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Friendship and Institutionalism.

The last O. A. C. Barometer contains an editorial devoted to the editor of the Emerald and his editorial of two issues ago, "What About the Big Issue," which, from the standpoint of sarcasm, is a masterpiece. The O. A. C. Editor objects to the Emeralds attitude of "let us at 'em," and prefers the "Well, I Wont Play," to the one which he says has for its object "the giving vent to spite and venom in physical contests"—a misunderstanding of what is meant by the phrase. He would rather see the schools remain apart, he says, than meet for the purpose of making money or "getting at" each other; "We would be friends with the University, and by this we mean real friends. We ask for no more than this and we will except no less," is the concluding statement of the editorial.

Now it seems to us that the editor has failed to get the real attitude of the Emerald, and we say Emerald, because we do not want to drag the University into any controversy which will tear down the lately built bridge. He seems to think we differ in our ideals when we really agree. Real friendship, the kind of friendship that will not let petty things destroy it, is the friendship the Emerald has preached for a long time. It has consistently held that it is infantile to withdraw from an institution because of strained relations, for such a thing is out of harmony with the very essence of our human nature, which is essentially gregarious and therefore believes in institutions and the maintenance of them.

The movement to withdraw from O. A. C. was squelched on the Oregon campus for this very reason. Oregon saw that it would if everybody did this same disrupt the real friendly relationship existing between the two schools and refrained from acting. But she has, of course, insisted on holding O. A. C. responsible for the severing of relations and she feels that that college realizes its action was a mistake, even though it tries to escape all criticism, and insists that its action was justifiable.

The standards of sportmanship maintained between Washington and Oregon are those becoming men and members of a social community, we think. Teams representing the two Universities seldom get together that flings are not thrown at each other, and the Washington Daily and the Emerald follow the events up with utterances containing all the "Venom" the sarcastic minds of the editors can muster, yet neither institution thinks of disrupting the relationship over such things. The great underlying value of friendship and institutionalism is so clearly recognized, that their discontinuence is never considered. This is the Sportmanship the Emerald preaches and hopes to see all institutions adopt—a friendship which will not let incidentals disrupt fundamentals.

As regards the "Let Me At 'Em," and "Well, I Wont Play" attitudes,

the Barometer editor prefers the latter, even though it is childish, as he says, but here again we think his sociology is faulty. The "let me at 'em" attitude does not mean foul work, but "I'll show 'em I can beat 'em, even though they do me dirt." The person with this attitude has no thought of destroying an institution; he is determined to right matters within the institution itself—such a person is a social being. But the "well, I wont play" attitude means that "when I'm wronged, I'll withdraw, and I'll be my own judge as to when I'm wronged." Such a person stagnates and destroys institutions instead of improving them—such a person is not a good social being. This kind of person is often found in actual life. He is the fellow who cannot abide by the decision of the majority and prefers to ruin the order, rather than concede to the greater number a point He thinks is right. This would be a sorry old world, if everybody did this same thing.

Candida's Small Audience.

The Dramatic Club and the Boosters of the Interscholastic track meet certainly have cause to complain at the lack of student support they received Monday at the event of the play "Candida." The Eugene theater was hardly half filled by the audience and as a result, the management now stands confronted with a large debt; it goes without saying that the track meet gets no help.

Just why the student body should reward the efforts of the Varsity Thespians so poorly, is hard to say. From the standpoint of amateurs the production was exceptionally good, and the University is beginning to realize that in Prof. Reddie she has an exceptionally capable coach for this line of work. "Candida" is not an easy play for even professionals to interpret, and when we consider the character portrayal done by our own students, we are compelled to take off our hats to the Dramatic Club and Prof. Reddie, and say, "Well done. We are ashamed that the University does not place a higher estimate on your work."

Who Presented That Emerald Cup.

The Emerald maintains it has some cause to be peeved. Last year it went to the expense of purchasing a loving cup, and presented the same to the co-eds to scrap over in basketball games, with the understanding that the editor would be allowed to present the trophy to the winning team at the close of the final game. The agreement was lived up to last year and Editor Moores in a few well chosen words, over whose choice he had spent many an hour of earnest thought, delivered the cup into the safe keeping of the Gamma Deltas.

This year, however, no invitation was presented to the editor to deliver the little speech he has so long looked forward to with thrills of expectent delight and he has been clearly cheated out of the greatest honor that can be accorded a male member of this University by the fair women of it: the privilege of entering their gymnasium and talking, for a moment or two to the assembled multitude of "beautiful blue bloomed belles of Oregon." "Ah, Editor, where is thy victory. Ah, Co-ed, how cruel thy sting."

SAGE OF PODUNK

Sure, distance lends enchantment to the view, for many of the most beautiful things are generally "out of sight."

He who borrows will never loose his sense of touch.

I could not love thee, beer, so much, if Springfield, were no more.

Forty-eight girls voted that they didn't want to vote. Inconsistency, thy name is woman!

What is the easiest way to commit suicide? Just announce that in your opinion we lost the championship.

To say that "there is plenty of room at the top," may at least be applied to a bald headed man.

Words, like logic, shouldn't be used until they are well reasoned.

"Suddenly the notes of the deep laboring organ burst upon the ear." For Heaven's sake, turn over and cut the slumber song, suggested the guy next door.

Registration for the primaries closes April 25th. It is the duty of all University men over 21 years of age, to register before it is too late.

Carl Gabrielson, ex-'12, the famous baseball coach of the Salem High baseball team, and Mr. Slade, manager of the Salem woolen mills store, were guests at the Beta house for the Beta dance.

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