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A Crisis In Our Development

Without touching on the matter of the legal annual maintenance of \$125,000, the Board of Regents recommends to the legislature a special appropriation for the two years, 1911 and 1912, of \$409,418.92. Of this budget, the largest items are a new administration building, maintenance of the Medical College, and an increased salary roll for instructors. The remainder of the amount covers diverse, but necessary, changes and improvements essential to the adequate development and growth of the University.

The bill for this appropriation is being drafted, and will soon be put before the legislature for passage, rejection or amendment. Upon the lawmakers' action depends, not merely the welfare of the University for the ensuing biennium, but there is also involved the question of the permanent and lasting character of the University of Oregon.

All the needs expressed in the Regents' recommendation are real, and not to be disregarded. To deny them will seriously cripple the work of the various departments. As the report states, more instructors must be engaged, and the salaries of the present force raised, or the standard of teaching will suffer inevitably. The present cramped quarters of the administration department are intolerable and totally inadequate, and so it is with all departments. We have simply outgrown our present quarters and equipment, which belong to a former epoch of University building.

Should the legislature reject or seriously reduce through amendment, depriving the University of these pressing and immediate needs, it will mean the permanent crippling of efficiency, for now is the crisis. As President Campbell states in his report, the state of Oregon is entering upon a new era of wealth, development and building, and is discarding the old ideas of equipment and support—the standard of living is rising. Other Northwest colleges are keeping abreast of this movement, and if this college falls behind and remains cramped, hampered and poverty stricken, it will suffer not a temporary, but a permanent and irreparable loss of efficiency and prestige.

Our needs are real and immediate. Four, or even two, years from now will be too late. If a niggardly policy be followed till then, and our requirements not satisfied, the University will suffer serious injury, an injury that will permanently lower its standard, ruin its effectiveness, and largely destroy its prestige. Now is the crucial time.

Laurean Literary Society

There will be no meeting of the Laureans next Saturday night, because of the Mercer-Carter meeting to be held at that time. The literary program for that evening will be postponed until the next regular meeting.

CALENDAR
 * Thursday, Jan. 19—
 * 4:00 P. M., A. T. O. vs. Delta Sigma.
 * 7:00 P. M., Villard, Dramatic Club meeting.
 * Friday, Jan. 20—
 * 4:00 P. M., Sigma Chi vs. Dorm Club.
 * 7:30 P. M., Villard, Debate try-out.
 * 8:00 P. M., Deady, Engineering Club.
 * 8:00 P. M., Juniors vs. Sophomores.
 * Varsity vs. Chemawa.
 * Saturday, Jan. 21—
 * 3:00 P. M., Beavers vs. Tawah.
 * 7:00 P. M., Deady, Laureans.
 * 7:00 P. M., Villard, E. C. Carter, Y. M. C. A.

EIGHT WILL CONTEST FOR ALUMNI MEDAL

After the second debate tryout last night, Heinie Bauer, Percy Collier, Peter Crockett, Walter Doble, Clyde Motschenbacher, Leon Ray, Harold Warner and Howard Zimmerman were selected for the final tryout and contest for the alumni medal.

This contest, which was scheduled for Friday, has been postponed until next Tuesday at 7:00 P. M. At that time four men will be chosen to meet teams from Stanford and Washington; and the most effective debater will be awarded the alumni medal.

The tryout last night was so close that the judges had difficulty in reaching a decision. They at last decided to allow eight, instead of six, of the contestants to enter the final contest. There will be a hard fight on next Tuesday, and the debaters are expecting a large crowd out to urge them on.

INTER-COLLEGIATE DEBATE COUNCIL MEETS

The executive committee of the Inter-collegiate Oratorical Association will hold a business meeting in Villard Hall next Saturday at 2:30 P. M.

The purpose of the meeting is to select judges for the oratorical contest to be held in Eugene March 10th, and to estimate the expenses of the association for the coming year.

This committee is composed of one representative from each of the seven colleges and universities in the state which are members of the league. Percy Collier is President of the Association, and Oregon's representative in the committee. The other committeemen are F. P. Manley, McMinnville, A. R. Hodge, Albany, Albert Ashahr, Corvallis, Leslie L. Hope, Forest Grove, Jas. W. Crawford, Salem, and Victor Rees, Newberg.

SORORITIES WILL ATTEND Y. W. MEETING EN MASSE

The first meeting conducted by Miss Gage will be held in the Women's Gymnasium Saturday evening, at 7:30 o'clock. All the sororities have planned to attend these meetings in a body and an invitation is extended to all girls in the University as well as all feminine faculty members.

On Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock the girls are privileged to listen to Mr. Mercer speak. Mr. Mercer will be here conducting the meetings for the Y. M. C. A. at the same time Miss Gage and Miss Hojkins are here and he has kindly consented to speak to the girls on Sunday morning.

The announcements as to the other meetings will be made Saturday evening.

Professor Arthur R. Priest, dean of the School of Liberal Arts and head of the department of Oratory and Rhetoric at the University of Washington, has resigned his position as an instructor in that institution. For many years Dean Priest has coached Washington's debating teams and oratorical representatives.

Dr. D. C. Hall, physical director at the University of Washington, has resigned his position as track coach for that institution. He gives as his reasons the weight of his numerous other duties in connection with the University.

RUMOR EXAGGERATES REPORTS OF SICKNESS

Of the five men who have appeared on the sick list within the last ten days, Barzee still has a badly swollen lip, not one is suffering from typhoid, the result of an inter-frat game last week, but, aside from his indistinct articulation, he is doing quite well. Fiser, who was reported to be down with appendicitis, is back at school, but will not be able to take his usual part in athletics for some time. An abdominal muscle has been severely torn, and it is feared that this will deprive the Varsity of a good many points in the pole vault this coming spring.

Three Sigma Chi men, who were thought to have typhoid, are now known to be suffering from rather hard attacks of la grippe. Martin Hawkins is at the Eugene hospital, while Parks and Brown are at their homes in Junction City and Portland. All three are expected back at school shortly.

In connection with the typhoid scare, it was rumored that the Sigma Chis would close down their house. Members of the fraternity, however, when interviewed on this question, deny the report most emphatically.

President David Starr Jordan, of Stanford University, has opened up a course in "International Arbitration" at that institution, the first course of that nature ever offered in any educational institution in the country.

Harry Cash, one of last year's Emerald reporters, is in California picking oranges.

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