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All Together

For a month Oregon's football team has been training hard. Daily their work comes nearer perfection and after each game prospects for winning the Northwest championship brighten. And just as steadily and surely do the crowds in the bleachers and along the side lines grow smaller. The students, especially the rooters, neglect the daily practice.

Until now the Emerald has held its peace. "Surely," we thought, "the spirit will kindle as the season advances." But we were mistaken. The apathy was sincere and we can ignore it no longer.

We are not among those who unthinkingly attribute this to poor spirit. Scarcity of rooters does not always indicate a lack of spirit, but in this case we think it does. Neither do we mistake our own cooling enthusiasm for apathy among the underclassmen. Seniors often do become absorbed in their own narrow line to such an extent as to lose touch with the student activities and then, having no spirit in themselves, they can see none in others. But there are unmistakable evidences that the complaint this year is well founded, permeating all classes from seniors to freshmen.

That apathy is rooted deep is shown the fact that it continues so long. Aside from a few sporadic outbursts, the Oregon spirit has slept since last year. Students are not alone in noticing it. Faculty and alumni, men who have had experience for years, testify to the same conclusion. Such evidence is worth considering.

C. N. McArthur, he who is so perfectly acquainted with every minute detail in and about the University that his name stands for generations of victory and achievement in years past, visited the campus last week. Troubled looks and anxious doubts expressed by the older students were taken lightly, for he had seen the same before. But he went out to watch the team practice and he too was astonished. Privately he expressed his disappointment, saying that he had never seen such poor spirit since he had known the University.

We have our own explanation for these conditions. That, however, is not needed. To be sure, the football team is strong. We think it will win without rooters, perhaps without spirit. But that is not all. There are other victories to win. There is the glory of a university that has never given up to uphold. If this is done as it has been

done in the past, not by wealth and power, but by the strength of union and loyalty, the students must get together better.

The freshmen are not so much to blame as some others. You can't expect to drive them. What they need is an example. Let every upperclassman get out on the field with a good old undignified hurrah and it will not take long for the babes to catch the spirit. It spreads fast and the freshmen like to see it better than any others.

We know that words are useless as means of conveying spirit. But we hope to carry with this something more than mere words. The condition is serious. It calls for action—not talk. No student should condemn the freshmen who is not on one of the teams or in the bleachers every night. Then the talk would count for something and would be engendered in the new students.

Willow and Hazel Fields and Gladys Cartwright went to Salem, Friday night to attend the Willamette-Oregon game.

Ione Chambert and Felda McClain will spend Sunday in Portland.

The student council of the University of Michigan has issued a decree that all freshmen must wear the official cap. It also gives seniors, juniors or sophomores the right to confiscate the coverings of any freshman not wearing the official college badge of the first year men.

Eighteen large boxes of specimens obtained in Egyptian excavations have been presented to the Museum of Science and Art at the University of Pennsylvania. The collection is regarded as one of the best ever obtained in Egypt.

No text books are to be used in the economic courses at Dartmouth this year. Instead the class has been asked to subscribe to the New York Post, and to read the paper thoroughly in order to discuss economic questions in class.

Thos. L. Barrell, manager of Hutchinson Hall, University of Chicago, has published a booklet containing exhaustive directions for the perfect waiter and is teaching a class of forty men the art of serving food in a genteel manner.

The students at the University of Colorado have organized a Student Body Association and have adopted rules modeled after those which govern the Student Body at Washington.

Football by mail is the latest in the correspondence school line. The head coach at Carlisle is giving instruction to coaches of secondary schools by this method.

A new feature of the curriculum at the University of Vermont will be a department of home economics.

Over eighty-five men were present at the first try-outs for the University of Wisconsin Glee club.

Indiana University has an organization of all men students called the "Howling Host."

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology is planning to give a course in aeronautics.

A Married Students' Club was recently organized at the University of Indiana.

Interclass and inter-fraternity tennis tournaments are held each year at Amherst.

A man fifty years old has entered the University of Michigan as a freshman. \$100 is the amount of the prize to be given in a song contest at Minnesota.

One thousand and eighty freshmen have registered at Cornell this year.

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Melvin W. Warner, an expert professional musician, will take charge of the directing of the Mandolin Club this year. He is a thorough musician, being an instructor in stringed instruments and an expert cello player. He formerly played with the famous Thomas orchestra of Portland.

Under his tutelage, the members of the club expect to reach a high state of perfection and disprove the charges and criticism against their ability and need as a supplement to the Glee Club. They are practicing hard four evenings a week and already have one selection memorized.

The Kappa Alpha Theta girls entertained Friday afternoon, in honor of their house mother, Mrs. Dodd. The Eugene ladies found Mrs. Dodd a charming, attractive woman. In the receiving line were, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Dodd, Mrs. Washburn, Mrs. Barker, and Frances Oberteuffer. The reception rooms were decorated with lilacs, vines and red dahlias. The dining room was daintily adorned with vines, and leaves. Miss Jessie Bibee poured tea, and was assisted by several other girls in serving sherbet and waffles.

The Chi Omega's will entertain with a Hallowe'en party tonight. Their invited guests are—Ormand Rankin, Merwin Rankin, Chester Moores, Dick Charman, Rolin Kennedy, Glen Bendwell, Tom Burke, Vernon Vawter, Herbert Barbour, Stanley Young, Harold Warner, Carl Huston, Clyde Brown, Gwynn Watson, Melville Sweet, Wallace Mount, Phil Hammond, Harold Broughton, Howard Dray, Paul Willoughby.

The Klosche Tillacum girls will give a Hallowe'en party tonight.

Mr. Frank Chambers, of Eugene, has given the University of Oregon Y. W. C. A. a lot on 17th and Hilyard Sts. They have not yet decided what disposition is to be made of it, but are considering plans for an association house.

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