

FRESHMEN ARE GRILLED FOR LACK OF SPIRIT

The members of the Freshman class fell under the sharp censure of some of the leading upper classmen at the Student Assembly this morning, for their lack of interest in the athletic prestige of the University and for the small degree of spirit shown by the class as a whole. The subject was introduced early in the meeting by R. M. Alton, the newly chosen yell leader, who deplored the lack of interest shown by the freshmen in learning the College yells and in taking part with the rooters on the bleachers at football practice every evening. Alton most earnestly requested the members of the class to turn out in force and do everything in their power to prepare for giving the Varsity football team the support from the bleachers which it deserves and needs in the games of the coming season.

The spirit of the yell leader's address was taken up more fully after the close of the business session of the assembly by Manager Goodman, of the football team, and by Huston, president of the senior class, both of whom upbraided the members of the new class in no uncertain terms for their feeble show of college spirit and urged them to brace up and make the freshman class mean something in the life of the University. The words of Benjamin Williams, president of the student body, who said after the close of Mr. Huston's speech, "I think these remarks are very well taken," voiced the approval of the majority of the student body and a definite demand for action on the part of the freshman class.

In the business of the session, three amendments to the constitution of the student body were offered for consideration at the next meeting, which has been set for Wednesday, October 20. The first, introduced by Cecil Espy, changed Article VI, Section 3, to the effect that in selecting the captains of the athletic teams for ensuing years, only those should be allowed to vote who had won their O's in competition against some accredited college, and that the manager of the team should not be allowed a vote unless he also had won an O under similar conditions. The second amendment, introduced by Chauncey Cuning, calls for the striking out of Article II, Section 1, of the by-laws, which limits the place where bills may be audited. The third amend-

ment was to change the name of the "University of Oregon Semi-Weekly" to "Oregon Emerald."

In the appointment of the junior ushers the following names were announced by the president of the student body: Fritz Dean, Cecil Espy, John Kestly, Francis Curtis and Tom Burke.

A meeting of the freshmen was held immediately after the adjournment of the general assembly, for the purpose of preliminary organization of the athletic interests of the class. At this meeting Messrs. Williams, Alton, Goodman, and Huston again spoke, urging the points that they had brought up in the meeting preceding, and asking the new men to turn out heartily for yell practice, track work and football, and to do everything in their power for the up-building of the honor and prestige of their school. Speeches by a number of freshmen followed and much enthusiasm was manifested, every man present joining at the close of the meeting in some of the heartiest examples of yelling that the freshmen have had credited to them since the beginning of the school year.

The selection of officers for the control of freshman athletics was made as follows: Football supervisor, Dean Walker; trap captain, Bob Kuykendall; track manager, Harold Warner.

During the vacation time a building has sprung up which is the pride of all Eugene; the fine new \$50,000.00 city Young Men's Christian Association building which was made possible by the generous subscription of 1500 people during the memorable eight-day campaign last November. Through great good fortune the contractors have been able to enclose the building without being caught by the rain, and it will now be pushed rapidly to completion. It is expected that the dedication will take place January 1st.

The building contains 32 dormitory rooms to rent to young men, a fine gymnasium and swimming pool, reading and game rooms for both men and boys, locker rooms, shower baths, and class rooms. In the basement there is a business men's club room containing a steam bath and other features, and a room 26x70 feet which is excellently adapted to manual training classes. On the second floor is a room with a seating capacity of 250 or more, which will be used for lectures, men's meetings, banquets, etc. This floor also contains a kitchen, the gallery to the gymnasium, and nine of the dormitory rooms.

HAZING NOT NECESSARY SAYS PROF. SCHAFFER

Much criticism has lately fallen upon certain members of the faculty because of their attitude toward hazing.

Professor Schaffer, on being asked to give the Emerald a statement of his position on hazing said: "I appreciate the courtesy of your request that I say a word to the student body through your columns, but there is really very little left to say. President Campbell's statement to the students on Tuesday morning covered the ground in admirable fashion, and I feel that anything I might say at this time must be in the way of stressing one or two of the points already clearly made.

"It seems to me that all of the difficulties out of which hazing everywhere springs are due to a very natural disposition to ever emphasize the sacredness of college customs for the enforcement of which no regularly constituted authority exists.

The students have before them certain ideal conditions which seem to them exceedingly desirable and which they see no way to perpetuate except by the exertion of some compulsion upon the incoming class. This compulsion is hazing, and experience as well as sound reason condemns hazing; now the students wonder what is going to happen to all their agreeable time-honored customs. Will we have to give them all up, some ask? By no means, if the customs are in themselves justifiable, if not, yes. They must be justifiable in themselves because on no other condition will the public opinion of students, faculty and general society tolerate them. But if they are proper—not oppressive to any class, but in the long run helpful in building up the best type of college spirit and in enabling all classes to contribute their best to a common result—it will be found that public opinion is a sufficient sanction to secure the most perfect compliance with them. Of course, there will be an occasional freshman, sophomore or junior who will violate even the most proper University custom, just as there are men who eat with their knives and refuse to doff the hat on meeting a lady acquaintance. But in these latter cases some sign of disapproval on the part of persons who command respect, or a kindly suggestion from a friend, will ordinarily set the matter right. So it will be with reference to University customs. First, let us make sure by honest thought and discussion that our customs are right. Sometimes there is in college a something that may be described as "play ground Toryism"; a determination to hold to old, outworn institutions because we are prejudiced in their favor not because reason opines them. If there are such weed them out. Retain only those that may be helpful in their nature to the entire college, and then rely on public opinion to enforce them. It will not fail us.

The college Y. M. C. A. has plans under way for an office building. The Association for a long time has owned a lot just north of the campus, and now it is planned to construct a building, there for the use of its officers and members. The building will probably be of temporary construction so that it can be moved off and replaced by one more permanent as soon as the University grows sufficiently to warrant it.

The directors of the local association will meet in a week or so and make definite decision in regard to the amount of money it would be advisable to invest in the building at the present time.

Mr. Hans Harrossonitz, of the Otto Harrossonitz book firm in Liepsig, Germany, is spending a few days at the University. Most of the German books in the library have been purchased from this firm. Mr. Harrossonitz is studying the library methods of the United States.

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WEEKLY REPORTERS ARE NOW EDITORS

Merle Chessman, '09, and Wm. Lowell, both former associate editors of the Oregon Weekly, are now editing newspapers in Eastern Oregon. Chessman has a position with a large Pendleton daily and Lowell is joint proprietor of the "Oregon Scout," a weekly paper published at Union, Oregon. Lowell and a friend of his induced their parents to start them out in the newspaper profession. One does the writing and the other the printing.

Bob Nelson is living on his timber claim out in the wilds of the Coast Range.

Oscar Furuset, '08, and Earl Strong, '09, are attending Harvard University in the Law and Journalism departments.

Edwin Platts, '09, has accepted the position of instructor in the wood shops.

The class in masonry may be seen out on the campus Monday afternoons breaking rock. We hope the knowledge thus gained may not be necessary as the foundation for their life occupation.

T. R. Townsend, President of the Student Body last year and former editor of the Weekly was today elected principal of the Central school in Eugene.



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