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## Athletics And Students

Doubtless, the members of the freshman squad did not realize that they jeopardized the interests of the University when they allowed their college work to lag.

Athletics, however, along with the privileges they confer, impose heavy responsibilities and duties upon the participants. One of these is the necessity of keeping up, in good shape, the twelve to sixteen hours of college work, in addition to the twelve or more hours a week that athletics demand. Indeed, while the general public feels as it does toward intercollegiate athletics, it is highly important that athletes be held to especially strict account, for their records are conspicuous and any failure in scholarship is readily seized upon by the cranks, always eager to discredit colleges, and particularly athletics. In this state these "reformers" are numerous and active. With intercollegiate athletics it is a question of strict regulation or total abolition. It is often argued, that the Oregon faculty is overly apprehensive of this danger, and that it puts the University at a great disadvantage athletically, by a too rigorous insistence upon a high standard of scholarship for athletes. And as a matter of fact there are few conference colleges that maintain a stricter supervision over its athletes than does Oregon. Aside, however, from the abstract principle involved, strict regulation of athletics is the only means of allaying the voters' suspicions, that they are paying to train athletes, instead of citizens. Encourage them in the delusion that Oregon is devoted to athletics, not scholarship, and the remaining hostility to the State University will increase, the appropriations will be reduced, and the usefulness of the college seriously impaired. The public has heard much about our great athletes. As a rule, they have also been excellent students, which has effectively refuted the charge that Oregon neglected studies for sports.

The freshmen must realize that Oregon demands at least passing grades from her athletes, and that to flunk quizzes on the eve of a game seriously imperils not only their own interests, but the interests and reputation of the whole college.

In defiance of the conference rule prohibiting an athlete from playing on any college team for one year after a change of college, O. A. C. persists in playing tackle May, who played for the season of 1908 with Willamette University.

Trainer Hayward has written the O. A. C. authorities, asking whether May would enter the O. A. C.-U. of O. game. So far, Mr. Hayward has received only an indefinite and vague reply, stating that May's case had been investigated, and his eligibility established.

Though May did not play football last year, in these parts at least, he has changed colleges, and it was exactly such cases as his that the conference rule was designed to cover. A bona fide college student will not switch colleges every year or so, and if a man change, he should not object to remain-

ing out of athletics a year as evidence that studies, not athletics, caused his change of heart.

Of course, conference rules have been violated right and left the past two years, and O. A. C. has doubtless been handicapped athletically by its adherence to the agreement. There is always the temptation to strain the spirit of the rules and to increase the chances for a winning team. O. A. C. has so far borne an excellent record in this respect, but May is certainly ineligible, and why W. S. C. allowed him to enter the game last Saturday is inconceivable, unless the Washington team was unaware of his record.

When the whistle blows at Corvallis on the afternoon of November 12, it might surprise the changeable Mr. May to find himself facing Louis Pinkham. Stranger things have happened, however.

The whole freshman class, more particularly, of course, the 1914 team, is to be congratulated on its splendid showing against their Agric rivals. They have added fresh laurels to the University's record, and done a work of no small benefit, in developing material that will surely, some day, represent the Varsity.

If the hope of America is in its boys, the hope of Oregon is centered each year in its freshmen. From the showing today, Oregon is not yet on the road to oblivion.

## KAPA ALPHA THETAS GIVE RECEPTION FRIDAY

The Kappa Alpha Theta sorority gave a reception to their house mother, Mrs. Bancroft, and also to the faculty and students of the University, Friday afternoon and evening.

Their new house at the corner of Twelfth and Hilyard streets was decorated in smilax and chrysanthemums.

In the dining room Mrs. George Hug and Mrs. John Bovard poured tea, assisted by the Theta freshmen.

In the receiving line were Mrs. P. L. Campbell, Mrs. Bancroft, Mrs. DeBar, Mrs. Barker, Miss Norma Hendricks and Miss Cecil Wilcox.

During the afternoon over one hundred Eugene ladies called.

