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WHEN FLOOR SPACE IS LIMITED

The members of the Freshman class are to be congratulated upon their party at the Gymnasium Saturday night. The decorations were beautiful, the floor good, the program well selected. Everyone had a good time, as the expressions of enjoyment and gratification amply showed.

There was present, however, through no fault of the Freshmen, evidence of tendency to make the class dance semi-public functions, to which guests from Eugene and out of town, and alumni, may be invited by anyone connected with the University. The crowded condition of the floor during the early dances Saturday night emphasized the fact that the classes of the University must soon face the problem of whether this custom shall be allowed to grow.

Members of the present Senior class have distinct recollection of how, when University functions were held in the old Armory, invitations to anyone not connected with the University were frowned upon, and of what a fuss was made when the present gymnasium, with its more capacious floor, was occupied and non-University people came to class dances. The custom of permitting non-University people to attend class dances has grown up in the last three years and has not yet the sanctity of tradition.

When a class dance is given, the members of one class dig down into their pockets to provide entertainment for the other members of the University, who are its invited guests and who do not have the right to invite whomever they wish. Each man owes it to the rest of the students to see that a University girl attends. When another is invited, it means simply that some University girl is deprived of her invitation and her right to attend. And when a non-University man attends, even with a college girl, he is helping himself to entertainment to which he has not been invited. This is putting it plainly, but it is the essential situation nevertheless.

At all of the larger Universities the class dances are limited strictly to members of the class giving the dance, and everyone else is excluded. This institution has not yet reached the size which demands such a measure, but the day is not far distant when a strict custom in regard to invited guests at these larger class functions will be necessary in order to make dancing on the Gym floor a possibility.

The Junior Prom is of course an exception. All of the Junior Week-End events are designed largely to entertain our guests. The University is then on parade and nothing is spared to provide enjoyment for those who are with us on our annual "at home" Week-End. Moreover, plans are underway for a formal University ball, to come some time in April, to which Eugene and out of town people will be invited.

But this is not the condition with the other dances. They are primarily for ourselves, and the two should be kept distinct and separate. The integrity of our college "affairs" should be maintained. It is traditional, as any of the Old Grads will

tell, to have no guests at class dances.

If Oregon students were wealthy enough to afford it, and were provided with a floor large enough to make it possible, they would like to entertain guests at nearly all of their functions. There is nothing that they would exchange for their enviable reputation for hospitality. We throw the whole University open to our guests every year, even to the extent of providing a formal dance, from which many University people voluntarily stay in order that it may not be too crowded for the enjoyment of our visitors. But under existing conditions, the tradition that class dances are class affairs, and that it is imposing on good natured hospitality for others than the invited guests of these classes to attend, is one which the University may well take pride in maintaining.

Announcements

Senior teachers—All Seniors, who desire teaching positions next year, meet Thursday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, in room 34, Library building, at the request of Professor Ayers.

Y. M. C. A. cabinet—Meets tomorrow afternoon, at 5 o'clock, in Book Exchange.

A full dress—Coat is for sale cheap at the Book Exchange. See Koyle.

Y. M. C. A.—Professor E. H. Todd, of Willamette University, will address the regular Thursday evening meeting. His subject is the "Christian Church and a Social Program."

Senior meeting—Tomorrow afternoon, at 4 o'clock, in Dr. Schmidt's room, for the purpose of electing delegates to oratorical contest.

Sophomore picture—Will be taken tomorrow morning, at 11:45, on the steps of McClure Hall. Class treasurer will be elected after picture is taken.

Basketball—University of Washington vs. University of Oregon, Friday and Saturday evening, at 8 o'clock. Tickets on sale tomorrow morning, at 10 o'clock, at the Book Exchange.

Microscope for sale—First class high power microscope for laboratory use for sale at the Book Exchange. Price \$15. See Koyle.

Choral Club—Practice will be held hereafter every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, in Villard Hall.

Y. M. C. A. subscriptions—Those who subscribed to the Y. M. C. A. during the recent finance campaign, are urged to pay their subscriptions at once at the Book Exchange.

Will the person—Who mailed the parcels post package at the Library, addressed to Miss Lilly Haag, St. Paul, Oregon, call at the Library for the package, as it was not properly stamped.

Assembly—Samuel Hill, national good roads authority, will speak at Assembly, Wednesday morning.

Oregana photo—Must be taken before February 25.

The State legislature of Wisconsin are considering a measure which, if passed, will prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors within a radius of one mile of the University grounds. The provisions of the bill limits retail business only and a brewery situated within the one mile zone will be left alone to continue its business.

Claire Bowman was recently elected captain of the Washington track team to fill Ira Courtney's place, made vacant by resignation. Bowman is the joint holder with Grant of the Northwest intercollegiate high jump record.

The Freshmen of the University of Wisconsin are not satisfied with their own artistic accomplishments and have hired a professional decorator to beautify the hall in which their annual dance is to be given.

WHAT THE COLLEGE EDITORS ARE SAYING

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"THOSE COLD CLASS ROOMS"

"Now we are not strong for an overheated room and we dearly love our fresh air, but there are times when even fresh air has too great a price. Some class rooms to our knowledge have been as low as forty-two degrees because a pony-coated, fur hat co-ed whispered loud enough for some chivalrous boob to hear, that she was warm. A nervous and constantly moving instructor can generate enough heat by his activity to be unable to understand that the uncoated male student is sitting in one spot and freezing because some girl is too indolent, or too vain, or too carelessly dressed to remove her coat. Some red-blooded individuals can sit in a zero-minus draft and enjoy it, but the are others among us who have a cat-like but happy enjoyment of warmth.

