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Give 1914 A Chance

The class of 1913 was blamed for all last year's calamities. The freshmen were harangued, cajoled, derided by every budding orator in the college. For a popular theme, the assembly speakers had only to touch on the utter worthlessness of 1913, and the assembled seniors, juniors and sophs would respond like magic and applaud thunderously.

Soul stirring addresses arraigned him for the decay of Oregon spirit. Painfully aware of his own shortcomings, the freshman blushed under the finger of scorn, while his open, ingenious countenance betrayed total and blissful ignorance of any such terms as spirit or tradition.

1913 was the goat. It certainly made some errors, but it is possible that these were committed more through ignorance than willfulness. Conditions were not helped by everyone running amuck bewailing the dead "spirit" and telling his neighbors that the college was going to the dogs.

Hazing is a thing of the past. The freshmen must be broken in some way, and last year has proven that nagging will not do it. Why not take 14 into our confidence, tell him kindly, but firmly, what is expected of him, and enlighten him as to the meaning of "Oregon spirit" as nearly as it may be defined? Then if moral suasion fails, ingenuity must suggest some more forcible way of making the appeal.

Yell Leader by Election, Not Appointment

For the last few nights the bleachers have been turned over to the candidates for the position of yell leader, the object being to give the executive committee tangible proof of the candidates' abilities to arouse and sustain enthusiasm.

Like a sensitive instrument, the bleachers respond to their master's touch, but one fancies that it is not with their wonted enthusiasm. The bleachers can not help feel but that they are merely being used as laboratories for experimental work and do not respond with the old time eager roar.

The leaders, too, necessarily lack the leadership and command that comes only from vested authority. Choosing the yell leader by competition is probably the best and fairest available plan yet proposed, but it is humiliating to both candidates and rooters. It would seem more practical to elect the yell leader in the spring with the other A. S. B. U. O. officers. Popular elections bring out the popular men, and after all popularity is the chief requisite in a yell leader, for the rooters only respond for a leader they like personally.

No "prep" school paraphernalia should be tolerated around the University.

Too many freshmen come to Oregon wearing gaudy pennant pins with the initials of their high schools, or the numerals of their cherished senior classes. These latter are generally as elegantly and chastly designed as the average policeman's star.

It is not becoming to traditional freshman modesty thus to blazon forth their antecedents. None of us here care much about them. When freshmen enter Oregon the important thing is what they will do for the Varsity, not what high school or senior class they belonged to. The less said on the latter point the better.

Often, too, brilliant monogram Jerseys appear on Kincaid field proclaiming the athletic prowess of the wearer at some insignificant high school. Most of these schools have never been heard from and most of the freshmen will never be heard from, at least in an athletic way. Anyhow it is real merit not self advertisement, that will make a hit with "Bill" and the coaches.

Kincaid is strewn with the wrecks of scores of "prep" athletic reputations. No freshman should make his disillusionment any more conspicuous than necessary.

The Emerald would like to enlist the services of about a dozen enthusiastic freshmen desirous of doing newspaper work. The Emerald cannot promise that all of them will be immediately placed on the staff or on the list of regular reporters, but everyone will be given a fair chance and abundant opportunity to show what he has in him.

Though previous experience on papers will be an advantage, inexperience should deter no one, as a style can be acquired, while the newspaper disposition can not. If a freshman is willing reliable, and writes a hand that can be deciphered at all, there is no reason why he should not make good and secure promotion.

Aside from the improvement in the reporter's English style, which will be rapid, there will be the satisfaction which should accrue from having done something for the University.

Hand in your names at the Emerald office, room 3, at the Dormitory.

Rather than publish the half complete list of staff reporters, the space at the head of the editorial column has been left blank, not through any desire to disparage the work of the staff or detract from the credit due them, but because it is yet doubtful who of them will make good and because the appointments cannot be legally made except by the executive committee. The selection will, however, be made as soon as possible, and if it is ratified by the committee the list will be continued if possible throughout the term of the present editor.

