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## Beat Washington

So far our college year has not been replete with championships. Certainly, we came near securing the coveted honors in both football and basketball, but they were wrenched from us and fell to the lot of our good friend the Washington University. These victories were but a continuation of that college's recently adopted policy of winning the lion's share of conference events. But of all their victories, none was harder to bear with equanimity than their victory over us at the dual track meet last spring.

For a number of years Oregon has stood alone in this branch of athletics, winning annually by a fortunate combination of good men and a good trainer. We had come to expect victory as a matter of course, the fighting spirit had somehow vanished, and last spring naturally enough Washington defeated us.

By some means or other, this defeat must be avenged. Washington has been entirely too successful of late, and unless the scepter is to depart forever from Israel we must win back our vanished track laurels. No matter what we think of Washington and its ideas of sportsmanship, the most effective rejoinder we can make to the aspersion they continually cast upon us through the press, will be to administer a decisive defeat to them on the track this spring. For effectiveness, a good rollicking defeat outweighs hundreds of newspaper articles.

So our cue is not to worry overly much about what the University of Washington Daily or any Seattle paper may think or say of the University of Oregon, or the University of Oregon's athletes, but we should bend all our energies toward beating our northern neighbors. Naturally, such attacks as the recent one upon our basketball team and the charges against our sportsmanship are a bit hard to bear, but a good drubbing on track or diamond will be the best answer. Victory however, seldom comes to any college except as a result of hard work and a get together spirit. It means that every student must turn out and help make a success of track and baseball.

Last night's forensic victory was easily one of the biggest events of the college year.

The account of Oregon's victory will impress more people and attract more favorable notice to the University than would victory in any other line of student activity. Many people in Oregon are constitutionally opposed to athletics, and to them victory on the gridiron, track or diamond merely presents an opportunity for knocking the University and arguing that the University is training athletes, not educating men. Intellectual attainments, however, command respect from everyone, and by thus taking the lead in forensics, the University will impress upon the state the real practical results that are being achieved here.

Burns Powell, '12, is suffering from epiciticis, whatever that may be.

## A. T. O. AQUATIC MEET IS ONE BIG SPLASH

Splash! Flop! Splash! It is not the Kappa Sigs baptising another recalcitrant Freshman; it is the A. T. O. spring aquatic meet.

Hi Norton, feeling the financial stress occasioned presumably by the recent bungalow fund campaign, offered, for a stated purse, to swim 50 feet against the current of the millrace with Freshman Vierick. Vierick is from Tillamook, where it rains sometimes, so he called the offer. Notices of the meet were duly posted and a considerable crowd, including two Gamma Fhis, were out at the swift water back of the Kappa Sigma house, where the big splash was to occur.

"Norts" started out with a spurt, with Vierick close behind, but when twenty feet were covered it began to rain. Tillamook, being used to this, kept on, but Norton, who hails from Grants Pass, succumbed to the downpour, dived for the bank, and disappeared in the Kappa house.

Vierick covered the required distance and was duly declared winner of considerable glory and the ten dollar purse.

Edith Woodcock was called home Wednesday on account of the death of her grandfather.

Charles Van Duyen, '13, is confined to his home with an attack of typhoid. His is the only case of the disease now existing in the University.

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The following were patronesses: Mrs. F. L. Chambers, Mrs. E. E. DeCou, Mrs. F. G. Young, Mrs. P. L. Campbell, Mrs. I. M. Glen, Mrs. W. A. Noon, Mrs. R. Geisler and Miss Maude Stinson.

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