



## THE STUDENT BODY FINANCES NEED A LITTLE ATTENTION

### GRADUATE MANAGER'S ECONOMIC ADMINISTRATION HARD ON UNIVERSITY

#### CONDITION \$500 BETTER THAN IN 1911

#### Deficit at the End of the Year Will Be in Neighborhood of \$1,500.

At present the finances of the student body are about even; there are neither debts to be met nor funds in the treasury. However, at the end of the year, when all the bills will have been presented, a deficit of about \$1,500 is to be expected. Despite this large debt, the management feels encouraged, since this will mean a reduction of about \$500 from the deficit left at the end of last year.

Football is about \$180 to the good. The largest item of expense was the cost of the coaching, \$2,550. The management may have to pay Idaho \$100 to \$150 for cancelling the football game scheduled with that team at the time of the death of Virgil Noland.

Basketball may or may not come out ahead, for it is impossible to tell at this early date. The estimated deficit for track will probably be about \$300, since no meets are scheduled for Eugene. Basketball will probably pile up about \$200 debt.

Oratory and debate have not yet made any report. It is probable that a deficit of about \$300 will be incurred, \$200 of which will be in bringing the Utah debating team to Eugene. The Oregon Monthly at the last date of balance were \$4.86 behind, while at that time there was an outstanding bill of about \$100 for printing, and this week another issue goes to press, making a total of \$200 debt. The receipts from subscriptions and advertisements will remove about half this amount, so that the Monthly will probably be about \$100 in debt at the end of its year of publication.

The Glee Club is about \$200 behind, a good record, since only once before has there been so small a deficit. In other years, when the finances of the club appeared more successful, it was on account of a large apportionment from the student body, while this year the management had to start out with nothing ahead.

The financial condition of the student body is in a much better shape now than last year at a corresponding time. Under the graduate manager system the initial debt of \$2,040, including interest on the money borrowed last year, will be reduced to about \$1,500 at the end of this year. Under the present economical management, the student body is expected to remove all debts in a year's time and begin to maintain a surplus in the treasury for all occasions.

#### DEBATE WILL BE HELD IF GIRLS SHOW SPIRIT

There has been some question lately as to whether there will be a co-ed debate this year. Manager Geary states that it rests entirely with the student body. If the girls turn out and show that they want to keep up their former glory, there is no obstacle in the way. Washington has signified its desire for a contest and will pay all expenses of the Oregon team on their trip to Seattle.

#### OTHER INSTRUCTORS TAKE PROF. FRINK'S CLASSES

Because of Prof. Frink's illness, his classes have been turned over to other engineering instructors. Prof. McAllister has taken bridge engineering, Mr. McClain has the class in railroad engineering, and Dr. Leonard is teaching contracts and specifications.

Prof. Frink's illness has been very serious and has necessitated an operation for cancer of the stomach. For a while the outcome of the operation was extremely doubtful, but at present he is slowly convalescing, although still in a rather precarious condition.

Professor Frink is in San Francisco, where he was visiting his mother up to the time of his illness. It is not expected that he will resume class work at the University this year.

## LAST MONTHLY READY

### Innovation in Form of College and High School Exchanges Will Appear.

The January issue, probably the last issue of the Oregon Monthly, will soon be ready for distribution. It is an all story number and contains several good articles. One particularly good one, according to the editor, is an essay on Daniel Webster by Ralph Moores. Daniel Webster's birthday occurs on the eighteenth of the present month and this article, therefore, will doubtless be of unusual interest. The Monthly also contains a complete report of Judge Galloway's ruling in the Referendum case. The result of Dr. Babcock's investigation of the University is also published. Dr. Babcock was appointed by the Commission of Education to inspect all schools of higher education throughout the country and to give a detailed report of them as regards their various standards. He visited Eugene during the Thanksgiving holidays.

In addition to this, a special High School and College Exchange Department will appear, which promises to be an interesting innovation. Margaret Rohse has charge of the department.

The usual number of stories, poems and jokes complete this issue.

