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TO THOSE WHO SEE US AS WE ARE NOT

The "Leader," of Silver Lake, Oregon, quotes the University Bulletin: "Rebellion against the college custom that compels first year students in American universities to wear green caps was broached at a recent meeting of the Freshmen at the State University at Eugene," and then comments as follows: "Cut out all such foolishness, also football, baseball, etc., and make the University an institution of learning instead of a place for 'frats' and 'coaches.' Nine times out of ten when the University is mentioned it is connected with sport. Of course the college sport will contend the students need exercise. So they do, but there is a thousand ways to get exercise in less dangerous and less expensive manner. Judge Bean, a graduate of the University of Oregon, never played football, yet his health is good, so is his brain; Edgar McClure, professor of chemistry, was the idol of the University, never wore a green cap, nor played football; he got plenty of exercise carrying wood from the basement to the third story of Deady Hall."

Which moves us to remark, "Oh, come off." If the Silver Lake editor would come over and visit us, he would learn, among other things, that a few years ago the Freshmen fought for the privilege of wearing caps of a distinctive variety, so that they might recognize their fellow first-year students. Many are the homesick Freshmen whose first few days away at college have been brightened by the mutual recognition and fraternal feeling among the wearers of the green cap. They are to the Freshmen what the square and compass is to Masonry. The little ornaments cost fifty cents and last a year, and save the price of a couple of hats.

Moreover, the semi-compulsory wearing of the class badges is enforced more by the strong sentiment of the class itself than by the "tyranny" of upperclassmen; witness the action taken, wholly upon their own initiative and without the slightest coercion, by the present Freshman class a few days ago.

Of course, it is no crime not to be familiar with the social custom of a college community. But honestly, wouldn't it be more just to get a little inside information about the University before telling the public how awful we are and what foolish things we do? But whatever misinformation the Lake County editor may have had about the University, we should hardly have expected a newspaper man to fall into such a grievous error as to suppose that University activities are given space in proportion to the importance which is attached to them. Of course, he hears more about sports in the papers than about studies. But he should go to the papers for that, not to the University.

The daily papers know, or at least profess to believe, that they are catering to public taste when they give "such foolishness" as a football game a special page with pictures ten inches high of the prominent players. And the fact that they put a brief notice of

the University's annual oratorical championship on the southeast corner of an inside page is not in the least indicative of the amount of interest manifest among Oregon students, but rather of the interest of the people over the state at large, for whom these papers are published.

The public wants sporting news and gets it. It does not know and apparently does not care to be told that 95 per cent of the students never get into inter-collegiate sports, but take their regular exercise in the Gymnasium as a matter of course, go to classes every day, stay at home six nights in the week to study, graduate with honors, and win scholarships in the East and abroad with a frequency satisfactory to all who have taken the trouble to investigate actual conditions at the State University.

A day spent looking over the campus and a glance in the evening at the students at their work would undoubtedly change the view point of our friend at Silver Lake.

Announcements

Laurean—Regular meeting Tuesday evening, in Deady Hall, 7 o'clock sharp.

Eutaxians—Regular meeting Tuesday evening, at 7 o'clock, in the Library.

Emeralds wanted—The Librarian wants a copy of the 24th, 26th, 34th, and 39th issues of the Emerald to complete the Library file.

Tutors—Students desiring help with studies, apply at Book Exchange.

Y. M. C. A.—Hon. B. L. Eddy, of Rosburg, Oregon, will speak at the regular Y. M. C. A. meeting, Thursday evening, at 7 o'clock.

Assembly—Hon. H. B. Miller, of Portland, former United States Consul, will speak at Assembly tomorrow.

Oratorical try-out—Final inter-collegiate oratorical try-out, Friday evening, at 8 o'clock.

Gold watch—Found on the campus. Owner may identify at the Steward's office.

JOURNALISM STUDENTS TO PUT OUT REGISTER

Publishing Sunday Paper for February 2, Will Serve as Final for News Department.

