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DIPLOMAS ALREADY TRANSLATED

One of the hopeful signs of the times is the recent action of the Faculty in deciding that henceforth University diplomas shall be printed in English. The custom of using Latin grew up in the days when that language was typical and representative of the ideals and functions of the universities of the world. Every university man was a classicist and a student of the ancient languages. Today, however, the classical ideal has given place to the human service ideal. That man is best educated who is best prepared to serve his fellowmen. As a result we find the social sciences, history, sociology, economics, and kindred subjects, holding first place in the "liberal education." The ancient languages hold a secondary place.

The typical college graduate today is not a Latin scholar. In fact, a constantly growing number are passing by the study of Latin altogether. It is not required in our high schools, nor in our universities. To be sure, scholars in Latin and Greek are necessary to our civilization, and the study of these subjects should not be decried for a moment. On the contrary, the tendency seems to lay too little stress upon these subjects in the modern curriculum. Still it is sufficient that a comparatively few men and women should make them the object of long and intensive study. Unless one wishes to make them his life vocation, he cannot well afford to become a scholar of the ancient languages.

The objection to printing diplomas in Latin is that it is misrepresentative. It typifies an obsolete situation. Good, plain, straightforward English is more in keeping with the times.

WORLD NEWS

In today's Emerald is a summary of the more important news events of the world, taken from the wire dispatches of the daily papers. It does not pretend to be "hot off the wire" to the very moment of press time, but it does attempt to cover the news of state, national, or international importance since the last appearance of the Emerald.

"But why," it is asked, "does the Emerald attempt to publish news that does not come under its specific field, and which is covered very completely in the city dailies?"

The reason is this. There are many University students who never see a daily paper. One sorority in particular subscribes to no paper at all other than the Emerald. College students, in a world of their own, frequently lack interest in the events which concern their state, or their nation. The Emerald does not attempt to substitute for a daily newspaper, but it is trying the experiment of attempting to stimulate an interest in things beyond the horizon of the Oregon campus. If it succeeds, the World News column will be a permanent feature. If students do not read it, it will, of course, be discontinued.

A thirty-two piece band furnished the music for the Annual Band Dance at Stanford University recently.

Announcements

Freshman debate—Try-outs will be held March 22 and 29. For information see Freshman committee on debate.

Choral Club Attention—Hereafter practice will be held every day, except Sunday, at 5 o'clock, in Dillard Hall.

Basketball—Oregon Agricultural College vs. the University of Oregon, Men's Gymnasium, Wednesday and Thursday, March 5-6.

Classical Lecture—"Elgin Marbles" will be Professor F. S. Dunn's subject for his lecture Tuesday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, in Professor Sweetser's room in Deady Hall.

German Club—Frankfort-on-the-Main will be the subject for discussion at the next meeting of the German Club, at the Beth Reah house, Tuesday evening, March 4.

Senior Dance—Folly Hall, Tuesday evening, March 4.

COMMISSION ENDORSED

Of Interest to Student After Hill's Address—Endorsed by Judge Thompson.

As an aftermath of Samuel Hill's address of last Wednesday, in which he showed the deplorable lack of roads in Oregon, comes the news that the state legislature is at present seriously considering a bill to create a State Highways Commission for the purpose of plotting and supervising road building and to advise the legislature as to the highways needed.

According to Judge Thompson of the County Court, there is at present no official road commission in the State of Oregon,—so far there have been only volunteer organizations, mostly in certain localities, for the purpose of boosting the roads needed by that section.

"I believe," said Judge Thompson, "that a state highways commission is the first thing in legislation,—it will be of the most importance to the people. Great sections of land now practically unknown and inaccessible will be put in touch with early markets. What we need here in Lane county, is a road running north and south, another one to the coast, and one leading to the east through the center of the State. With a commission whose business it is to look after such things, it is not improbable that we will have them. At Washington is the Nation Highways Association,—they experiment at road building,—study the types of roads needed in certain localities and operate with the local authorities in their building. Oregon should have a system of trunk roads cutting all through the state. The government forest service is at present constructing a road around the forest reserve at Cape Perpetua that requires an extraordinary amount of rock work."

Sigma Nu entertained friends last evening with an informal dance at the Shack, opposite the University of Oregon. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Paine, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Sherk, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Benham, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hayes, Ray Walker, Miss Blanche McNair, Miss Cecil Wilson, Miss Aletha Emerick, Miss Florence Bonnell, Miss Lucile Davis, Miss Mary Debar, Miss Nell Hemenway, Miss Cecil Miller, Miss Edith Moxley, Miss Lenore Hansen, Miss Ruth Peters, Miss Mildred Gerig, Miss Tula Kinsley, Miss Ruth Beach, Miss Mildred Lawrence, Miss Marie Hagar, Miss Catherine Bridges, Miss Lucile Shepherd, Miss Nora Manrude, Miss Mable Manrude, Grace McKenzie, Miss Catherine Carson, Miss Kate Stanfield.

