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"Our Edition"

This, the third annual Women's Edition of the Oregon Emerald, has a two-fold purpose. Following the custom originated by the women of 1908, it seeks to present the college news of the week, as well as discussions on topics of special interest to the students from the women's standpoint. It is the one time in the college year that the University women have a direct opportunity to express their views on college affairs in their own way.

This opportunity, together with the responsibility of gathering and presenting the news, brings the women into closer touch with all the inner activities of college life and shows that they have a real share in the responsibility for the material success of the University.

At the same time we wish to convey to our Junior Week End guests a little of the meaning of Oregon spirit. It would be unnecessary to tell them that they are welcome, if they could know the pent-up excitement and joyous anticipation of the thoughts of this occasion have for us. We are happy to be able to show them our beloved institution, and hope that, as a result of this visit, the Varsity may come to mean to them a little of what it means to us, and that they may join us in working for a larger and better Oregon.

Spirit for Freshmen

Every college has her traditions; these are her strength and her right. For they tend to keep her conservative and to hold high her ideals. Likewise every college has her freshmen; these, too, are her strength, and, by virtue of her work, they are her right. But for some reason, freshmen and traditions mingle about as well as oil and water; for the first year in college makes a splotchy, unsatisfactory combination. In fact, it seems that about three years are required to bring about any noticeable change. This state of things is due rather to thoughtlessness than to indifference; but let the college woman awaken to a realization of what her college may do for her, and let her try to become a loyal, enthusiastic Oregon booster.

The freshman co-ed. is the life of the campus. She is the girl without cares and worries. D's do not discourage her, warnings do not terrify her, and quizzes do not interfere with her good times. But the average girl would be far better off if she left the greater part of her fun until her second, or even third or fourth year. Look at the restrictions other universities place upon the freshman co-ed. Take Washington as an example. There the freshman is not allowed to run here and there to large parties, she attends only one or two formals, where the men are present; in short, her fun is laid in

store for her, and yet her initial year is not made one of work without a mixture of all the pleasure that is best for her.

The girl who lives in a sorority house has yet other responsibilities to carry the other ideals to respect. Right there, in her home life at college, she can learn best, if she will, the part she should play in college life, and how best to play that part for the good of herself and her school. The privileges she may have, if she manages rightly, are unbounded. The greatest of these is to grow broad minded and noble in the spirit of Oregon.

Upperclassmen make it their chief duty to the freshmen to "key her down;" but there are ways and ways of doing that. Do not give her all the privileges of upperclassmen, and then because she takes them say "key down." Do not let her think that she may ignore Oregon's traditions and then criticize her for taking you at your word. Make her feel that she is a responsible part of the whole, and let her come gradually into a knowledge of the fine things for which Oregon stands. One thing there is which the freshman needs, which the sophomore wants, which the junior gets, which the senior spreads; and which the alumnus keeps—that thing is true Oregon spirit. Freshmen, get it!

The Fern and Flower Procession

This year the custom of the Fern and Flower Procession is to be revived. The Woman's Council has seen fit to establish this as a tradition of the University, and they ask the support of every woman to make it such. The one year that it was given it was a splendid success. Over two hundred women, all in white, carrying beautiful bouquets, marched over the campus and heaped their flowers on the lawn near Villard Hall as a tribute to that building. We women of the University have few enough activities, and we seem afraid of those we do have. We seem loath to start things. Perhaps we are afraid of tradition. But those very traditions are the things which, in a few years, we will hold as most sacred in our memory of college life. Let us have more of them. Let us guard these strictly feminine traditions with a jealous eye. The April Frolic and the Fall Acquaintance Ball have come to stay. Let us put the Fern and Flower Procession on our calendar.

Dr. Carson's guiding hand is gone, but the Woman's Council, with its fifteen enthusiastic seniors, has taken a firm hold and means to make this procession a success this year and a permanent fixture for future commencements. Help them.

The Alumni Spirit

Something of the same spirit that is prompting the people of the state to work for a greater Oregon, and the people of Eugene to boost for Eugene, has also taken possession of students, faculty and alumni of the University.

The students who are accustomed to give vocal expression to an overflow of spirit in football yells have raised the cry "eight hundred students at Eugene next year." Members of the local alumni association have been holding enthusiastic meetings, to make plans for the greatest commencement this year that the University has ever known.

Committees have been appointed from each class that has been graduated from the University, beginning with the first class, that of 1878, to make possible a personal communication with each graduate of the University who can be reached, and heartily urging each one to attend commencement. Members of the Alumni Association are to be found in every part of the state, and many of them are leaders in their communities. These people can do much to arouse strength and grace. If the University girls will learn to swim, perhaps next year they might enjoy to better advantage the tank in the new gymnasium.

for the loyal support and untiring efforts of her alumni.