An important meeting of the Emerald staff will be held in the office, room 3, Dorm., Monday at 4. Everyone connected with the paper should attend. Weekly bulletin

1912 OREGANA WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON TIME

Editor Chester Moores reports that the 1912 Oregana is well under way, and from present indications will be distributed at nine o'clock on Friday of Junior Week End. Photographers have been on the lookout securing interesting snaps and some startling cuts are promised. Mr. Moores plans to bring this year's Oregana fully up to the high standard set by the class of 1911, and for the sake of class rivalry hopes to go Charles Robison one better. Manager Wendell Barbour is already soliciting ads and subscriptions.

INFORMAL RECEPTION GIVEN TO MRS. BROWN

The reception given yesterday by the ladies of the Advisory Board in honor of Mrs. Brown, at President Campbell's, was enthusiastically attended, and many "new" girls met the "old" girls in an informal way. Sherbet and cake were served by the members of the Cabinet. Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Sweetser, Mrs. Clark and Miss Woodcock stood in the receiving line.

APPLE GATHERERS ARE SCATTERED IN HASTE

The Kappa Sigma house shelters seven freshmen that are little more than nervous wrecks. A heavily loaded apple tree had been discovered in the neighborhood, and late Thursday evening the "frosh", provided with laundry bags, started for the harvest. But meantime Fen Waite and "Cash" Hawley had overheard the plans and designed a sounter attraction. Armed with a six shooter, the sophomores hid in the tall grass. When, like a pack of monkeys robbing a cocoanut grove, the freshmen were fairly started, Fen Waite began execrating them in a gruff voice while "Cash" fired the blanks.

The effect was startling and instantaneous. The freshmen left, but stood not on the order of their going. One fat one threw up his hands exclaiming: "My God! I'm shot!" But revived suddenly and ran very well in spite of his wound. Several tripped over each other in their efforts to "beat it." Going too fast to turn, the bunch ran to the end of the street and crawled home via the banks of the millrace. The sophs hopelessly distanced, stopped the pursuit after the first block and speculated as to the winners. By unanimous consent of participants and spectators. Cady Roberts, in spite of his corpulency acquired the speed and distance record, his fleet legs having carried him to Willamette street.

As they collected at home one by one, the hysterical freshmen were given the laugh, but it will take considerable inducements before any of them will again violate the tenth commandment.

Big Demand for Graduates

Special Correspondence.)
 Corvallis, Ore., Sept 23—That the demand for college trained men to fill positions of importance for the government, for educational institutions, and for big agricultural enterprises, is greater than can readily be supplied at present is proven by the number of vacancies which the Oregon Agricultural College has had to refuse men for because those fitted for them were already placed.

In the past two years many graduates have received appointment in government departments or elsewhere. One went to the University of Idaho as professor of horticulture; five more became assistants in experiment station work, including a horticulture instructor in the University of Maine; another in Washington State College, and others in the Canadian Department of Agriculture, the Hermiston Experiment Station, and that at Union, as well as expert for the U. S. Department of Agriculture in horticultural work. Seven are now orchard foremen, and a number more have obtained instructional appointments at their alma mater at Corvallis.

A large majority of the graduates of the college have refused remunerative offers of the sort, and instead have returned to the farm to apply in actual practice the knowledge gained in their studies.

ANNUAL JOINT RECEPTION IS ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

The joint reception by the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. to new students occurred Friday evening in the new gymnasium. New students were out in force and the "floor managers" were kept busy. Music and sherbet were dispensed in the gallery, and an enjoyable program of several musical numbers was rendered. Miss Lila Prosser, as usual, was honored, as was Burns Powell and his trombone. The real applause of the evening, however, was accorded William Lai and Harry Ding's duets. Those in the receiving line were President and Mrs. Campbell, Professor and Mrs. Boynton, Professor and Mrs. Straub, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Brown, Miss Edith Woodcock, Mrs. Pennell, Mr. C. W. Koyle and Professor Dunn.



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