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Just Recognition

It is the steady, unremitting work of the reporters that makes possible this or any other college paper; but reportorial position implies a steady grind of several hundred words per week, for which there is no adequate compensation or reward.

Few of the Emerald reporters aspire to the editorship or have journalistic ambitions. When they write a good story no one hears about it to give them credit. Indeed, about all the notice they receive is the fault finding of the editor, and the smoke up notices for neglected college work. One wonders why they are willing to sacrifice so much time and effort when the only possible recompense is the improvement in their English style, and the satisfaction of having rendered an important service to the Varsity.

Perhaps it is true, as our detractors and rivals contend, that the Emerald uses most atrocious English, but the fact remains that it is better English than is employed by the great majority of students. This is proved by the difficulties that the "cub" reporters have at first, in expressing themselves clearly and forcibly. A couple of years of college English does not rid one of the faults of verbosity and circumlocution; but three months of newspaper work, while not, perhaps, reaching elegance and purity, give the reporter a facility and directness of expression that will be most useful in any walk of life. For, after all, the average man does not need very badly the principles of description and criticism. But he does primarily need the ability to express himself forcibly and directly, and this may be acquired better in newspaper work than in any other line, provided, of course, one possesses the perseverance and ability to improve.

Though there is a natural tendency for one to glorify his own profession, it is difficult for the Emerald to conceive any effective argument against proper recognition of this college news paper work. Why should the reporters not receive English credits, as the athletes receive physical training credits.

These reporters do work along the lines of the college curriculum, and also sacrifice much time and effort towards putting out a paper capable of representing the University, and, in spite of our critics, the publications meet an important and useful need in college life.

Officially to recognize and accredit reportorial work would be no more than to acknowledge the benefits of its training and to bestow reward where it is due, and also to offer some encouragement to the ones who are assisting materially in keeping up Varsity enterprises.

Why is it not done?

The Freshmen provided an excellent entertainment at their annual class hour this morning. The quality of the program came as a pleasant surprise after humptious announcement dodgers. In a feeble attempt at cleverness, someone had evidently allowed his desire to be funny to overrule his judgment and taste, and had plastered the University with glaring posters, which were guilty of all crudities from puns to bad spelling. The class of 1914 is one of the

best classes that ever entered the Varsity, and the bills were hardly representative of the class. Besides, it is presumptuous and immodest in anyone, particularly Freshmen, to publish broadcast one's cleverness and ability.

MANAGER HUNTINGTON DOESN'T WANT MONEY

Tickets for the Washington-Oregon debate on March 31st were placed on sale today with various students about the campus. Twenty-five cents is the charge.

The low price of admission, it is hoped, will bring out an audience of over five hundred people, as was the case last year in the Utah-Oregon debate. "The support of the students with their presence," says Manager Huntington, "is needed a great deal worse than their money. I do not intend to make anything on the debate. We want to win, and in order to do so our debaters must be supported by the whole student body. If I thought a ten cent admission would bring a larger crowd and would be consistent with the dignity of the contest, I would reduce the charge to that amount. The primary consideration is the size of the audience. That is why you will be admitted for twenty-five cents."

STAND PATTERS SQUELCH LAUREAN INSURGENTS

An attempt, which failed, however, to have the investigating committee appointed by the House instead of the speaker, bore evidence of the presence of an insurgent group.

A heated discussion of the administration of the United States pension system, in the Laurean congress Saturday night, gave rise to charges of corruption, and resulted in the passing of a resolution providing for an investigation of the present pension system.

The following officers for the balance of the semester were elected:

President, J. E. Jones; Vice President, Pickett; Secretary, Ashcraft; Treasurer, Barnes; Censor, Dunton; Sergeant at Arms, Huntington; Asst. Secretary, Crockett.

There will be a meeting of the proposed "Blackthorne Club," in Deady Hall, Thursday at 4:00 o'clock. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and perfect the organization of the society.

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