But enthusiasm, like an electric battery, needs to be recharged once in a while. The alumni need to meet the undergraduates, to become acquainted with them, to come in touch with the new and expanding life of the University; in other words, to become re-enthused. The alumni realize that they alone can not make this possible; neither can they make commencement the success that it should be. They need and ask for the hearty co-operation of every student in the University. Students are not merely invited to stay for commencement this year, they are urged to stay.

The bonds between alumni and undergraduates should be close, there should be a unity of interests. While the University was small and there were few graduates this was not difficult to secure. It was natural; but now that the institution has become so much larger, the matter has become more difficult, and will continue to be more so year by year.

The time has come when students and alumni need to meet the situation, and by co-operating bind together the interests of the University.

There is nothing that would do more to bring to life the old "Oregon spirit" in the hearts of alumni members than some good, rousing songs by the Glee Club.

An old Oregon graduate feels a stirring within him when he hears "Oregon" sung that corresponds very closely to the feeling of an old soldier who listens to "Marching Through Georgia" and "Dixie."

So let us all, students, faculty and alumni, work together to make commencement this year the greatest one that the University has ever known. Let us send each guest, senior and undergraduate home, brim full of the old time Oregon spirit, the spirit that has won victories for us in the past and can do much for us in the future.

A New Custom For Oregon

Why couldn't the University of Oregon give a canoe carnival this spring? We have a beautiful millrace, some thirty or forty canoes available, and probably as many more expert canoeists.

The carnival could be given some warm, balmy evening, when the colors of the setting sun would be reflected in the water. The canoes could be decorated with flowers, and the bridges adorned with streamers, while the trees and shrubbery along the banks would make the setting ideal.

Such an event lends itself to all sorts of possibilities. It could be made comparatively simple, or could be a very extensive and magnificent affair. Prizes might be given for the most skillfully managed or the most beautifully decorated canoes.

Nothing could be more charming, or, once started, arouse more interest, than a canoe carnival; it could be made one of the prettiest events of commencement week.

Swimming for the Varsity

Students who spend much time canoeing ought to be able to swim. There are plenty of girls in the University who can paddle a canoe well, but are there as many who can swim? There should be; every woman should know how, and right here in the University there is no excuse for a girl neglecting it. The city Y. M. C. A. has opened its gymnasium, with the use of its fine new swimming tank, to the women every Wednesday afternoon and evening. The fee charged is nominal, and membership is transferable during the summer to Y. M. C. A. organizations elsewhere.

Swimming is a genuinely fine exercise; it is exhilarating and develops strength and grace. If the University girls will learn to swim, perhaps next year they might enjoy to better advantage the tank in the new gymnasium.

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Attendance at Assembly

As students, we are prone to express our opinion with little regard to effect or appearance. We are equally as ready to laud as we are to ignore. Especially is this evidenced at Assembly—a good speaker is always given appreciative attention, followed by considerable applause, while a poor speaker is often left addressing a file of backs. It is true a few faithful ones remain though the remarks are rambling. Some credit, perhaps, is due to their courtesies.

An audience is in one respect like the ocean. The speaker looks down upon a sea of faces and it is only the ruffle, the turning head, or the rising figure that he observes.

Do not leave Assembly while a speaker is talking or just before he begins. It is disrespectful and discourteous.

Students cannot afford to miss a single Assembly hour, for the majority of the speakers have something good to say. When a poor one does come along, let us be courteous enough to stay till the hour is over.

A Conservatory of Music

It is well known that the University of Oregon would accomplish more if finances permitted. The appropriation which she receives is not sufficient to supply all her needs, and therefore she must do a little at a time. Some needs, however, are becoming essential, and prominent among these is the need of a music conservatory. The erection of a conservatory would not only give prestige to the University, but would also pave the way for a larger and more successful school of music. At present the studios are situated at the southwest corner of the lower floor of the men's dormitory. Not only are the rooms small and dark, but the place is very unsatisfactory. The men living there, and the students who must go there for their lessons are disturbed by one another, for the men cannot study with the continual noise of music, and the musical students cannot con-

centrate on their work while fifty or sixty men are moving about in the same building. The new-comer judges by outward appearances. When he sees such conditions, he is apt to go somewhere else for a musical education, without stopping to consider the excellence of the faculty of the School of Music. The teachers of this department are excellent and have obtained some very good results among their students, but their attempts would surely be rewarded to a greater extent if the students had a better place to work. Practicing can not be done satisfactorily in a house containing eighteen or twenty girls—the girls should have regular practice rooms at a suitable place. In every case the better the place of work, the better the results. Therefore we hope for the sake of teachers and students that a conservatory will soon be erected.

Jesse Ayres, '09, was married recently.

Mr. Leo Wise, of Astoria, Oregon, is spending a few days with his sister, Birdie Wise, '12.

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