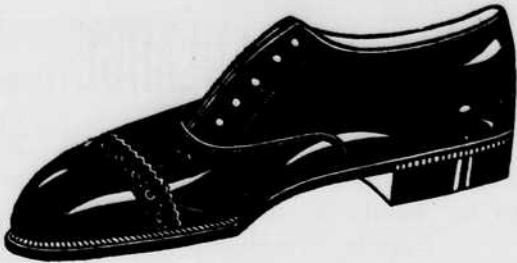


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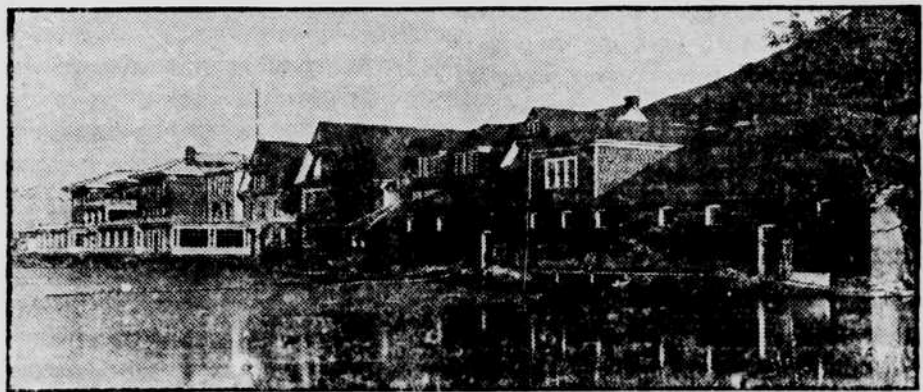
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O. A. C. BAROMETER TAKES FALL OUT OF EMERALD

The following editorial appeared in the Barometer, the official O. A. C. Student Body publication, dated March 23:

"The Big Issue."

We have read carefully the "Heavens alive, Sister!" editorial which appeared in an issue of The Emerald on the eve of conciliatory action by our Student Body, and which it is said "indicates the feeling among the students at Eugene." We cannot say that we enjoyed it, although there was about its tone something exceedingly familiar.

We assume from the title of the editorial that the University editor intended to call our attention to the fact that we were overlooking the main issue, and to point the way to a fair and equitable method of adjusting the differences which have kept the two schools apart during the past 18 months. He is unfortunate in his analysis of our attitude. He assumes that we deny and resent the right of the University to desire the basketball championship and to make a technical claim for it. In this he is mistaken. We do not resent either the University's desire for the basketball championship or its claim to it. But we do resent the unfounded, unfair and unsportsmanlike action of the University in rushing to the press of the state with the charge that we had padded our schedule for the purpose of securing an unfair advantage.

The Emerald editor asks, "Are you so sensitive by nature that you cannot stand to be displeased?"

No. But we have sufficient self-respect to resent being insulted.

"Are you so independent that you can make Oregon pay for the privilege of playing with you?" asks the editor.

Yes, if being fair and sportsmanlike is imposing any penalty on Oregon.

"Here at Oregon, whenever you do anything that displeases us," continues the editorial, "our attitude is not one of 'well, I won't play,' but 'let me at 'em.'" The words which the editor places in our mouths have something of a childish tone, but even his choice for us seems to express a sentiment more becoming men and women of institutions of higher learning than those with which he chooses to express the attitude of his fellow students. If Oregon's only desire in renewing relations is to create a condition which will allow her to give vent to her spite and venom in physical contests, we fear we do not agree with her as to what constitutes friendly relations between two educational institutions.

"We realize that you are necessary to us for several reasons," says the editor, "as we are necessary to you, and we are tired of letting infantile reasons stand in the way."

We humbly reply that we have overlooked the reasons why Oregon University is necessary to us, and that our share of the infantile reasons which stand in the way seem to be assuming the proportions of real mature reasons by virtue of feeding upon such sentiment as is expressed in the Emerald editorial.

"If you wish to escape the criticism now being hurled at you by the whole Northwest—that you are afraid to play Oregon in spring sports—there is just one way to do it: Put aside your wounded feelings and some across like good sportsmen with a few games." Such is the final admonition of the Oregon editor.

We wish that the context of this editorial had not made it so difficult for us to accept this statement as evidence of genuine solicitude on the part of Oregon students for our welfare. Having read the whole editorial, we can say only a polite "thank you" and assure the University students that we are perfectly capable of defending ourselves. Moreover, our poor logic leads us to believe that for us to do anything that would encourage "let me at 'em" spirit on the part of the University would bring down upon us more just criticism than has yet fallen to our lot. If, as we are forced to conclude after a careful study of the Emerald article, the University of Oregon wishes to establish so-called "friendly rela-

tions" with the college only that she may get her teeth into our flesh the oftener, we believe that the interests of the University and the College and higher education, will be better served under the prevailing conditions.

We acted in good faith Thursday when we appointed a committee and instructed it to negotiate with the University students for the establishment of relations between the schools on terms which seem to us, after very careful consideration, to be fair, and such as would guarantee the proper conduct of the two student bodies both in their relations with each other and as state supported institutions of higher learning. We do not consider the "main issue" to be the settlement of the basketball championship, or the determination of any championship. To talk of scheduling contests in order that there may be more money received from gate receipts, or in order that the schools, or either of them, may indulge that "let me at 'em" spirit, is entirely beside the point. We would be friends with the University. And by this we mean real friends. We ask no more than this and we will accept no less.

The Lambda Rhos entertained Saturday afternoon at cards in honor of Miss Brown, Grand President of Delta Gamma, who is visiting them.

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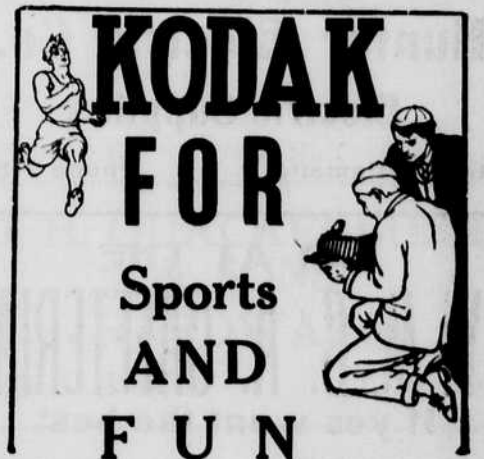
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