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## Intracollegiate Athletics

Just now, there is a concerted movement among college faculties, to reduce intercollegiate games, both in number and in importance and to substitute intracollegiate games, or contests between the various organizations, as the classes or clubs, within the college.

As yet, the movement is in the formative stage, and the University of Missouri, which has abolished intercollegiate games, is the only college definitely committed to the new policy. Few advocates of the plan demand the immediate abolishment of college contests, though this is, doubtless, the ultimate aim. The educators hope, that by discouraging intercollegiate, and encouraging intracollegiate contests, interest in the former will gradually flag, until they may be quietly abolished.

The faculty of the University of Oregon is in touch with this movement, and in the near future, the college authorities of the Northwest will discuss the feasibility of inaugurating such a movement throughout the conference colleges.

Disregarding the desirability of neglecting college for class games—for that is evidently the intent of the movement—there arises the grave question of its practical expediency. The success of athletics depends upon the interest taken by general public and students. Would intracollegiate games arouse enough interest to keep athletics alive, or would the interest cease, thereby depriving the college student of athletic training, one of the most useful factors in his development?

Though the great college games are of very real and vital interest, to the American student, it may be seriously doubted whether class games would sufficiently command his interest, to insure his serious participation. And it is only through serious participation and regular practice, that lasting good accrues from athletics. In the big football games the student sees the symbolic struggle of two colleges, involving principles and interests, to him, of the utmost importance. To debase athletics from the heroic, to the scale of petty class rivalry, will alienate the student's interest, and thus preclude his participation.

The general public, too, is interested in the Oregon-O. A. C. game, but could hardly be expected to enthuse over the Freshman-Sophomore or Philologist-Laurean games. Perhaps, however, the elimination of spectators is precisely what the new movement looks toward, but it should be remembered that the exclusion of spectators would exclude one of the greatest incentives to athletic endeavor. We like appreciation, and the months of hard routine prac-

tice are largely compensated for by the admiration of the grandstand. Every exhortation to the rooters is a tacit acknowledgment of the stimulating influence of spectators upon athletic effort. Without the interest and attendance of the public, athletics is apt to be regarded as routine drill instead of stimulating play.

Spectators and students both admire the great athlete, for specialization is the key note of the times, and it is the specially trained body that makes athletics so attractive. We admire skill more than strength; the public admires it; it is the emulation of the trained athlete that the Freshmen turn out for the Varsity. The intracollegiate idea is, however, in direct opposition, for instead of specialization, it stands for diffusion. It takes away the honor of making the Varsity—the reward for specialization—and lays the stress upon mediocre and indiscriminate athletics.

Athletes themselves do not deny the evils attaching to the present system, and it is admitted by all that a larger proportion of students should be interested in athletics. Neglect of intercollegiate competition would, however, blunt the whole force of the athletic idea by removing the chief incentive for athletic work. That is the interest taken by students and public.

Persecution will never cease. In England the suffragettes are rebuked for mobbing parliament. In America the woman's rights issue meets defeat with disconcerting regularity, and at the University of Oregon the women are denied participation in the smoker rally.

The girls, however, set the precedent for exclusive affairs of the kind by last year's "girls' rally," and by the April frolics, and should not object to stag affairs.

The Oregon co-ed is, however, loyal to a fault, and her claim to a share in these expressions of college enthusiasm deserve to be considered. Probably the next rally will be of the old fashioned "mixed" sort.

Despite a number of discouraging exigencies, the smokeless smoker was undoubtedly the most successful rally ever held at Oregon—successful in accomplishing its twofold purpose of arousing spirit and subduing discords. With a precedent established, these affairs should be annual events.

The list of the Emerald staff and reporters has been compiled, with the ratification of the executive committee, and is herewith published. Vacancies have been left on the staff, and reporters doing unusually good work will be promoted. Those whose work is unsatisfactory will be dropped from the list of reporters.

Miss Laura Anderson, of Albany, is visiting at the Kappa Alpha Theta house for the week end.

Miss Ruth Hansen is spending the week end at the Gamma Phi Beta house.



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Arrangements for a "bumper" Oregon are already begun. The contract for all the engraving has been let to the Oregon Engraving Co., Portland, and Editor Moores is now in that city conferring with the engraving company.

## MARSHAL COHORTS FOR CLASS FOOTBALL GAME

There is blood in the Sophomore eye. He has sent an unconditional challenge to the green-caps to step forth and show their mettle in a football meet some time next week. The dominant note of the Freshmen's answer is silence; while their leaders are breathlessly beating the brush to scare out their supporters.

The terms of the challenge, based on last year's rules, include a 25 to 75 per cent division of the gate receipts, and admission price of not over 20 cents.

Captain Barzee, of the Sophomore team, is getting a line on his men, and by Monday night hopes to have a squad working. His desire is that all Sophs wish to take part in the game, who have ever played, or who even know a football from a pumpkin, be on the field, in old clothes, Monday afternoon.

## DR. SESSION TO DELIVER ADDRESS WEDNESDAY

Dr. Session, head of the Department of Psychology in the University of Washington, will address the students at assembly next Wednesday.

Dr. Session is a thoroughly educated man, and is known as an interesting lecturer. He received his Doctor's degree at Harvard, and since then has taught his subject in some of the best educational institutions in this country.

Mrs. Winn, of Albany, is spending the week end at the Kappa Alpha Theta house.

Caroline Dunstan is teaching in Albany High School.

Mrs. Sheeby, of Portland, will spend the week at the Gamma Phi Beta house, visiting her daughter.

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