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Democracy at Dances

Last year the entire student body united on the proposition that outsiders should not be invited to the freshman and sophomore dances. This was due partly to the fact that the dances were overcrowded, but more to the desire that they should be made more home-like,—that there should be less metropolitanism in them.

Now, since the dances are to be only for the students, why not take down a few of the barriers that make the poorer student feel shut out of college life? These are local affairs. Why make them so strictly formal? A small, comfortable dance is always more enjoyable than a large formal affair, anyway.

The junior dance is the big social affair of the year. At that time the campus is full of visitors and the University is, to speak, on exhibition. It is very well for this to be made the occasion for more display, more formality than any other. In fact, we would be willing for it to be made absolutely formal. One such affair would be a good thing. Those who could not afford the necessary dress could without special discomfort stay at home on one occasion and in fact they should not object to it.

But for the most part student society should be open to all. We would like to see just one big formal affair and the rest more formal. It would be one of the greatest things the University could do towards retaining the old democratic spirit.

Of course it is entirely unnecessary for the advocates of Rugby to ever see the game or even to investigate its merits. It is enough that they hear it described by a bunch of effeminate English sports, "don't yah know". Furthermore it is fortunate that they do not see the game, for those who do, usually report it to be about as effective as the modern machine gun for getting rid of the unfit.

To Manager Geary is due the credit of having made the Glee Club concert the financial success it was. He certainly has the right idea when it comes to getting effective advertising in the papers. It pays to treat newspapers right.

California University has been presented with several live specimens of dwarf elk. The dwarf elk are the smallest known American species and are rapidly becoming extinct.

An investigation of what the graduates of the University of Illinois are doing has brought to light the fact that eighty-four per cent are doing the work for which they received training.

WASHINGTON WILL GET STONE STADIUM

University of Washington, Dec. 6.—It is extremely probable that the University of Washington will have a new stadium, as the one left the institution by the exposition has been found so wet and mucky in the rainy season that all thought of using it for a football field or for early spring training in track and baseball, has been killed.

A committee has been appointed to look into the matter and should it be favorably reported on, money will be borrowed by the A. S. U. W. and a stone stadium built, suitable for football, baseball and track. The old field, which is considered by many to be the best in the Northwest, will undoubtedly be used. It is practically always dry and it is for that reason that the preference is given it. If it is used the gymnasium will be moved from its present location and the field enlarged.

Yesterday the sophomore football team defeated the freshman 5-0 in a viciously fought contest. The game was played mostly in the freshman territory, but was a very even battle. The first year men made a touchdown on a forward pass, but it was disallowed, as the referee decided that the pass was not legally made.

Just now the University is trembling on the verge of a fuel famine, caused by the switchmen's strike. If coal cannot be procured within the next few days, it will become necessary for college to close.

Thursday the varsity basket ball five defeated the Lincoln High School quintet by the score 106-1. Fifty-six points were scored in the first half. The subs were then put in to finish the game. All of last year's players are back, and the manager has planned an ambitious schedule for the season.

The action of the faculty at Whitman College in placing football under the ban is the cause of deep disgust at the University of Washington. "Must have some dear old fossils on the faculty at Whitman," is the way one student expressed himself. Students at Washington fear that Whitman's action will prove a vicious jolt to the "college man's game" throughout the Northwest. The suggestion that rugby be substituted is received with hoots of derision. One man who used to live at Palo Alto, California, and has seen several of the games of the imported style, says that in his estimation football is a pink tea diversion compared with rugby. He states that in these contests more bones are broken, (due to wild kicks) than in the bloodiest football game ever witnessed.

Negotiations are being carried on with the University of Wisconsin by Manager Zednick in regard to a crew race with the Easterners. The Wisconsin manager waxed enthusiastic in his letter. He asked for further information concerning Washington's eights, and asked for an estimate of the expense entailed by a trip of the Washington oarsmen to Wisconsin.

The election of the editor of the University of Washington Daily takes place Wednesday. Roy Crismas, assistant editor, and Verne Fitch, telegraph editor, both seniors, are the contestants. Owing to the training furnished by the department of journalism there is a wealth of good editorial timber in college.

Indiana University offers a course in the construction of storage batteries. It claims to be the only university offering the course.

A Brevity Club has been organized at the Kentucky State University. Only those men under five feet in height are eligible.

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KNOCKS BURIED BUT KNOCKERS REJOICE

Washington State College, Dec. 6
 The junior class of the State College succeeded in working up considerable enthusiasm for the 1911 Chinook at the knockers day program held last Tuesday.

Members of the class assembled at the gymnasium where some dressed as Indian bucks and maidens and others dressed to represent I. W. W. rioters. Led by the Bingville band they marched down to the front of the Auditorium building, where quite a unique program was carried out. Several students acted the part of the frenzied I. W. W. speakers and caused uproars of laughter from the audience.

Later an imitation of an Indian funeral was given and all knocks were placed in a valise and buried in a box, which is to be resurrected later, however.

The knocker song, which was composed by a member of the class, was then sung and the parade marched back to the gym. The box will remain open all week to receive contributions for the Chinook.

Arrangements have been made for securing a special train from Pullman to Spokane next Saturday for the game with Denver University. The W. S. C. team is in good condition and has been working exceedingly hard since the game with Whitman. Although they are not confident of victory they are hopeful and are determined to put up a strong fight.

Laurean Program.

Recitation, R. Huder.
 Discussion, All Northwest Football Team, Vawter, Hickman, H. Barbor.
 Parliamentary drill, five minutes, led by F. E. Dunton.

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