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A Criterion for University Efficiency.

A true criterion by which to judge the efficiency of a University seems to have been found by a member of our faculty, who holds that a University should strive primarily to develop the mental side of our natures—develop the mind for correct thought process—and every activity entered into should have this end in view.

He contends that if our debates, football games, college papers, efforts to secure grades, etc., have as their end a mental stimulus, they are good; but if, on the other hand, they are not valuable, primarily, for this they are a waste of time to a University.

This professor does not advocate making so called grinds out of students; he would even tolerate the man who despises his studies, if he spends his time in other activities which open his mind to the world about him and so develop his thought process, that he will be able to think and act in an organized manner when he leaves college.

The objection the professor makes to our athletics is not that we do not play our games well, but that we play them too well. Health is necessary in order that the mind may do its work well; but when we make the in highest repute those things the flesh can be made to do, we are aiming at other than thought process development and are missing that which will in future life do us the most good.

"Let the students argue more over questions of social, political, economic and moral moment," the professor says. "Let them quarrel over whether or not we are possessed of a will, or whether the single tax should be adopted or rejected, for such things strengthen the mind and help to make it a fit instrument for solving life's battles."

We think this thought is worthy of consideration by students, who naturally lean towards the more attractive material things, and by the faculty, who are apt to become so engrossed in the routine of their subjects that the ends of a University are lost sight of. It seems to us that could the students keep this criterion constantly before them, much of the abuse arising from athletics and other student enterprises would disappear, and should all the faculty work in the light of it, many courses, now of no practical benefit, beyond the development of parrot-like minds, would rise to a plane of real usefulness.

THE SAGE OF PODUNK

If you've got to get a "skate on," go and do it at the rink.

With so many "piggers" in the gallery at the basketball games, there ought to be a little more "rooting."

Every baker ought to be rich, he has the dough.

Statesmen are supposed to make laws, but they spend most of their time making speeches.

THE STORY THE SPORTING EDITOR TOLD

Note—Shakespeare held that the common herd could rise to poetical heights when laboring under stress of emotion. He was undoubtedly correct as attested by the following:

"Twas a cloudy day and dark and dismal, and we worked at our desks in silence,
Fen at my right, and Evans at my left, and the rest scattered round the big table,

When the sporting editor, whose versatile brain feathers out the true heroes of our athlete world, Laid aside his huge pen, brushed away a hat and said, "Men, let me tell you a tale of ingratitude, true.

"In nineteen hundred and eight, you know, when Harvard beat Yale by a score so close,

The shoe of Vic Kennard, who won that game, was gilded and placed in their case of trophies.

Now we have a man, who time after time turned certain defeat into glorious success

By his trusty hoof; but whose shoe, my friends, lies forgotten, I say, 'neath the rubbish collected in Hayward's damp cellar."

(Office boy and reporters weep silently.)

"Oh, why should the spirit of mortals be proud, when such base ingratitude confronts us to view, The old cleated shoe, the green sock that went in it, lie molding and rotting, forgotten, I say.

The beating of hearts leaped high alight, when Moullen brought victory to Oregon's doors,

But now that he's gone and gas buggies doth sell, we no longer pay tribute to his valiant work."

(Managing editor and city editor overcome with emotion.)

"Now when I die, don't bury me at all, just pickle my bones in Springfield's near booze

And let me cross that river of tears in silence, forgotten by the cruel, cruel world.

But don't let "Khaki's" shoe molder in its grave, rescue it, gild it, place it with our trophies.

And let his soul go marching on in the memory of all future "Oregon students."

(The editor bellows his wrath on the ingratitude of the human nature and promises to write an editorial.)

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