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Clemency

It is difficult for the average student to condemn very harshly the two boys who disguised themselves as women and mingled with the co-eds for a few minutes before the April Frolic began. If current report is correct several of the Varsity women connived in the scheme which was conceived entirely in the spirit of fun. Certainly if there is any serious feeling among the co-eds over the affair it is not general and has not found public expression. Indeed, as far as the Emerald can learn the majority of women look upon the matter more as a joke than a crime. It is to be hoped that the faculty may be led to regard the prank in the frivolous, innocent spirit in which it was perpetrated and in which every one concerned and indeed the student body in general judges it.

The freshmen idea of instituting an annual cap-burning ceremony Junior Week-End is an excellent one and seems to be meeting with nothing but general public approval.

Those of the class who have faithfully worn the verdent sky piece deserve some public commendation and notice. Anyhow, as the caps are now worn and faded and have served their purpose in adorning and distinguishing the freshman visage, they might appropriately be discarded. One thing however, that the students in general and the freshmen in particular, should guard against is that no member of the class who has not strictly observed the rule be allowed to participate in the exercises. A proscribed list should be drawn up and the incorrigibles tabooed. In this way can public commendation and censure be effectively registered and a measure of compensation be awarded the deserving.

Jim Hammond, '98, who is sacrificing his vacation to coach the Senior play gratis possesses the right kind of college spirit. It is not the kind that expends itself in undergraduate jingoism, "rah rahs", and "college poster" clothes and immediately lapses into forgetfulness. This type forgetfulness and indifference upon which is unfortunately common among college students and which is responsible for much of the hostility to colleges on the part of the general public never impelled a man to do one unselfish deed for his university. Mr. Hammond's is not of this variety. It is something better, of the sort which we like to imagine is characteristic of this college. Would that Oregon had more alumni like "Jim Hammond."

With this issue, the Emerald staff, or rather the unimportant masculine part of it, steps down and out while triumphant Femininity takes possession of the office and printing plant. That the special Women's number will be the best of the year goes without saying, and the "mere men" content themselves with the weak prayer that the contrast may not be so great as to totally discredit succeeding issues.

The foxes have their holes, the fowls of the air their nests, but during Junior Week-End the poor student has not whereon to lay his head.

If Johns' heroic measures result in a permanent abatement of the nuisance, he should be regarded as a public benefactor.

WISCONSIN FRESHMAN GOES WITHOUT CAP; IS DUCKED.

The hazing of a freshman, Schlomovitz, at the University of Wisconsin by immersion in the campus lake, resulting in the suspension of several students from the University, is creating quite a stir at the Badger institution.

Last year the students at the Wisconsin institution agreed to do away with hazing scrapes and sentence the guilty individuals. Till the incident of last week, the student court had no opportunity for action, and it seems that the stand it took in suspending those implicated in the hazing does not meet the approval of the student body in general.

Schlomovitz, it appears, refused to wear the traditional green cap required at Wisconsin, and when asked by upperclassmen to conform to the rules, he became impertinent and offensive. As a matter of discipline, several upperclassmen seized the irrepressible "fresh" and threw it into Lake Mendota. The student court immediately took up the matter, and suspended the guilty students for a period of two weeks. The student body has now stepped in, in an attempt to sift the affair through. The question seems to hinge on whether the hazing was "indiscriminate" or "corrective." In passing the hazing resolutions last year, it is being argued the students wanted to do away with indiscriminate hazing only, and therefore the present case is out of the question, although the rules specifically state that immersion in the lake shall be termed hazing. At a meeting of the student conference, the board was severely censured for its action. There is also a movement on foot among the students to impeach several members of the board and elect new members to take their place.

COLLEGE Y. W. WILL CHOOSE DELEGATES TO CONFERENCE

Next Monday afternoon the election of delegates to regular Y. W. C. A. conference at Breakers, Washington, will take place. This is an extremely important event and it is hoped by the committee in charge that every Y. W. C. A. girl will be present. Oregon hopes to send at least ten representatives delegates to this Summer Conference as Washington will send fifteen or twenty and Idaho probably as many as ten. This is the crowning event of the year in Y. W. C. A. circles.

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