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## Vote Right.

A couple of amendments to the by-laws of the Associated Students are to be voted on next Wednesday morning at assembly, and it is the duty of every student to familiarize him, or herself with the arguments for and against each.

The first amendment relates to the giving of Glee Club men, once during their career in that club, gold block "O's," with the words "Glee Club" engraved on the face of the O.

The Glee Club men feel that they represent a legitimate varsity activity, places on which are as keenly contested as any other activity, and perform sufficient and valuable service to warrant an official emblem being given them. There seems to be no opposition to this amendment.

The second amendment, providing for one official "O" being granted all winners of the emblem once during their career in any activity, is being strenuously fought by the athletes and equally as strenuously championed by the students.

Those who introduced this measure contend, that the present finances of the student's association warrant only rigid economical expenditure, and that the sum of \$300 or more which is expended each year on sweaters and emblems for winners of them, is too great, and that the amendment will save at least \$200 per year. The Universities of California, Idaho, and other institutions, are quoted as precedents for such action, and the divinity of altruism in athletes and forensics is made use of in their arguments.

The athletes and those opposed to the amendment contend, that the work connected with making an "O" is so hard and so grilling that it would gladly be shunned after two years participation, that it is only loyalty to the University that brings the men out after the first two years, and that it would be a mark of ungratitude to deprive the men of the only official reward for faithful service the institution allows them.

The Emerald has no desire to advance the cause of either side, but asks that the students give this amendment careful consideration, and vote yes or no, according to convictions.

## EMERALD BANQUET

The Emerald banquet will be held in the banquet room of the Osburn Hotel Tuesday evening, at 6:30. All members of the staff are cordially invited to be present. The guests will meet in the parlor of the hotel. Please be prompt.

## An Overcrowded Department.

The Emerald swatted Foreign Language Departments in a recent issue,

now it has something to say to the Board of Regents and the voters of the state in behalf of one of these departments at Oregon, i. e. German.

The Department of German at Oregon has three hundred students enrolled and only two instructors to handle the mob. The University of Washington has five hundred students enrolled in its German department and ten instructors to guide them. Now, unless our mathematics is wrong, at the University of Washington there are only fifty students to the instructor in this department, making each class number fifteen or twenty students, while at Oregon there are one hundred and fifty students to the instructor, and each class contains all the way from thirty to sixty students.

It is needless to say that the Oregon department is overcrowded, that the instructors are overworked, and the students are not receiving the individual attention students in language should receive.

Something should be done for this department.

## The Gymnasium Again

The Editor, Emerald:

Some mention has been made about the cleanliness of the Gym. Its sanitation can be greatly advanced if the men would only use a little judgment. Any observer, going through the dressing rooms can find dried sputum on the walls! Think of it! Disease spread in one of the most filthy ways known! No one would do it intentionally, but it is the thoughtlessness that does the damage. The janitor knows this, but if he were to clean up all this mess which the men carelessly make, he would be going from midnight to midnight.

I think that if the men would show a little consideration and just a grain of common sense, the janitor at least would have more opportunity to get around to some of the big messes which are also carelessly made by some of the absent-minded.

SPECTATOR.

This is a good idea, and now that we are on the unpleasant subject, let us suggest that the gymnasium be fitted out with a number of large spittoons—not the country hotel variety, but larger cans with wide mouths, such as are found in public places in our cities. A gymnasium, of all places, is the most likely place to cause a person to expectorate, for if one has any cold, catarh or similar complaint, the exercise indulged in makes expectoration a necessity; but our gymnasium provides no receptacle for sputum, and consequent-

ly the men become careless and dirty the floor and walls in the unsanitary manner stated by our "Spectator."

Nicholson, of the University of Missouri, will probably head the string of hurdlers representing the United States at Stockholm. He has repeatedly made 15.1 in the short event.

Only one intercollegiate record has been broken so far this year. Beatty, of Columbia, shoved the shot put record to 47 feet 1-8 inch, at the eastern inter-collegiate meet, held on Franklin field yesterday.

Le Mar and Leslie Tooze, of Salem, are visiting at the Beta Theta Pi House with Tom Townsend.

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