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YOU OREGON ALUMNUS

On the first page is printed a communication from Chester Moores regarding the attitude of a portion of the students towards the wearing of the dress suits at the college formals. It represents the views of an alumnus who is not only interested in his Alma Mater, but one whose interests go deep enough that he is willing to take time and effort to make suggestions.

Nothing is better for an individual or for a group than to be criticized; and it is that individual or group which is the most progressive that is willing to receive suggestions and criticisms.

The University students are at all times more or less open to criticism; the students want it, and will listen. Are the Alumni sufficiently interested in us to offer it? Of course it takes time to sit down and write one's opinions; and possibly it takes a little courage to sign his name and open himself to criticism. But things without cost seldom have utility.

Now, you members of the Oregon Alumni, the Emerald opens its columns to you. Your suggestions are wanted. By your advanced age and by your positions in life, you are able to take a broader view than we are; you could unquestionably help us in our decisions, in our problems. What are you going to do about it?

A subject to write about that's of live importance? You don't have to go very far. What do you think about the recent action of the Student Affairs Committee in abolishing the Monthly. Were they justified? Should they have waited until the end of the year; should they have appointed a new manager; should they abolish it altogether, or should they make it a monthly addition to the Emerald as is now the plan; should they have brought their actions before the vote of the students; should they have considered the request of the editor, who has thrown herself into the work, made plans, and spent her own money in an effort to stimulate the popularity of the paper; what would you do under the situation? Your judgement is valuable. Let's have it.

THE LEFT-OVERS

Let no one presume to say that there is no compensation in being a "left-over." Although few in numbers, we are in command right at present and will brook no condescension on the part of any kindly disposed persons who have never experienced the joys of being a left-over.

Among those who remain at the University during the holidays, while everyone else is enjoying the paternal fireside, there prevails a feeling of comradeship; a getting together; a unity of interests; a mutual sympathy; a—call it what you will, it is there; that wonderful intangible something.

Already the big left-over family has begun to gather around the festive board at dinner parties, to view with delight the brilliant Christmas tree and to while away the long evenings with folly old fashioned dances. You'd swear that people who met each other yesterday, had been

reared as children in the same household; so well are they acquainted.

Our regret is that we can be left-overs for only two short weeks. Nevertheless, the left-over spirit prompts us to wish everybody in all the world the merriest of Christmases and the happiest of New Years.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS BRING ROUND OF EVENTS

(Continued from first page.)

on its way strewing Oregon spirit and life. At Hood River, the local Alumni Association, comprising at least 25 former Oregon students, will entertain the students with an informal dance and reception after the concert there.

College Events in Portland.

Miss Clementine Cutler, '12, will entertain with a house party at her home in Portland, December 28, for the members of the Gamma Delta Gamma sorority, who will become Kappa Kappa Gamma on January 11. All of the alumnae and active members of the chapter will be present.

Psi Alpha Chapter of Chi Omega fraternity have issued invitations for their formal dance Friday, January 3, in the ball room of the Multnamoh Hotel in Portland. A large number of invitations have been issued for this dance, which will be one of the largest of the Christmas season in Portland.

The Portland Alumni Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta will give their annual dance Friday evening, December 26, in the Irvington Club. The entire Beta Epsilon Chapter will be present from the University.

The date for the Sigma Nu Alumni dance, held annually in Portland during the holidays, has not been fixed. It will be held in the Masonic temple.

Eugene Sorority Active.

Beth Reah entertained last evening with a Christmas tree and a dancing party—a good-bye affair to those who were going home. The house was very prettily decorated down stairs with Christmas holly and mistletoe.

A large tree lighted with candles and covered with horns and dolls—everything to amuse the children, confronted the guests as they came in. Songs were sung and then the presents were passed out to the deserving ones as Santa saw fit.

After the tin horns were played out, the rest of the evening was spent in dancing. Mrs. E. S. Parsons sang a solo, to which the "Young Men's Amateur Quartet" responded with "When I Woke Up Next Morning." The party broke up about eleven o'clock.

At the Kappa Sigma house are Fen Waite, Bill Bibee, Anson Cornell, Pat Cecil, and Hawley Bean. They will remain until after Christmas. M. L. Miley, of the American Press Association, was entertained at the Kappa Sigma house last Wednesday noon.

Mrs. Bancroft and Mrs. Lewis, Mu Phi Epsilon housemother, will remain at the Kappa Alpha Theta house. Mrs. Walter Tooze, and Ethel Tooze will stay at the Chi Omega during vacation. The rest of the chapter have departed for their homes.

At the Phi Delta Theta house are Bob Wray, his brother, from Silverton, Frank Wray, and Carrol Wagner, Tom Donaca has returned to his home at Bend.

Fen Waite and Delbert Stannard were dinner guests at the Kappa Alpha Theta house Friday evening. They were entertained by Bess Cowden and Hazel Rader.

Sid Henderson and Chuck Taylor have been visiting friends here for a few days. They will stay until after Christmas.

Vernon Motschenbacher, Alfred Lee, and James Pack will hold forth at the Alpha Tau Omega house.

Morris Hill and Walter Fisher, who has resumed his study in the University, will remain at the Phi Gamma Delta house. They will go to Portland for the Fiji Alumni dance.

Palm Cowden, Myrtle Gram, Peggy Driver, Eleanor McClain, Ethel Tooze, and Mrs. Walter Tooze, were dinner guests at the Beta Theta Pi house Friday evening. A most elaborate dinner was served under the direction of Herman Oberteuffer, assistant house manager.

A number of students attended the recital by David Bispham at the Eugene Theatre Friday evening.

Kappa Alpha Theta will hold a reunion dinner at the Portland Hotel, Friday, December 27.

Brickbats and Bouquets!

The Oregon Legislature.

Plans are developing to have the regular issues of the Emerald go to the desk of every Oregon legislator during the approaching session. Along with regular University news budget a presentation of data on one or more problems of Oregon legislation will be featured in each issue. It is thus proposed to serve fresh, if not hot, the results of University research.

There is no pretension in this venture of anything more than the giving of a broad hint that the University should be used and used largely, for distinctively state University purposes.

The pages of the Emerald do not afford the space for real discussion, but outlines, diagrams, maps, charts, analysis, and bibliographies, can be submitted as University contributions towards commonwealth progress. Individual requests for University aid in matters of public interest are coming fast. Only lack of clearness on what the State University is really for, prevents calls for light issuing from every quarter of the state. Reference to the University of questions of data on public problems shall be suggested and fostered until it becomes a habit with the Oregon people.

This University participation in preparing material for Oregon lawmakers and administrators, is as necessary for the University as it may be helpful to the people. It makes for worth and brings reality into University work. In this activity the giving is many fold better than the receiving, though the service thus received by the state is not to be dispised.

The readers of the Emerald will surely countenance this innovation with which it for a season projects itself into a new field. Just stop to think a moment before you say this is presumptuous. Our Oregon system presupposes that every citizen with but little leisure or means for investigation is competent to pass upon all matters of public affairs. Should not students having the advantages afforded by the state's highest institution for training for citizenship have some fitness and some responsibility for a part in determining public policies. And indeed how can an institution assume the status of a state university without being possessed with deep sense of interest and responsibility in public welfare?

—F. G. Young.

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