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Guiding the Freshmen

When hazing was abolished at the University of Oregon a loud cry went up almost unanimously from the older students that it would destroy the old traditions. Many of these calamity howlers, of course, consulted their feelings more than their intellects, but nevertheless it is only fair to say that the majority considered it seriously and honestly believed that the freshmen would be unloosed from all restraint.

Professor Schaefer probably took a more pronounced stand against hazing than any other member of the faculty. He was very courageous in thus openly expressing his opinions for they called forth much criticism from the students. He maintained that it would not destroy traditions that were desirable. The method he suggested for guiding the freshmen was by suggestion and exam-

Whatever may be thought, of this method, it is certain that it is the best, in fact the only one remaining. Accordingly it should be used seriously and carefully. It is said that the German Universities use this method and supplement it by an actual boycott of the student who willfully refuses to be governed by it. The latter part, however, we do not believe is at all necessary.

The experience of the average freshman is about as follows. He comes to college from a more or less brilliant carer in high school. He knows some one who has made a name at college and tells everyone about it. His own achievements, he expects all to know. He is surprised and pained to find they do not. If possible he reminds them of it and is not listened to. About then he wakes up. He realizes how little he amounts to and is filled with a desire to make good, learning whatever he may from the older men.

Probably most of the class of 1913 have just about reached this stage. They are ready to take advice but no one offers it to them. Now, then, is the time for the upperclassmen to make their influence felt. When a freshman makes a mistake, something should be done to call his attention to it. At times a good friendly talk will help. Usually the most effectual thing is a light remark that everyone takes good naturedly. And finally when all other means fail, a real sharp "call down" is often the only solution.

The great influence of the upper class

men is communicated best by example and suggestion. That is the way to instill college spirit. The freshmen want to do exactly like the older men do for they look up to them. How, then, can they be expected to show spirit if their superiors do not. True, upperclassmen do not usually like to be so boisterous as the freshmen, but genuine spirit can always be detected. At times, too a little less dignity among the seniors would be a welcome sign of life. It is often doubtful if they have as much 0 spirit as the freshmen.

A Chance for Enterprise

The people of Corvallis virtually saw the Agricultural college team play the Whitman team off its feet last Friday though they were several hundred miles from the scene of the contest. This was done by means of stereoptican slides giving a full telegraphic report of the game's progress every three minutes. The slides were shown in the assembly hall and the expense covered by an admission charge just as to a regular

This ought to be a good suggestion for some enterprising show mán to follow up in Eugene. Such a method of seeing the game is hardly so exciting as the real article, but for those who are unable to see it any other way it is doubtless appreciated. The football management at Oregon mght look into the matter. It could be used effectually in the Idaho game at Portland next week and especially in the great Thanksgiving game with Washington at Seattle.

Poor Washington! Only fifty to nothing! And all those heartrending stories about mangled cripples and overflowing hospitals. Enough Washington! You may loose the Northwest championship-we hope you do-but one record is incontestably yours. Your pathetic tale of woe has a quality of persuasion that would put Mark Antony to shame.

Chicago University is weeding out the students who seldom study but who devote their time to the activities of college society, by raising the requirements as to the amount of work necessary to be done to remain in college. As a result seventy-five members of the last year's freshman class have been

A department of forestry has been established at the University of Idaho. What is known as an animal building is being erected at the University of Nevada. This building will contain small animals for experimental and laboratory purposes.

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