#### PROF. DUNN WRITES ARTICLE OF INTEREST TO STUDENTS

The University bulletin for December, which has just made its appearance, contains an interesting and instructive article, written by Prof. Frederic S. Dunn, head of the Latin department. The article, "The Last of the Sequani, A Study in Reconstruction," is a survey of Gallic history, and deals with the story of the last king of the Sequani in the time before Caesar came as governor. It gives an account of the history of a nation of which little is known, and is of especial interest to students of Caesar.

#### ENGINEERS WILL MEET TO DISCUSS VACATION TRIP

The Engineering Club will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, in Prof. Dunn's room, Dady Hall. All engineers are requested to note especially the change of the day and hour of the meeting.

The new business to come before the club is the subject of the Spring vacation trip for engineers. The program consists of a talk by Harry Devereaux on concrete dam construction near Monroe. Mr. Alvin Meyers, superintendent of the Eugene waterworks, will give a talk on "Waterways and the Engineering Connected With It."

## FRATERNITIES MAY GET TOGETHER ON PLEDGING SYSTEM

### SEVEN ORGANIZATIONS FAVOR ANY CHANGE THAT WILL ARREST ABUSES.

#### STRICT PAN HELLENIC IS NOT FAVORED

#### Fraternities May Hold Conference At Which the Proposition Will Be Discussed.

By a thorough canvass of the National fraternities in college the Emerald finds the sentiment almost entirely favorable to a conference of the Greek organizations, at which conference rules, taboos, the ancient practice of pledging men outside of college, may be adopted, and lived up to strictly.

All of the bunches have evidently discussed the measure that was brought up by a recent signed article in the Emerald, and most of them are fully decided upon what course to pursue, should definite action be followed out. All are agreed that to suppress the tolerance of prepers sporting a pin for a number of years, then failing to show up at college, would be a laudable move.

The measure will be thoroughly threshed out when the representatives of the different organizations get together.

The sentiment as expressed by the presidents or leading seniors in each of the seven bunches follows:

Chandler, Sigma Nu—"If the other bunches can agree not to pledge outside of college, we will be in. However, we do not feel like entering into any elaborate system of pan Hellenic rules."

Turner, Alpha Tau Omega—"We have not fully decided upon our stand in this matter, but should the bunches decide to hold a conference as a means of coming to an understanding, we will do our part."

Smith, Acacia—"We think the plan is a good one and you may depend upon us entering into the agreement whereby the new system may be governed."

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## INDOOR MEET PLANNED

### Wrestling Matches Will Interest Spectators Along With Other Events.

Bill Hayward has announced that an indoor track meet will be held in the Gym sometime in the near future. It will probably be conducted on the same plan as the one held last year and will undoubtedly give a line on the new material. In addition to the usual program of weights, jumps, vaulting, and races, Bill says he will hold an Interclass Wrestling contest. At present there are about thirty men in the wrestling class and, as they are all anxious for a contest, a lively time will ensue. The exact date has not yet been decided upon because at the present time the gym is in constant use and until the basketball season has been completed, no definite date can be decided. However, Bill says the exact date and all the plans will be completed in a couple of weeks and at that time any aspiring candidate for track or wrestling honors can place his name on the entry list which will be posted in the gym.

#### BOTANY 7 NAME OF COURSE CALLED NEW

In a recent number of the Emerald the Botanical Department was quoted as giving a new course for next semester.

This is a slight error, as the course in question will be found described in the catalogue as Botany 7 "Economic Botany." The work for the coming semester will be concerned with some of the common vegetable food substances, their dietetic value, common adulterants, and greatest economy in selection.

This will be a two hour course, one laboratory period and one lecture, open to all who have had a half year of botany or its equivalent, which will include high school botany.

Mrs. Wm. Kramer (Miss Adele Pickel), '02, is living at Valdez, Alaska.

## LEAGUE DEBATERS WORK

### Contests for Championship of Five Districts Taking Place—Finals Held in Eugene.

The schools of the Oregon High School Debating League are doing earnest work on this year's debates, according to LeRoy Johnson, secretary of the league. Many of the preliminary debates have already taken place, but the semi-finals and finals remain yet to be threshed out.