Nearly every student in the Department of Journalism is to have a part in putting out the Morning Register, for Sunday, February 2. This has been made possible by the addition of an Automobile section for this number, thus giving work enough for all reporters. This work, which is to serve as an examination for the semester, will extend through the week. The appointment of editors and assistants has been completed and those assigned are busy arranging the work in their departments. Those working on the Sunday section will have finished their work early in the week, while those on the regular daily sheet will have their busy time Saturday.

Professor Allen has made the following assignments: Editor-in-chief, Fen Waite; assistant, Carlton Spencer; ad writers, Robert Fariss, Alice Farnsworth; managing editor, Karl Onthank; night editor, Henry Fowler; city editor, Harold Young; assistant, Roger Moe; society editor, Ethel Tooze; assistants, Helen Driver, June Shepherd, Evelyn Harding; telegraph editor, Franklin Allen; Sunday editor, Nellie Hemenway; assistants, T. H. Wentworth, H. L. Cash, Clarence Brotherton, Marguerite Rankin, Josephine Moorehead, and Tula Kinsley; exchange editor, Edna McKnight; state and county editor, Earl Blackaby; sporting editor, Wallace Mount; assistants, Sam Cook, Tom Boylen.

The managerial staff of the Emerald has created a new department which will supervise the collection of all bills. Sam Michael will have charge of this department with Glen Wheeler, J. Prentiss Brown, and Roy T. Stephens as his assistants.

NEW COURSES OFFERED

Many Departments Give Wide Choice to Those Starting Second Semester's Work.

Freshmen entering the second semester will have several practical courses open to them.

Mr. Kempthorne and Dr. Smith have Freshman Mathematics, five hours; trigonometry, Mr. Kempthorne, three hours; Professor Howe, Outlines in English Literature three hours; Morris, two hours; Mrs. Pennell, English Composition, three hours; Professor Shafer, American Revolution, three hours; Professor Clark, History, Napoleon and World Movements, both three hours; Cicero's Orations, Mrs. Fletcher, four hours; Virgil's Aeneid, Mr. Mathews, three hours; Elementary German, Miss Denhart, five hours; Journalism, Professor Allen, three hours; Economics, Industrial History, Professor Gilbert, two hours; Cryptogamic Botany, Professor Sweetser, four hours.

HOP TO GREET SINGERS

Tickets to O. A. C. Glee Club Concert Will Admit to Matinee Dance.

Another matinee dance has been scheduled, this time to serve as an advertising medium for the O. A. C. Glee Club concert, which is booked for Friday, February 8. The dance will be in the nature of a reception for the Corvallis singers, who, together with the Oregon warblers, will attend the dance in a body and sing several selections between numbers.

The affair will be very informal. There will be no programs, but plenty of city water. Without a fifty or a seventy-five-cent ticket to the concert in the evening, a charge of fifty cents a couple will be levied at the door.

The dance will last from 3 to 5 o'clock, with the best of music provided by the Student Body for the additional entertainment of the visitors.

GOBBLERS HAVE BADGE

New Pin Appearing on Chests of Old Society Causes Rumors of New Fraternity.

Tuesday morning several men of the University were seen to be wearing a sterling silver hand with the fingers extended and the thumb across the palm.

It seems that this fraternity has been successful in keeping their previous existence in the dark, but somehow it has leaked out that they are known as "Gobblers."

President Wentworth of the dormitory, is quoted as saying that membership is an honor obtained as a reward for certain manly virtues that may exist in Freshmen as well as Seniors.

The Mohawk Lumber Company, Sixth and High streets. They sell building material.

H. B. MILLER, FORMER CONSUL, SPEAKS AT ASSEMBLY

Mr. H. B. Miller, former president of Oregon Agricultural College, is scheduled for the Assembly hour tomorrow. Mr. Miller is a man of wide experience and is well known over the country. He has held several positions with the government, being at one time consul at Glasgow, Scotland, and a member of the United States diplomatic corps in Japan during the Russo-Japanese war. Mr. Miller's wide experience insures an interesting address.

