee for assigning education courses to the university, the state college, the three colleges of education, and Portland State.

The dormitory situation is this: At its November meeting the board approved the plans for a 320-student dormitory to be built behind John Straub Hall, facing on Emerald St.

The board estimated the new dormitory would cost \$1,250,000.

THREE CHOICES

When bids were opened Feb. 16, they were \$75,000 over the estimate. The board didn't have enough money allocated to the project.

The committee which looked at the bids decided to refer the matter to the whole board. The board has three choices:

- To dig up more money.
- To settle for a less elaborate building, or for one housing fewer students.
- To do nothing.

Bids on the expanded athletic facilities were being studied this weekend by university officials who will recommend something to the board's building committee Monday. The hope was for expanded seating at both McArthur Court and Hayward Field. However the Hayward Field work will cost more than the board had estimated.

The teacher training matter is another development stemming from the "Anderson Report" which reorganized the way the state trains its elementary and high school teachers.

Recommendations will be made for the high school teacher training programs at the three colleges of education, and for the elementary teacher training programs at the university, Oregon State and Portland State.

The board may also talk in a preliminary way about the 1954-1955 annual operating budget.

Tower Permit Granted

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Permit to construct a \$90,000 television tower at Sylvan in the West Hills area has been granted station KOIN-TV, the Multnomah County Commission announced Saturday.

Managing Director C. Howard Lane said ground breaking for the new tower is expected in about two weeks. The tower will have an effective height of 1536 feet and is expected to be completed June 15. At that time the station will go to full power of 100,000 watts. Present radiated power of the station is 56,000 watts.

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100 Take Part in Session

Citizens View School Problems In Conference With Educators

Delegates to the Lane County Lay Conference on public schools at the University of Oregon Saturday were told by a Eugene clergyman that intelligent-thinking American people, when shown the way, will see that children receive the best in education. Educators should lead that way, he said.

Dr. Wesley G. Nicholson, pastor of the First Congregational Church was the speaker, and he summarized the results of the day-long conference at the Erb Memorial Bldg. in which more than 100 citizens and educators took part.

The session started in the morning with a keynote address by State Sen. Eugene Marsh of McMinnville, who stressed the possibility that citizens of Oregon soon may have to find new sources of revenue to help support the schools. One of the ways, he said, might be through a sales tax.

Sen. Marsh also urged educators to economize wherever possible in order that the best education can be provided in relation to costs.

Section meetings were held the remainder of the morning and afternoon, which were concluded by a panel discussion

moderated by Mark Hatfield, Willamette University associate professor of political science and a member of the state legislature.

At the section sessions, groups of citizens discussed the responsibilities of citizens and of the schools. Discussions ranged from discipline, report cards, teaching of religion, and other topics, through the range of curricula topics taught.

On the afternoon panel were Circuit Judge William G. East of Eugene; Dr. Adolph Sandin of the University's school of education; Mrs. C. A. Barnes, a local member of the Eugene Lay Citizens Committee on schools; and Dr. Roy McCall, head of the speech department at the U. of O.

Some of the many ideas expressed by the panel were these:

Sandin said that the public generally wants the three R's taught in the schools. As a parent, he said, he is more concerned with the adjustment side of his offspring, than, for example, to have to concentrate on learning arithmetic.

"I want my children to understand and be able to live democracy," he said. "I want

the schools to determine their abilities and teach them accordingly."

He wants them to think critically, to work well with others.

Judge East commented on the fear held by many teachers that they may not discuss philosophies divergent with democracy.

"It is somewhat like society's taking the attitude that anyone with a stick of dynamite is going to use it for offensive purposes," he said.

There should be freedom to discuss these issues, he said; but he admitted the danger of giving a foot-in-the-door opportunity to persons who would use the opportunity destructively.

Mrs. Barnes commented on the policy of promoting children and reporting their progress: "Too often parents are inclined to make blanket statements on this without realizing that standards are maintained in the classroom," she said.

Dr. McCall noted that the teaching of spirituality is to be desired in the schools, but most teachers fear to approach religious instruction because they

might be accused of teaching sectarianism.

Hatfield told the group, as he temporarily turned over his moderating job to Judge East: "I conclude we are doing a disservice to students by keeping them all at the same level. The abilities of the gifted children," he said, "are being lost."

He urged segregation of the mentally advanced children for special training in accordance with their abilities. This drew criticism from Sandin, who pointed to the dangers in producing children always to work for the "gold star," or the "A."

It is the stimulus to them which is important, Hatfield countered.

Many other phases of school problems were discussed, and James Kays, chairman of the Lane County Lay Education Committee, urged delegates to return to their communities and tell others of the things they learned and discussed Saturday.

Sponsors of the conference were the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, the Oregon Education Assn., and the University of Oregon. The county lay group assisted.

Richard II Gets Plaudits Of Audience

By GLEN STADLER

Prof. Otilie T. Seybolt ends her quarter-century career at the University theatre on a note of triumph, with her superb production of Shakespeare's "The Tragedy of King Richard II."

The play runs three hours, but Director Seybolt permits no lagging. Scenes are shifted rapidly. There is only one intermission. She has done a highly commendable job directing the large cast of 37—some taking two parts—toward the proper interpretation, as evidenced by the four curtain calls Friday, opening night.

Mrs. Seybolt has directed many Shakespearean plays, but became even more interested in them after visiting England and seeing the productions in Shakespeare's own town of Stratford-on-Avon.

KINGLY ABILITY

As King Richard dominates the play, Don Van Boskirk, in his first UT appearance after several years in the army, dominates the portrayals, with kingly ability.