"All hail the man who has the courage to rise and shut the window in spite of the glare of an instructor, his best girl and the rest of the class. There is something in his calm protection of the comfort of the abused and timid many, that forces heartfelt thanks. We are using this column then to thank the thin, thin-lipped, thinner-haired gentleman who closed the window in a class this morning. May his grade be an Ex as his intelligence deserves, and not the poor the instructor's glance promised."—Wisconsin Daily News.

THE BAND

"Several complaints have been heard among several members of the band because of the deplorable state of affairs that is existing among this organization at the present time. Everyone agreed during the football season that Drake had one of the best bands in her history but at the present time many of the members have failed to appear at practice. The attendance at the practice hours resulted in the excellent music that was heard at the Stadium in the fall.

"There are many important university affairs during the remainder of the year where the presence of the band is an absolute essential to make the entertainment a success. Especially at the many meets that will be held here in the spring, we must have the band. There are many more occasions when the band is needed in the students' activities. It is to be hoped that the organization will take new life and show as much pep as it did last fall."—Drake Daily Delphic.

"CO-EDUCATION IN COLLEGES"

"Lake Forest college is to begin a system of gradual separation of the young men and young women who now enjoy its educational advantages in mixed classes. It is the intention of the college trustees eventually to create separate organizations for men and women in each of the four college classes.

"Co-education is not so much in favor as it was a few years ago, and it seems destined to become less favored. Theoretically, it is ideal; practically, it causes too much flirting and distraction from studies. Most of the state universities cling to it, but even they, it seems probable, will spring into line with those who while advocating plenty of social life of wholesome sort, in which the two sexes may come together, believe education is best served by separate classes.

"The University of Chicago, after trying very liberally co-education, adopted a policy of separation. We are much inclined in our new world life to experiment in all things, and some novelties prove desirable, but as we grow older we realize that certain customs, methods and ideas have value because they represent a testing and sifting process through many centuries of race experience."—Record-Herald.

"WHERE BOOSTING IS A VIRTUE"

"The conference of the editors and the business managers of the Ohio college papers brought out many features that show where Ohio State is deficient in the interest she takes in her college paper. Because of the circumstances the Lantern has recognized merit, but as yet many of the progressive measures that make the

paper more a part of the school have not been instituted.

"At Cace every student is compelled to subscribe for the paper when he registers. This is a result of the budget for student activities which has proven very popular. Practically the same system prevails at little Kenyon. At Reserve the editors are granted "R's," while at Ohio Wesleyan, Miami, Kenyon and Ohio University, the chiefs of the staffs are given general college credit.

"These things show what some institutions think of their papers and of their influence on student activities. These examples serve a good lesson for our friends, whether they be students, faculty, or what not, who never see a proposition except in the narrowest possible view. A mild suggestion is that people who are bothered by restricted vision open their eyes to conditions as they exist elsewhere. Encouragement is an offset to destructive criticism is at least a fair idea."—Ohio State Lantern.

STANFORD SCORES U. OF C. FOR QUITTING RUGBY UNION

"On the first page of this paper is found the complete statement of the California Rugby Union in regard to the resignation of the University of California. As usual, the Union sets forth every phase of the affair in a clear and impartial manner. There is no attempt to hoodwink the readers and give false impressions.

"After carefully reviewing all sides of the matter, there is only one conclusion to be reached. The Rugby Union was completely justified in the action they took.

"The reasons given for the resignation are laughable. To require a California representative on every committee of the Union because that institution has more members than any of the others, is farcical. The suggestion that the Union be nothing more than an arbitration board, is a weak-kneed excuse for their action. The difficulty that Inter-collegiate Arbitration Committees have in reaching any conclusion when there are only two institutions concerned, makes such a scheme appear ridiculous when we think of the merry time if eight arbitration boards got together, each with the determination to get everything for their constituents.

"As for California, we do not believe that the majority of the members of that institution would have consented to the withdrawal had the uncolored facts been presented to the associated students for ratification.

"Again we repeat, California is only spiting herself."—Daily Palo Alto.

DR. WILLIAMS DESCRIBES GRAND CANYON AND YOSEMITE

"The Grand Canyon of Arizona and the Yosemite Valley of California," is to be the subject of an educational travel talk by Dr. C. D. Williamson, in Villard Hall, Monday evening, February 24, at 8 o'clock. The talk will be illustrated by two hundred painted transparencies of scenes in these wonderlands of the West.

Dr. Williamson is reputed to be a very interesting speaker, combining in his talks the fact and fiction about the different wonders he has seen and photographed in a way that makes them most realistic to the listener. He has just completed a very successful tour of Southern California, speaking twenty times in Los Angeles.

No admission will be charged, and no collection taken. The talk is presented to the students and townspeople by the University.

Y. W. C. A. Officers Installed.

The Y. W. C. A. meeting Monday afternoon was a business meeting. After the reports of the various committees for the past year were given, the new officers for the coming year were installed. The chairmen of the committees which compose the cabinet were then charged with their duties.

As an inducement to pay their Freshman class dues, at the Columbia University, a three dollar pipe is given to those who show a receipt. If the amount is paid before the tenth of the month, a half pound can of tobacco is also given free.

If you are not an employee of Columbia University, you could not attend the Annual Ball of the Columbia University Employees' Association, held February 3, at that institution.

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