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## Good Sportsmanship

That Saturday's game was rough and dirty, was due, not so much to the freshman players, as to the action of the Oregon rooters, who abused the visiting players and incited both teams to roughness.

The crowd seemingly forgot the requirements of good sportsmanship, and the courtesies of hospitality. The conduct of the bleachers was crude and unfair, contrary to all Oregon's traditions for fair play. Such conduct is calculated to give serious grounds for doubt, whether Oregon is the fair-minded catholic college it professes to be, or merely as some of our larger and greater contemporaries state, a brush college, where defeated teams are stoned out of town. Many attempts have been made to define Oregon spirit, but whatever else it has stood for, it has not been roughness and roughness. Despising our opponents, has never won us victories. Teaching visiting teams and encouraging our men to dirty play has never gained us our reputation for fair play throughout the Northwest. Occurrences such as Saturday's are entirely contrary and opposed to all previous professions, traditions and actions of the University of Oregon, for in the past it was on the absence of such things that we prided ourselves, and it was just such happenings at other colleges that called forth our arraignment of them as crude.

Cries of "kill 'em," and "soak him," are always ill-timed, and out of place at games between college men, supposed to be gentlemen, but are particularly indefensible at a freshman game, where twenty-two youngsters are participating in their first intercollegiate athletic event. The freshmen were still unembittered with college rivalries, and would have doubtless played clean ball, had it not been for the malevolence of some of the rooters' remarks. Older players, men accustomed to Varsity games, would have been oblivious to the bleachers, and kept a steady head; but the freshmen got the idea that fighting was required in college football, and did their best to satiate the crowd's thirst for blood.

Responsibility for the discreditable affair rests upon those in authority on the field and upon the upperclassmen present, who should have resisted the tendency toward mob mind, and who by precept and censure should have kept the rooters' zeal within the bounds of propriety and sane mental balance. Indeed, few Oregon students would ordinarily so far forget fair play as to hurl epithets and abuse on visiting teams, a practice we have always been the first to condemn in other colleges. While our rooters were disparaging the freshmen, the O. A. C. rooters were running onto the Corvallis field between halves, to cover with their own coats the Whitman team. It used to be different here, and in 1908 we carried the victorious Washington men from Kincaid Field.

This is not a plea for "lady-like football." Occasions will arise when roughness seems necessary, but the coaches, trainers and captains are there to ad-

vised the men, and insults and howls from the bleachers are always inexcusable.

Saturday's performance was a disgrace to the college. For the honor of Oregon, let us each and all guard against a repetition.

O. A. C. is taking steps to institute a system of student government in all matters of student discipline. A committee of students was appointed to confer with President Kerr as to how much latitude in this line the faculty could grant. This is an important step forward, and it augurs well for the spirit of any college when the students ask to assume the responsibilities and privileges of self government. Such a system should give valuable training to every student's sense of honor, and would also afford valuable experience in civics, certain to be valuable in later life. Why not institute student self government here at Oregon?

Trainer Hayward's plan for interfraternity and interclass leagues is an excellent one. These games should bring out new men, interest a larger number of students in basketball and supply an incentive for lots of us to take regular exercise who are fast becoming book worms and library ghosts. Interfraternity baseball discovered several new diamond artists, and intracollege basketball may do the same thing for that branch of sport.

The University of Idaho takes its disappointing defeat gracefully, and in the college paper gives Coach Warner's men all credit as a wonderful team. Idaho shows no rancor, makes no excuses and does not seek to detract from the credit due the victors. It is this ability to fight hard, and if needs be to lose smilingly, that constitutes gameness, a quality the Idahoans have never lacked.

## Star Spangled Banner to Wave Above Villard

An excavation at the northwest corner of Villard Hall marks the spot where a new flag pole will be erected within the next few days. The pole, a beautiful stick of fir, 92 feet long, and but 10 inches in diameter at the bottom, was secured last spring from a farmer near Eugene. It will be planted seven feet deep in cement, and will be terminated with a golden brass ball 16 inches in diameter.

Oregon has boasted several flag poles, but none were permanent. Several years ago there was one near the Condon Oaks, and later a flag pole was projected from a front window of Villard Hall. Neither of these were permanent. As soon as the pole is in place, students will see the stars and stripes floating some thirty feet above the highest point of Villard Hall.

## The Scroll and Script to Boost For Oregon

The Scroll and Script, the honor society of University women, will be given a banquet by the president of the society, Miss Lilah Prosser, Thursday evening. The Scroll and Script are busy perfecting plans which will make the society a real power in University life. The banquet is in the nature of a "boost" for greater Oregon spirit.

## Invited to Military Ball

Percy Collier, President of A. S. U. O., is in receipt of an invitation to University students and faculty, to the O. A. C. military ball, which will be held in the O. A. C. armory the evening of the game, November 12. He urges everyone to attend if possible, both for the good time to be had, and for the promotion of good will between the colleges.

## COUNCIL ELECTS HOMER AND COCKERLINE M'G'BS

The athletic council held an important regular meeting Tuesday afternoon. Carl Homer, '12, was chosen as assistant to Track Manager Wendell Barbour. Harold Cockerline, '12, was elected manager of this year's basketball team, and was also elected manager of the interscholastic track meet, which will occur in Eugene some time next spring. The business of selecting a baseball coach was postponed indefinitely.

# MIRACLES WILL NEVER CEASE SAYS SEC. BROWN

After Prayer Y. M. Feeds 120 Ravenous Co-Eds on Fifteen Pies

"It was like the parable of the loaves and fishes," said Secretary Brown in speaking of the Y. W. C. A. banquet Monday.

"We fed pie to 120 hungry co-eds when there was only pie enough for 85. You see we divided each pie into sections of 45 degrees, then when the unexpected 35 came in we used protractors and by the aid of knives bisected these angles.

"Each pie might be considered as infinite and the sizes of the pieces as incommensurables constantly approaching the limit zero—" but the ungeometrical reporter fled in commensurable haste before his brain was further befuddled. Anyhow, the upshot of the matter was that the co-eds all had a rollicking good time—even better than if they had been gorged on pie. Possibly the large attendance may be accounted for by the announcement that the pillars of the Y. M. C. A. would supply the service. "They also serve who only stand and wait," and they were all there in white aprons, from President Charles Koyl to Secretary Brown himself.

Mrs. Bovard made an excellent toastmaster, or rather toastmistress, and called on the following:  
 "The Kick-off," Edith Woodcock  
 "The Coach," Mrs. Boynton  
 "The Sidelines," Pansy Shaver  
 "The Scrimmage," Ruth Merrick  
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