ALL COLLEGE ORGANIZATIONS TO HELP IN COUNTY FAIR

The County Fair which is to be held March 15, is being worked up with much interest. It is under the auspices of the social committee of the Y. W. C. A. Eva Brock, the chairman of that committee, reports much enthusiasm about the fair and the "stunts are to be better than ever before." All of the fraternities and sororities, and the other college organizations, are planning features, many of which will be in the nature of regular County Fair "stunts."

SOCIETY

By Bess Lewis.

If even one particular form of entertainment was used exclusively in one week-end, this week-end has been characterized by dancing. Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Nu, Phi Delta Theta, and the Dormitory Club entertained parties, while the Pan Hellenic Association gives its final formal on Saturday evening.

The first annual Pan Hellenic dance will be held Saturday evening in the Men's Gymnasium. The hall has been beautifully decorated with spring flowers and greenery, while many beautiful electrical effects are promised. Each of the six sororities participating, has prepared a special dance, which will be characteristic of that sorority and which is being carefully concealed until the proper moment. The grand march, led by Miss Elizabeth Lewis and Arthur Lewis, ex-'13, assisted by Miss Lenora Hansen and Paul Lynche, will begin promptly at 8:15.

The patrons and patronesses will be President and Mrs. P. L. Campbell, Professor and Mrs. Dearborn, Miss Ruth Guppy, Mrs. O. S. Stafford, Mrs. L. B. Currier, Mrs. V. A. Gray, Mrs. P. E. Snodgrass, Mrs. A. A. Bancroft, Mrs. M. E. Watson, Miss P. B. Bonisteel, Mrs. William Kuykendall, Mrs. Roger I. Cuyler, Mrs. R. S. Hamilton, Mrs. Susie Fenal Pipes, and Olga Steel.

Alpha Tau Omega entertained Friday evening at their chapter house with a dance given in honor of its third anniversary. The house was beautifully decorated with blue and gold streamers, ferns and jonquils. During the dance refreshments of ice-cream and cake were served. The programs were of heavy white paper with the Alpha Tau Omega crest embossed in gold. The guest list included: The Misses Maud Kincaid, Flora Dunham, Margaret Belat, Grace Bean, Lucile Yoran, Pansy Ross, Lillian Gilkey, May Neill, Georgia Cross, Lois Parks, Ethel Toozee, Gertrude Buell, Maude Mastick, Erna Petzold, Ruth McFloren, Rita Fraley, Helen Hamilton, Eva Brock, Myrtle Gram, and William Cass and Harold Sexton. Professor and Mrs. John Straub and Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Martin acted as patrons and patronesses.

The Dormitory Club was host Friday evening at a reception. The parlors were artistically decorated with greens and daffodils. Ices were served by Miss Mae Norton, Lucia Macklin, Mrs. Stearns and Mrs. Zebra. In the line were Thad Wentworth, Professor and Mrs. E. E. DeCou, Professor and Mrs. F. H. Dunn, Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Smith, Mrs. Elizabeth Prescott. After the reception an informal dance was held, which was delightful in its informality and at which all of the guests had a most enjoyable time.

Kappa Kappa Gamma entertained at dinner Thursday evening. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Eric Allen, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Hamilton, Dr. Conklin, Miss Pearl Bonisteel, and Mr. John Parker.

At the Kappa Alpha Theta house are Aletha Emerick, ex-'14, Cecil Wilcox, '11, Elsie Bain, ex-'15, Laura Taylor, ex-'15, who have returned for the Pan Hellenic dance.

Week-end guests at the Sigma Chi house are J. T. Thomson of Hood River, Ray Early, ex-'13, Glenn Briedwell, '11, Arthur Lewis, ex-'12.

Ermel Miller, '12, is visiting at the Chi Omega house and will remain until after the Pan Hellenic dance.

Mrs. John Marshall Wagner, of Ashland, is visiting her daughter at the Delta Delta house.

Phi Delta Theta entertained Kappa Alpha Theta, Friday evening, with a dance at the chapter house.

President Crooks, of Albany College, was a guest of the Alpha Tau Omega, Thursday night.

Dr. T. A. Ball, of Astoria, is spending a few days in Eugene visiting his daughters.

Frank Beach, of Portland, is a week-end guest at the Sigma Nu house.

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