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## A CANOE CLUB

A characteristic of the American university is its predilection for the club in all possible forms. There are club social, clubs occupational, clubs convivial, and clubs mysterious, whose aims and ambitions are beyond human understanding. All this is very good, it promotes solidarity, gives everyone an office of some sort or other, and thus fattens senior summaries. Oregon is no exception to this rule, and for the size of the college, surely has its share of organizations. Indeed, a student who does not belong to at least three and who does not hold office of some kind is an anomaly here.

It is remarkable, however, that while this tendency toward organization has spread to practically all lines of interest and endeavor, not even neglecting the most trivial and unimportant, one of our principal activities has remained untouched in all its primeval confusion and disorder. That is canoeing.

Of course, this is a peculiarly individualistic recreation, without much opportunity for concerted team play, and generally canoeing parties are exclusive and unsociable.

There are, however, many phases of this excellent sport that might be improved and made more enjoyable by the formation of a live canoe club. By concerted effort, docking facilities might be provided, and eventually an elaborate club house erected. The race might be improved, beautified and cleared of obstructions, and much might be done in the way of fostering the sport of canoeing as distinguished from the recreation.

In all of these lines, a strong, well organized club would be of immense benefit. Considering the devotees this popular sport claims among us and our well known propensity for organization, it would seem a comparatively simple matter to promote such an organization, and by concerted effort to do considerable toward making canoeing still more enjoyable and beneficial.

Objection is made by some to the method of selecting the graduate manager, as provided for in the pending amendment. It is urged that an officer so important to the student body should be elected by the student body, to increase the feeling of strict accountability. These objections do, however, overlook the fact that the popular man is proverbially the poor business man and that under the political methods at present prevailing here, there would be ample opportunity for a man to secure the popular suffrage who would not be possessed of the necessary business acumen. Small bodies as the committee and council are not so liable to these errors. They would be more inclined to consider carefully and fully the candidates' qualifications. Also they would be in a position to bargain more shrewdly, and the manager would have a stronger sense of responsibility to the bodies to which he will be accountable. It is a purely

business proposition, and most big businesses are administered and most managers elected by boards of directors corresponding roughly to our council and committee.

Robison's notable unanimous victory in Seattle last night closes our forensic season. We have won five contests and lost one, which gives us a percentage rating of .833. We have defeated Washington three, Stanford once and in turn have been defeated by Utah. Forensics have unquestionably been our most successful activity this year, for which great praise is due Coach Buchen and his brilliant and industrious disciples. Why not have a rally or demonstration for all of them, co-eds included, and show our appreciation in a tangible way?

## GIRLS AS EDITORS

The following editorial commendatory of the Women's Emerald appeared in the La Grande Evening Observer May 18.

The "Oregon Emerald," a college publication at Eugene, was issued this month by the girls of the University, and it was very cleverly done. From the gorgeous cover to the want column, the paper was clean, well edited and dignified. No department was neglected. Even the housekeeper's corner was full of good things, and there is no direct evidence produced to show that the girls had their mothers furnish the "dope" for this department, although the charge has been indirectly made. Housekeeping and college life do not jibe, we regret to say, and often a very fine girl is spoiled by sending her to some school away from home.

But the Oregon girls may prove different, and if they keep house in the future as well as they edit their newspaper now, there is reason to believe the country is safe and the stomachs of Oregon men will be protected.



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5:00 P. M., Women's Gym, Senior Co-Ed Meeting.	
Tuesday, May 30—	
7:30 P. M., Mechanical Hall, A. I. E. E.	
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