He has good support in the featured roles. John of Gaunt is played with deep feeling by Prof. George Harding, of Monmouth, who is attending the University for his Ph.D. William Hathaway performs well as Bolingbroke, who becomes Henry IV.

John Jensen demonstrates fine acting as well as ability with sets. He plays the Duke of Norfolk, and then Hotspur. Ben Schmidt was good as the Earl of Northumberland, as were Jo deLap Pearce as the Duchess of York and Loanne Morgan as King Richard's Queen.

ELABORATE SETS

The many, elaborate sets were exceptionally executed by Howard L. Ramey, assisted by Jensen. Costumes were brilliant.

"Richard II" opened Friday night and will be presented Monday through Thursday.

Hit-Run Driver Sought

Eugene police Saturday were looking for the driver of an automobile that struck a car driven by Roy E. Wilson, Roseburg, and failed to stop. The collision occurred on West 7th Ave. near the city limits. Wilson reported only slight damage to his car.

Students From Local Schools Rated at Music Competition

Eugene schools were represented by 165 music students Saturday in Western Oregon music competition held in Monmouth.

Soloists and members of vocal and instrumental groups from Cottage Grove, Creswell, Junction City, McKenzie, Springfield and Willamette high schools also sent representatives to the competition. More than 700 students from 30 schools in the western part of the state took part.

Students from Eugene schools who won the following ratings in the competition included:

"Superior": Virginia Chapman, Joan Finlayson, Betty Lush, Evelyn DeMoss.

"Excellent": Carol Buford, Edward Gray, Beth Teague, Nan Wood, Doris Pearson, Deanna Vaughan, Kay Krebs, Dorothy Gamblin, Jerry Holloway, Carolyn Risley, Martha Crumroy, Betty Bylund, Dianna Lee, Jerry Brindley, John Vazier, Steve Keutner, and Terry Foskett; Colin Kelly eighth grade girls' ensemble, boys' double quartet, clarinet quartet, and string quartet; Eugene High School percussion ensemble, woodwind trio, and sophomore string quartet; Wilson trombone quartet and clarinet quartet.

"Good": Barbara Ford, Sandra Springer, Barbara Ehardt, Donna Dyer, Mary Eldridge, Genevieve Lebaugh, and Eugene High School clarinet quartet "B."

Ratings for the Willamette High School participants were:

"Superior": girls' sextet; "Excellent": clarinet quartet, clarinet trio, cornet quartet and flute trio. Singer Myrna Myers was rated "Excellent" and Russell Olson was rated "Good."

In two days time, the strikers, reputedly incensed at having been singled out in a court injunction, have tied up all piers on the sprawling Manhattan and Staten Island waterfronts.

Only six piers were worked Saturday in Brooklyn and only one on the New Jersey side of the great, 350-mile port.

The National Labor Relations Board, which had obtained the injunction against the International Longshoremen's Assn. (ILA), announced it would return to court Monday seeking a contempt citation.

Swift British Sub Propelled By Peroxide

BARROW, England (AP)—Britain Friday launched a new submarine hailed by experts here as the world's fastest. The 225-foot craft—boosted along by hydrogen peroxide which most women know as a hair bleach—was developed from captured German war secrets.

Naval experts said the secret-shrouded Explorer—Britain's answer to America's atomic-powered sub, the Nautilus—will be able to dart half way around the world without surfacing. An Admiralty spokesman said he would "not deny" reports that the Explorer can outrun the Nautilus.

The 340-foot Nautilus, launched last Jan. 21, is expected to develop more than 26 knots (30 knots an hour) while submerged. She is designed for almost unlimited cruising range. The conventional battery and diesel powered submarine has a top speed of 16 or 17 knots when submerged.

A British Admiralty announcement said the hydrogen peroxide was used as a propulsion "agent" on the Explorer. The actual fuel used is oil but details of the engine are secret.

Many Suicides

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)—Bonn government authorities moved Saturday to check a wave of West German bug poison suicides after 24 persons had taken their lives in the past few days with insecticides.

President Joins In Stag Song Fest

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower joined heartily Saturday night in singing old Army songs at the annual stag dinner of the White House Correspondents Assn. honoring him.

The president sang out lustily as song writer Irving Berlin led some 750 guests in the melody, "Oh How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning," which Berlin wrote while he was in the Army in 1918.

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Clues Scarce In Hank Case

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Portland police today summed up results of a week of investigation in the death of 16-year-old high school girl Diane Agnes Hank by saying several theories had been produced but few actual clues toward the solution had been found.

The girl's body was found, wrapped in two blankets and a sheet, beside the Evergreen Highway near Washougal, Wash., Feb. 26.

Since then police and state crime laboratory pathologists have run down every lead and questioned all persons who knew the girl without coming up with solution of how she died.

Detectives said the investigation thus far has been "disappointing." They said they have several theories about the girl's death but cannot make them public for lack of substantiating evidence.

Traffic Campaign Still Paying Dividends

OLYMPIA (AP)—The state campaign to reduce the traffic death toll showed these figures Saturday:

Traffic deaths since Jan. 1: 46.
Traffic deaths for same period 1953: 82.

Traffic deaths since campaign started Nov. 1, 1953: 129.

Traffic deaths for same period beginning Nov. 1, 1952: 216.

WARREN TO SPEAK

BERKELEY (AP)—Chief Justice Earl Warren, a 1912 graduate of the University of California, will deliver the 68th Charter Day address on the campus March 23, President Robert Gordon Sproul announced Saturday.

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