In the evening the house was opened to the students and faculty, and later in the evening there was dancing.

## SUCH ARE TRIALS OF AN EMERALD REPORTER

To Robert Burns Powell, Esq., City Editor Emerald:

I am sorry, but I don't think a story on the student body dance worth while. Besides, you gave the same thing to Miss Degermark. For two reasons, such a story won't go: (1) By the time the Emerald is out, everybody that is going to the dance will be gone, hence no use to urge them to go. (2) By the time they read the Emerald, which will be when they get back from the dance, they will already know about the floor, programs, orchestra, etc., hence no use telling them what you think it is going to be like 24 hours before. If there is anything else I can do, however, I'll call up Main 729 and tell me and I'll be only too glad to do it. Pardon the "verbosity."

NELLIE HEMENWAY.

## "SOME CONDITIONS OF LEADERSHIP" AT ASSEM.

Dr. J. Schafer will speak on "Some Conditions of Leadership" at assembly next Wednesday. Dr. Schafer intends to treat the subject from an historical and sociological standpoint, with the idea of making plain the process by which leadership is attained. Taking it for granted that everyone desires to be a leader, he hopes to arouse in every student a charty interest in his subject.

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A vote cast for Hon. W. C. Hawley, Republican Direct Primary Nominee for Congress, is a vote for a man who has no interests to serve but the public interests. Mr. Hawley was for many years one of the leading educational men of the state, and is a native son. (Paid Advt.)

## GAMMA GIRLS SOON TO OCCUPY MODERN HOUSE

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The Gamma Delta Gamma girls will move into their new house next Wednesday. The contractor, who should have finished the structure a week ago, and who forfeits \$10.00 a day for all over time, is polishing and putting on the finishing touches.

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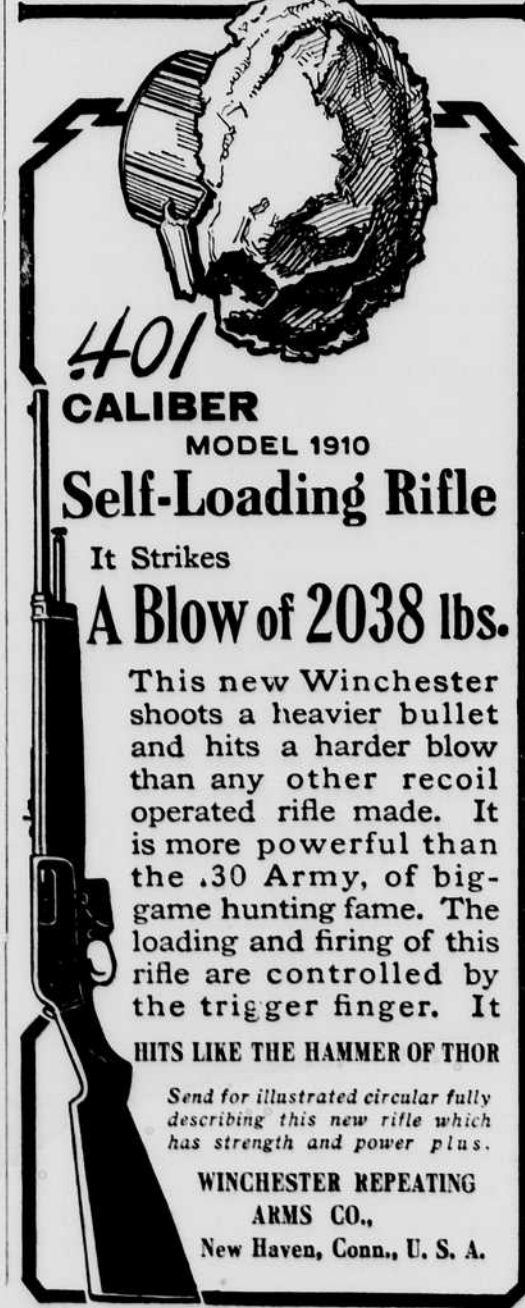
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