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Editorial

By request of some of the students who want to make good, this editorial is being written. It is on the subject of razzing.

At the beginning of the school, Chemawa started out with a bang. But as the months passed, something happened. The students began to lose their school spirit. They did not care whether they passed their examination or whether the team lost or won any games. Some of you wonder why and some of you know.

For those who don't know why, here is the reason. At the beginning of the year students did not know each other well enough to razz. So they got up before their classes and recited their lessons. Some volunteered to lead the student body in yells at various games.

However, this was too good to last, for some of the older students who were here before and knew all the ropes thought it was an "old custom" to razz anybody who got up to do something. Therefore razzing began and the new students followed. Here in quotation is what a student said, "I used to get up and answer all the questions I was asked and recite my lessons. Now, when I try I get a terrific razzing from the students."

Razzing has spread to such an extent that it ought to stop, and some of the students are hoping it will stop. Here is the surest way to stop it. Keep your mouth shut when someone is trying to do something worthwhile. If you cannot do what the other fellow is doing and if you do not like it, keep it to yourself. If you are a good sport you will give him

courage to fight harder and give him support in what he is trying to do to improve himself.

We can have a very successful year if you can take it upon yourself as an individual not to razz anybody who is doing good, or is trying to make good.—Raymond Scott

Here it is! The beginning of another New Year. For many it will be the beginning of their last semester of school.

As seniors, let's participate in all class discussions. Let's get to work and get the most out of class work, for after all the things learned are going to prove of value later on in life.

If you need advice or help on any subject, just ask your teacher who will be only too glad to help you. After you leave school nobody is going to take any special interest in you, in what you have done or in what you can do.

When you're out on your own, people on the outside judge you by your method of action, talking, and the company you keep. So let's try and pay attention to our fellow students and what the teacher has to say even though it may not interest you. Try to develop an interest.

Not only to seniors, but also to underclassmen, this semester may be their last term in school. Let's take advantage of all educational opportunities offered.

Instead of making New Year's resolutions and discarding them, let's stick to a few, and be better students in the classrooms to prepare ourselves for the outside world.—June Ford

The best time to show your school spirit is when our team is behind in a game. Try to pep them up so that they will fight harder. This was not the way our team was treated when they lost by an oversized score to Mt. Angel. Instead of yelling support, they would say unkind things about individual players. This caused the boys to feel low and as a result they didn't try to win.

There is an old saying that once an Indian is behind, he is licked. Our boys proved this to be very wrong in football because they had to come from behind to win games. The big reason was because the crowd was always behind them, always pushing them onward to victory. If the Indian boys came from behind in football, they can do it also in basketball, or any other sport. Just as long as the student body is cheering them on, they will never say die.

Three years ago Chemawa had one of the pepiest cheering sections in the state. They were always behind the boys and cheering for victory. They cheered louder when our team was behind, because that was when they needed moral support the most. And as a result of this Chemawa had one of the best teams in the state.—Harvey Whitford