UNIVERSITY PLAYERS AID DRAMATIC CLUB

Sixty dollars for two night's performance was added to the Dramatic Club exchequer by the production of the "Wig and Gown" at the Rex Theatre, last Friday and Saturday, by Elice Shearer, Janet Young, Walter Dimm, and Alfred Skei.

The actors have received praise for their rendition of this skit, which was adjudged by some to be unsuited to them and to the occasion.

Clark Hawley, '15, will soon leave college for Santa Barbara, California.

WHAT THE COLLEGE EDITORS ARE SAYING

"GOOD FELLOWSHIP"

"We hear much these days about college spirit; some say there isn't any at Wisconsin. Generally this view is taken by the Freshman who comes to the University purged with dreams of hazing, theatre riots and others forms of hoodlum conduct. You first year men doubtless feel lonely and out of things now, but if you're the sort that goes in for activities or that observes, this apparent frigid atmosphere will change to one of warmth and homeliness. Read your college daily; watch for your magazine, subscribe for them and contribute perhaps! Take your algebra to some learned Junior and ask him to help to find the value of "x." He'll do it! College men have much in common. If you do these things, you won't feel as green as your cap looks, for when you walk up to your eight o'clock you'll see faces that you know, and hear a good bracing, "Hello Bill," once in a while. That means a lot as you'll realize later. Sound your classmates, and sound your University, and you'll hear a tone that is deep, sonorous, and full of meaning!"—Wisconsin News.

"A PARTING RAP"

"For the girls' fraternities to get away from the idea that it is absolutely essential to give formals is a mighty sensible idea in our humble opinion. Not that the formals are not pleasant places to spend an evening and a morning—gracious, no—but only that the feeling that the social prestige can be upheld in this way is all wrong. "From times immemorial has come the chronic kick from that genus known as the stag. But, again pardon the observation, these murmurings were doubtless for the purpose of concealing the real feelings of delight because he really was able to go down to the dance on the street car along with the bunch and have some real sport at the robber dances. The person who really deserves sympathy is the young lady who has to accept the first of the thirty-eight men to whom she has sent invitations. Congratulations can only go to the other thirty-seven.

"In other words, the formal has been recognized as a very inadequate method of repaying social obligations. Needless to say, it is quite nerve-racking for the girls. The move towards the abolition of the formal then will not meet with disapproval."—Ohio State Lantern.

"GETTING RESULTS"

"There is a great deal of difference between writing editorials and seeing these things actually accomplished. After writing an editorial, we generally sit back and wonder whether anyone will ever read it, and if someone does read it, whether or not he will think that it is worthy of serious consideration.

"But the Wisconsin Daily News is especially pleased at the way things are turning out this year. You will remember that we advocated earlier in the year a system of good cheering—to use rather poor English, a systematic system. It was inaugurated.

"You will remember that we advocated that a bill to provide the college with dormitories be put before the legislature. The regents are to meet tomorrow to discuss this plan, and the chances are that they will report favorably.

"And you know that a few days ago we called to the students to back up a system whereby we would have an Eastern game—and the feeling is rising—our contemporary advocates the same thing now.

"Our attack upon the present dancing has, likewise, been taken up by others in the University. "The Minnesota Daily considered one of our editorials worth while publishing in their editorial column.

"Such things make us feel that editorial writing is not merely a matter of filling of space. They can be made a power in the development of the community and, when well directed, can accomplish great good."—Wisconsin Daily News.

"You can't make yourself big by making others small."—William Hanley.

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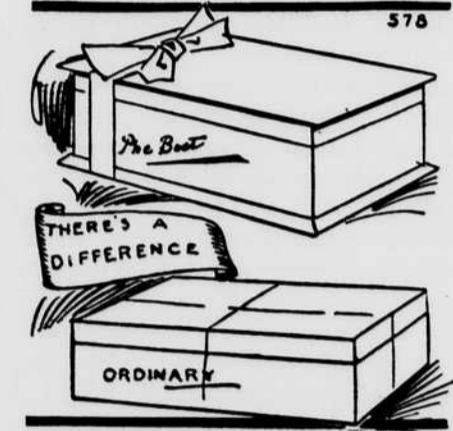
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