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Like the shadow of the gallows, to the condemned man, the approaching examinations are overclouding the whole campus. Like repentant criminals, we are deploring the inevitable, apprehensive of the bitter, unavoidable reckoning.

As the condemned man can see few advantages in capital punishment, at this time of the year arguments against examinations and schemes to entirely abolish them, are rife. There arises the old question of why have exams anyhow? Indeed the arguments for retaining the system are much the same as those advanced in favor of capital punishment. We hang people as reckoning for a life of misdeeds, and to deter others. Our dear professors state that they, too, are opposed to exams but there must be some way of reckoning for a semester of idleness, and that were the idlers not reckoned with severely the whole college would soon degenerate into mere athletes and "society stars," and so, as long as no one comes forward with a substitute plan, examinations with all their committal worry, misery and calamity will doubtless continue to persist. Perhaps there may be a few students who are not thus afflicted by the gloomy shadow of judgment and who, like the five wise virgins of Biblical renown, trim and fill their mental lamps and go with light hearts into these intellectual feasts. The vast majority of us, however, have roistered, wassailed and slept the semester away and exams find us unprepared, with our lamps unfilled.

Of course, we are now bestirring ourselves and make a great potter about doing a semester's work in a week and probably, most of us will cram in enough to get through. But think of the wasted calories, off worry, nervousness, sleepless nights, and injured eyesight, all caused by the futile attempt of six hundred of us to superficially "prepare". Yes, of course we knew it was coming and should have worked systematically, but flesh is weak, most of us, despite these semi-annual afflictions, have done this way for years, and students will doubtless continue unprepared until the examinationless millenium. Meanwhile, we must worry, cram and go to our semester reckonings with the fear and trembling of condemned men.

The Emerald, however, is not Quixotic enough to undertake a crusade for the abolishment of exams, though the day will undoubtedly arrive when they will be regarded as a curious relic of medieval scholasticism, like the study of spelling or Greek.

They are the one unpleasant feature of college life. Without them it would be one long spasm of unadulterated joy. They are the one fly in the otherwise honeyed existence. For the 5, who are prepared, examinations are both superfluous and unnecessary; for the 95 of us who are chronically unprepared, examination week is a living nightmare, a cumulation of horrors.

Away with them; they peeve our dispositions.

## O. A. C. WILL COACH PREP ATHLETES BY MAIL

Coaching by correspondence is the latest thing in track training. In order to have their high school athletes in the pink of condition, so that they will be able to furnish the best meet possible in the inter-scholastic contest at Cor-Cox, of the Oregon Agricultural College, has secured a well qualified trainer to correspond with the prep school athletes and give them instruction in the line of track training.

The O. A. C. inter-scholastic meet will probably be pulled off on the 19th and 20th of May, but May 5th, the date of the annual inspection of the cadet regiment, is being considered.

Hill Military Academy, Columbia University, and the Eugene, La Grande, Cove, Baker City, Corvallis, Albany, Vancouver and Washington high schools have already promised to send teams to the meet, and others are expected to enter later.

The O. A. C. management is working hard to make the high school meet a success, and a new track may be constructed for the event.

## BILL'S TRAINING SHED YIELDS TO ELEMENTS

Succumbing to last night's high wind, the training sheds, familiarly and vulgarly known as Bill's stock sheds, blew down. The collapse had been long expected, but it was necessarily somewhat of a shock that the buildings under which the immortal Dan Kelly, Oliver Huston and Nelson Gammons had done their winter training should be carelessly allowed to topple over like a common woodshed, and lie on the ground, prospective material for the next Fresh bonfire.

Bill says the pavilion was covered with insurance, if not with paint, and that with this money a green house will be erected to shelter from the blustering elements aspiring Freshman track material.

The wreck was put on today's entertainment program and listed as exhibit "C" to demonstrate to the lawmakers the tottering inadequacy of our equipment.

One of the most interesting productions that will be at the Eugene Theater this season, is the "Squaw Man." It is the product of the versatile Edwin Milton Royle's pen. Mr. Royle was happy in the selection of his locality upon which to build a story, and it contains all the elements that go to make a success. No section of America holds a stronger fascination for the tourist than does the Great West, with its wide plains and interesting characters. Mr. Royle has laid his story in Utah, the famous cattle country, where many stories could be told of fortunes won and lost. He has cleverly converted actual occurrences and scenes to stage uses, and how well he did his work will be demonstrated when "The Squaw Man" will be presented at the Eugene Theater, Tuesday, Jan. 31st, by an especially selected cast.

Freshmen at the University of Wisconsin are not allowed to walk on the campus. They are compelled to run from building to building with their caps in their left hands.

Kansas University has a precedent that a yell leader, if successful, shall keep the position through his college course and invent the color schemes for the games.

Columbia has started a student bank in connection with other student activities. The bank is connected with the business office and pays no interest.

Just because the typhoid scare is over is no excuse for anyone falling off the boiled water wagon.

The dramatic club of the University of Utah recently staged the play entitled "The Professor's Love Story".

"Say, Freshman, what is a dogma?" "I don't know, unless it is a puppy's mother," replies the innocent.

People who go to bed with the chickens, expect to waks up some morning on the perch of fame.

Miss Marjorie Holcolm was called home Sunday on account of the illness of her sister.

## ALPHONSE-GASTON BALL FOR INTER-FRAT GAME

A scrub basketball game, not listed in the inter-frat schedule, will be played in the men's gym between the Sigma Chi and Sigma Nu fraternity teams shortly after exams.

The conditions under which the game is to be played are somewhat unique in the annals of basketball at Oregon. No men who have played on class or fraternity will be allowed on the floor, and, moreover, each frat will pick its opponent's team. Some of the players have been already selected, and it is reported that such experts as Tom Burke, Lyle Brown and Nick Carter will grace the floor.

No player will be allowed to run more than ten steps with the ball, and a tained throughout the contest. Time will be called at intervals of five minutes, with thirty minutes between the halves.

CALENDAR  
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 \* Thursday, Jan. 26—  
 \* 4:00 P. M., Villard, Girls' Glee  
 \* Club Meeting.  
 \* 4:00 P. M., Sigma Chi vs. Avava.  
 \* Friday, Jan. 27—  
 \* 4:00 P. M., Beta Theta Pi vs. Bea-  
 \* vers.  
 \* 7:00 P. M., Deady, Y. M. C. A.  
 \* Saturday, Jan. 28—  
 \* 4:00 P. M., Sigma Nu vs. Acacia.  
 \* 7:00 P. M., Deady, Laurean Soci-  
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