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A COLLEGE NEWSPAPER

After some delay the first issues of the University of Washington Daily, the newly christened form of the old Pacific Daily Wave, have come before us. It is truly a wonderful work.

The paper contains four six column pages. In appearance it is much more like a commercial than an amateur college publication. The contents too are a decided departure from the customary exclusive college news. A full telegraphic account of the world's history is given. The President is followed in his "swing around the circle"; the final series for the national baseball championship is reported; both national and international politics are reviewed.

Beside such a work as this our own efforts seem like the plaything of a child.

Yet, on second thought, we need not take it so hard. Why does the modern college publish a newspaper? For practice in journalism? Yes, to a certain extent. The University of Washington indeed seems officially to recognize the student paper as a means of teaching the newspaper profession. As a matter of college pride? Perhaps. But we should hate to think that the only purpose of all our efforts is to gratify a spirit of college vanity or to furnish practice for the editor.

We believe that the University newspaper has a practical value to every student. That value is in giving a class of purely college news which the commercial papers cannot afford to handle. As a competitor with the large professional newspapers, the college newspaper is worthless. It cannot hope to equal them. As a dealer in college news exclusively, it is supreme. This we believe should be its field.

Of course the University of Oregon is absolutely unable to attempt such an ambitious work as the University of Washington is undertaking. We envy the exceptional advantages Mr. Pinkerton has, not only for gaining experience, but for making his University famous as the home of the greatest college publication in the West. Yet we should not advise that the University of Oregon ever make such an attempt. We believe that there is a limit beyond which her students, in college primarily for an education, should not go in following student body activities. This limit is reached in the newspaper field when all college news of interest to this particular college is reported.

True, we do not yet realize this object, but with it in view as an ultimate goal, we shall continue on our lowly way, saying as the squirrel did to the mountain, "if we are not as great as you, neither are you as small as we."

Five freshmen were in the bleachers last night. Thus does the class of 1913 justify the remarks of Cary Loosley at the rally Friday. Some of them resented the criticism, but only five remembered it.

REPORTERS!

There will be a meeting of the Emerald editorial staff on Friday afternoon at four o'clock in the Emerald office. All reporters connected in any way with the paper should be present.

GREAT CONTEST FOR YELLS AND SONGS

Yell Leader Alton announced today a great contest for yells and songs to be used this year by the Oregon rooters. A prize of five dollars will be given for the best song, a similar one for the best yell and prizes of three and two dollars respectively for the two next best yells.

"We want it understood that this is not an ordinary contest," said Alton in announcing it this morning. "There is something more than money in it. Oregon needs a new yell, a great yell. I believe that the time for it is now. The one who produces it will become just as famous as her athletic heroes."

It has not yet been definitely decided just how the money will be raised but it is expected that the same method as last year will be adopted. The football management will give five dollars, the student body five and the Emerald five. Right to withhold any or all prizes for lack of merit it reserved.

GERMAN CLUB HOLDS A ROUSING MEETING

A largely attended meeting of the German Club last Tuesday evening for the election of officers proved conclusively that the faithful who have made it prosperous in past years are neither few nor lacking in enthusiasm.

Ferdinand Struck was elected president; Miss June Grey, vice-president; Wm. F. Neubauer, secretary; Miss Birk, sergeant-at-arms; and Miss Hill treasurer.

After the election of officers, Dr. Koehler gave a very interesting speech on the condition of the German societies as he had found them this summer. Dr. Schmidt in a few well chosen words encouraged the society to do its best during the coming year.

The next meeting will probably be held at the Kloshe Tillicum house. An amendment providing for the election of officers in the spring instead of the fall will be brought up for discussion.

WILL NOT INITIATE UNTIL 2nd SEMESTER

Sigma Nu fraternity has decided that hereafter no freshmen shall be initiated until the second semester of their first college year begins. This rule is a plain one, simply requiring that they make nine full hours, that being the number necessary to remain in the University.

The action is expected to have a two-fold value. It will tend to insure that new members remain with the fraternity at least one year and it will also encourage the freshmen to study. Similar rules are enforced in all fraternities at the larger universities.

Just what action the other fraternities will take in the matter is unknown, but it is very probable that they will all make such rulings in the near future.

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LANDING OF THE FIRST GERMANS CELEBRATED

At a meeting of the Consolidated German Speaking Societies of Oregon held at Portland to commemorate the landing of the first Germans in America on October 6, 1683, Dr. Schmidt, head of the German department of the University of Oregon, delivered a most masterly and scholarly address on the growth and advancement of the German population in America. He briefly outlined the history of German immigration, telling how in the 18th century they came on account of religious influences and in the 19th on account of political.

Dr. Schmidt spoke of the work of Henry Villard for the state and more especially for the State University and praised the Germans of Oregon for the firm stand they had taken in favor of the University.

On his return to Eugene, Dr. Schmidt stated that the Germans all over the state take a deep interest in the University, many of them assuring him that they would support higher education at any time the need should arise.

LITERARY SOCIETIES

The Philologian literary society held a short meeting Saturday, consisting of an impromptu program of speeches by everyone present. Several new members were voted in. A monster meeting is planned for next Saturday when McCoy and Struck are scheduled for an illustrated lecture on "sparking."

The Eutaxians will hold their regular meeting tonight in Professor Thurber's room. Mr. Buchen will address the girls.

George Gabriel, who has been suffering from an attack of inflammatory rheumatism, left for his home at Dayton Tuesday morning. He expects to be able to return in a couple of weeks.

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Of the eight, the only freshman was Big Dan Mitchell, who has been showing up unusually well at center and guard. The other names posted for the first meal were—Clarke, Dodson, Michael, Main, Pinkham, Hickson, Gillis.

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