The state is divided into five districts—Southern Oregon, Coos Bay, Central Oregon, Columbia River, and Eastern Oregon. Each district holds preliminary debates to decide its own champion. The inter-district champions then debate for the state championship. Coos Bay will meet Southern Oregon sometime this month and the winner will debate Central Oregon. The victorious team will then meet the winner of the Columbia River-Eastern Oregon debate for the state championship. The final debate will be held at the University sometime next June. The winning team will be awarded a beautiful silver loving cup.

The League was formed by Prof. E. E. De Cou and has been greatly encouraged and aided by faculty members of the University. It has proved to be very successful and of great value in developing debaters and at the same time building up the High Schools of the state and bringing them in touch with one another.

#### VARSITY GIRLS MAY MEET WASHINGTON IN TENNIS

Plans are now being considered to hold a co-ed tennis tournament at Oregon next spring, when the tennis championship of the Northwest is decided between Oregon and Washington.

Miss Mildred Bagley, president of the Girl's Tennis Club at Oregon has been in communication with Manager Zednick of Washington and the latter seems to be in favor of the dual event.

The final decision of the Washington authorities will be made this week and the matter here has been turned over to Manager Geary, who will take it before the athletic council for consideration.

Mr. Theo. P. Holt, Professor of Mining, '07, U. of W., was married Christmas day to Miss Ruth Chandler, of Salt Lake City.

Mrs. I. H. Amos, of Portland, a national committeeman of the prohibition party, was a dinner guest at the Delta Sigmas Tuesday evening.

Bob McKenzie, ex-'10, has been visiting at the Sigma Chi House since Sunday. McKenzie is holding a surveyor position with the Pacific Great Western line running from Eugene to the Coast.

## NEW GRADING PLAN DECIDED UPON IN FACULTY MEETING

### MISSOURI SYSTEM OF MARKING MEMBERS OF CLASSES ON PERCENTAGE BASIS.

#### PRESIDENT ASSURES NO RADICAL CHANGE

#### Automatic Adjustment Expected to Work Out New System After Period of Time.

A new system of grading which is guaranteed to be a panacea for all the evils of the present system, was adopted at the last faculty meeting, and will be put to a test next semester. This latest and most modern method of grading is that now used at the University of Missouri, where it has been successfully tried out for several years.

The object of the new system is the unstiffening of "stiff" courses and the depiping of "pipe" subjects. At present it is found that there are courses in which the majority of students secure a high mark, while there are others in which an "A" is a rarity. It has also been found that there is a class of fifty per cent of the grades which fall under the classification of "normal" or "average," twenty-five per cent are above "normal," and the remaining twenty-five per cent "inferior."

Under the new system the grades will be so given that the students will be divided into these classes. To fifty per cent the grade of "M," or medium, will be given, five per cent of the higher class will receive the highest grade, "H," while the remaining twenty per cent will receive the mark "S," denoting superior work. The lower twenty-five per cent will be divided on the marks "P," signifying pass, and "F," denoting failure.

President Campbell states that there is some misunderstanding among the students concerning the operation of the new system. It is possible that there will be all high or all low marks, as at present. The proportions which are to be strived for will not be reached in any one year, but over a number of years. In other words, no attempt will be made at first to pass a certain per cent and flunk a certain per cent of the students, but in time such a result will be obtained by the automatic adjustment of the system. In order to alleviate the apprehensions of the students, President Campbell will elucidate at next Wednesday's assembly and explain the inner workings of the plan.

It is reported that unanimity of opinion was lacking at the meeting of the faculty at which the step was taken, and that several prominent instructors are still strongly opposed to putting the scheme into practice.

#### BEN WILLIAMS RECOVERS AND WILL BREAK RECORDS

Ben Williams, the star varsity polevaulter, has not submitted to the operation upon his knee, as was reported in recent issues of Portland and local papers. The ex-track captain expects to recover from the difficulty without permitting an operation.

Varsity track boosters are unanimous in the hope that the premier vaulter will again be able to clear the high bar for Hayward's championship contenders this coming season.