



ATHLETICS

HOOP SEASON ARRIVES WITH PROBLEMS

After a more or less up and down season our football togs are laid away to await the coming of another year, and basketball claims our spare moments for a period. Just now we are homeless so far as a gym is concerned and the squad journeys into Salem each evening to work-out on the Willamette University court. Though our practice periods are short and the trip to and from Salem every evening is sure to lose its novelty soon, we can stand it all for as fine a gym as our new one promises to be.

Two regulars are all that we have to carry on from last season. Albert Miller and Leonard Vivette are the boys on whom we will have to pin most of our hope to lead the team through the storm. Vivette is now in a forward position while Miller is holding down his regular berth at guard. It is still too early to tell about what the season's outcome will be. Naturally, with only two regulars present, it is anything but bright. We have several promising candidates who are going to be very much in the running once they get a few games behind them. Last season "Biff" Jones played in the majority of our games for at least a period and seems ready to accept all the responsibility that rests upon a guard. "Biff" is big and fast and both these are valuable assets for guards. Vincent Pratt and Warren Wilder are the two most promising candidates for the center position, though Clifford Iron Moccasin or Kermit Smith are liable to make a strong bid for the position before the season is over. Our chief worry is to find a couple of boys who have the ability to hit the basket. Year after year we have no difficulty in getting the ball to the goal, but our trouble comes in sinking the ball. Jesse Jabeth, Dominic Dog Eagle, Robert Thomas, Andrew Hatfield and Perry Smith are the strongest contenders for the forward position just at present and needless to say it is hoped that among them we will find a couple who have the gift of making points. Among the guards we have Philip Corbet, Isaac Shoulder Blade, Wilfred Smith, Ralph Bird Bear and Peter Hall, to furnish the opposition for Jones and Miller.

Though our football season was officially closed with our Thanksgiving Day game there still remains several bones to be picked by our inter-class and all-star teams, so with them the grand old game goes on. Last week the Excelsior and Reliance societies, rivals dating back to the time of their organization, staged one of the closest and hardest fought gridiron battles we have seen here this season. Rated as sure losers,

the Reliance boys took the field imbued with undaunted spirit and fighting hearts and won the game 7 to 0. Capitalizing on a fumbled punt recovered on the Excelsior five-yard line the green and yellow football team punctured the purple and gold line for the only touchdown of the game early in the third quarter. Dowd Franklin carried the ball over and later drop-kicked for the extra point. Late in the game the Excelsiors headed for a touchdown, but their advance was checked just in the nick of time. With three yards to go for a score the Reliance forward wall held and the Excelsior's last chance was gone. In the closing minutes of the game they made numerous attempts to pass, but every one was batted to the ground by a wide-awake secondary defense.

LOCAL

Miss Florence W. Fout of Cleveland, Ohio, arrived at Chemawa last Saturday and is now on duty here as nurse in our hospital.

The Y. M. and Y. W. held their Joint Meeting December 7. The topic was "Education." Christine Muller presided. There were a number of short talks and readings by Eleanor Sanderson, Victor Smith, Lottie Kipp, Peter Emmons, Mylie Lawyer and Harold Masten. The quartet gave a number. There was a debate, "Resolved, That all High School Students should take Vocational rather than Academic courses." Affirmative, Essie Bedard, Grace Marshall and Veda LaJuennesse; negative, Charles DePoe, Frank Johnson and Fred Sandberg. The judges who were Miss Judd, Miss Morgan and Mr. Downie, decided that the negative side won.

DESERTING THE SHIP

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But suppose we are struggling to start some of these teams, or that they are having a hard time to survive, few indeed can be found "so poor as to do them reverence." The primal worth of the games remained the same regardless of whether they were boosted to success or were abandoned to perish by the wayside. Mass formation again.

In almost any proposition or project a "rat" can be found—a fellow who gets aboard early and who deserts on the first rough sea. We shun him when we recognize him, but often we know him not until he is aboard ship with us and we feel it is too rude or too impolite to kick him overboard.

Students, and others, don't be a "rat." If you get on any ship be good seamen and pride yourselves that you have kept and can keep the old boat afloat. There is glory for all in such a course in life, but ignominy only for the deserter—the "rat," the fellow who "wont."