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A Central Governing Board

In the spring of 1908, the six big colleges of the Northwest in athletics, desiring to have a more definite understanding as to what terms they should compete with each other on, formed what is known as the Northwest Conference. There is nothing new or unique in this organization, it being the customary proceeding in all parts of the country.

The history of the Northwest Conference during its two years' existence is generally well known, it has done much good. The facts are, however, as we think, that it is not as efficient as it might be. While conditions are now better than they were before and better than they would be without the Conference, its provisions do not give uniform results in all the colleges.

We will not go into detail in this matter. We make no charges. We believe that the University of Oregon, like the rest of the members of the Conference, has done what it considered right. Where it has been stricter than they, it has done so, not because it was more righteous, but because it interpreted differently. Where it has been more lenient, we submit that it is entitled to the same judgment.

Difference of interpretation is caused by differences in the parties who interpret. The trouble with the Northwest Conference, therefore, is not in the rules that it makes, though some of them might have been put into effect more slowly. And, if a fair average were made of the general policy of interpreting the rules, we do not believe that fault could be found particularly in too strict or too lax interpretation.

The trouble is that some colleges interpret more strictly than others, thereby doing themselves an injustice. And, therefore, the essential fault in the Northwest Conference rules is in leaving such questions to any one college.

To be satisfactory, the Conference must have a central governing board, to which all protests can be referred. Then no discrimination would be made, the rules would affect one college the same as another, and, thought there might be cases where a certain athlete would be undeservedly ruled out, no injustice would be done to any special college.

This is not a new theory. It is the universal rule in all leagues and conferences between colleges throughout the country. In fact, the Northwest Conference seems to be about the only one that has attempted to get along under such a manifestly unreasonable plan as is now used.

This matter should be taken up at the coming meeting of the Conference. It should be agitated until some action is taken. And in the end, if there is no possibility of changing the present system, we believe Oregon had better withdraw than remain in an organization where justice is impossible and

where the provisions invite each member to struggle to be just strict enough to avoid censure and just lax enough to win—"between the devil and the sea."

DEBATE PAYS BETTER THAN EVER BEFORE

The completed accounts for the recent debate with the University of Utah, show a more satisfactory condition for the department of Oratory and Debate than it has ever enjoyed before in its history. As a result, a balance of about thirty dollars is left to the credit of Manager Steele.

The total paid admissions were four hundred and eighty-three, as against eighty last year. The gate receipts were \$120.75, as against forty dollars last year. The great additional expense of bringing the visiting team from Salt Lake City cut disastrously into the net profits, however, so that the two years would show about the same balance for the one debate.

Manager Steele's report is as follows:

Receipts	
483 paid admissions at \$.25.....	\$120.75
Appropriation	140.75
Total	\$261.50
Expenditures	
R. R. fare for two debaters	\$160.00
Printing and advertising	23.00
Entertainment of three judges..	9.25
Banquet	12.75
Books and materials purchased..	27.15
Total	\$232.15
Surplus on hand	\$ 29.15

CHEMISTRY "SHARKS" TO FORM CLUB SOON

The Chemical Club, which rumor has said was soon to be formed, will be founded in the University of Oregon at the beginning of the coming semester. Professor Stafford, when questioned in regard to the matter, said "the advanced students in the department of Chemistry and others who may be interested in the subject, will simply arrange to meet every week and talk 'shop'."

The work of the club will not consist of the usual assigned papers or of special lectures, but will be mainly reviews of current literature on chemistry and allied subjects and informal discussions upon such questions as may come up in the class room but cannot be well discussed at length there. Later on, some assigned work or special lectures may be undertaken.

It is expected that the new club will arouse the interest not only of advanced students but of many in the under classes, and as there will be no formal organization and no limitations to the qualifications for membership, a large attendance at every meeting is anticipated.

PLAN TO ORGANIZE CO-OP. CORPORATION

Sentiment in favor of starting a co-operative student supply store is growing daily. A meeting of those interested has been called for next Tuesday afternoon, when plans will be discussed and an organization formed. It will probably be organized as a corporation.

The work this year will doubtless be confined to selling Blue Books, but a thorough organization will be effected and arrangements made for opening up next year with a complete store. Inasmuch as there is a good prospect of considerable profits for the members of the organization, it is expected that all will be anxious to join. The meeting will be held in Professor DeCou's room at four o'clock.

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About two weeks ago Trainer Hayward posted a notice in Villard Hall to the effect that he would receive applications for assistant managers of baseball and track up to January 21. So far there have been less than half a dozen applications filed with Mr. Hayward.

According to the system of choosing assistant managers adopted by the athletic council last year, any student will be considered who files his name in the form of a written application. The assistant manager is usually in line for manager the next year.

It seems strange that material should be scarce for these positions and the fact is probably due to a misunderstanding as to filing applications. Any students wishing to be considered in the selection of the above managerships file a written application with Trainer Hayward.

To Elect Officers

The Verein Germania will hold its next regular meeting at the Chi Omega house on Tuesday, January 25. In addition to the regular program, an election of officers for the ensuing semester will be held.

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