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OUR STAR REPORTER

"Who is the Emerald's star reporter?"

This was the question an inquisitive Co-ed put to the managing editor a few days ago, and which he couldn't answer. He started to name one, but each time as he was about to mention one of his news sleuths, he remembered an instance when this one had failed to get his story in on time, or that one had sluffed a good story into a six line squib, while still another hadn't shown up at all. So what he did was to tell her that they were all "star" reporters—yes, he did have "some" staff.

Oh, how that did hurt! Every paper is supposed to have a star reporter, at least every novel involving newspapers has one; so the Emerald is to have a star reporter, that is, a major star in the Emerald's aforementioned constellation.

But it will take two weeks to pick him. Here is the plan:

To the Emerald reporter who does the best work in two weeks the Emerald will give \$4.00, in addition to making him the "star" reporter. To the second best reporter will be handed \$2.50.

This will apply to all reporters and heads of departments. The city editor, the copy editors, and the "higher ups" will not be eligible in this contest, but the others will have an equal chance.

There are a lot of qualifications for a star reporter, but three are important. The first is to be able to "cover" a story when he sees it, no matter whether it has been assigned or not. This is originality, or in newspaper slang a "nose for news." The second is reliability. When a story is assigned, it must be covered fully, and without fail. The third is promptness. Every managing editor has a fight on his hands with each of his staff to keep the copy coming in early. It is natural that each reporter feel that since the paper does not come out until five o'clock, his story can wait until 4:30, because it is important and the paper must have it. The result is that the typesetting machines, which have been idle half the day, are flooded with copy just before press time. The paper is late and the subscriber growls because he has to go to bed without his Emerald. The Emerald reporter covering the average story, has two days to get it in, and he must get it in as promptly as possible on the first day.

Here are the rules for the Emerald's star reporter contest:

For every original story found by the reporter which has not been assigned, the reporter will be given from 50 to 500 credits, according to the worth of the story.

For every story turned in late,—that is when a story happening early Monday is not turned in until Tuesday morning, or a story available Monday night does not come until noon the next day, the reporter is fined from 50 to 300 credits, according to the seriousness of the procrastination.

When any reporter fails to cover his assignment without excuse—that is without explaining to the city editor why his story is not available, and obtaining a release,—he is fined 500 credits.

The reporter with the greatest number of credits checked to him at the end of two weeks, receives the honor of star reporter, with the accompanying prize.

The prize may be in cash or in trade with the Emerald advertisers. If in trade, the first prize is worth \$4.00, if in cash, \$3.00. The second prize is worth \$2.50 in trade or \$2.00 in cash.

SOCIETY

By May Smith.
Charles F. Axelson, president of the Western Division of Delta Tau Delta, and a graduate of the University of Chicago in the class of '07, has been a guest at the Zeta Phi house since Tuesday. Mr. Axelson was entertained with a dinner party at the Zeta Phi house Wednesday, at which the heads of all the houses were guests. The dining room and table were tastefully decorated with pink carnations and smilax. Mr. Axelson left for California, Friday, where he will visit the Stanford and Berkeley Chapters of Delta Tau Delta.

O. P. Coshov, a lawyer of Roseburg, is a guest at the Kappa Sigma house this week.

Kappa Sigma will hold a special initiation for Joe Jones, of Portland, this evening.

Phi Delta Theta entertained Chas. F. Axelson and Willard Shaver at lunch Friday.

Phi Delta Theta will entertain with an informal party for their town alumni tonight.

Phi Delta Theta entertained Willard Shaver and Dr. J. H. Gilbert at dinner, Friday evening.

Miss Zada Smith, of Longbeach, is the week-end guest of Minnie Holman at Mary Spiller Hall.

Miss Alice Gram, of Portland, is visiting with her sister, Myrtle, at the Kappa Alpha Theta house this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Moe, of Hood River, were visiting with their son, Roger, at the Alpha Tau Omega house the first of the week.

Delta Delta Delta entertained Dr. J. H. Gilbert, Charles F. Axelson, Carleton Spencer, and Willard Shaver, with a dinner party Thursday evening.

Edward Bailey left for Portland, Friday afternoon, where he will attend the meeting of the Portland Alumni Association of Phi Delta Theta.

Beta Theta Pi entertained N. L. Fitzhenry, a local Beta, G. N. Rice, of Pendleton, Charles F. Axelson, of Chi-

cago, and Charles N. Reynolds, at dinner Friday evening.

Mrs. F. P. Kendall, of Portland, her niece, Mrs. F. Vial, Miss Harriet Lee, of Portland, and Miss Esther Carson, of Salem, are week-end guests at Gamma Phi Beta house.

Miss Abbey Whiteside, a pianist from Portland, was entertained with a luncheon at the Mu Phi Epsilon house last Sunday evening. Miss Winifred Forbes was also a guest.

Alpha Tau Omega entertained at dinner, Sunday, Misses Helen Hamilton, Myrtle Gram, Genevieve Shaver, Frances Adams, Bess Cowden, Edith Rogers, and Ruth McLaren, of the Kappa Alpha Theta house. Professor and Mrs. F. S. Dunn acted as chaperones.

Zeta Phi entertained at dinner, Sunday, Misses Lucille Watson, Effie Rhodes, Ruth Stone, Mildred Riddle and May Smith of the Beth Reah house. A rustic bridge and miniature mill race formed unique table decorations. The dining room was decorated in daffodils and ferns.

Kappa Kappa Gamma will entertain with an informal dancing party for their week-end guests this evening Professor and Mrs. E. W. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Hamilton, and Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Russell, of Spokane, and guests of the Hamilton's will act as patrons and patronesses.

Mrs. Theodore Avery, of Hood River, Mrs. Frank Holbrook, of Portland, Miss Bess Hendricks, of Cascade Locks, and Miss Alice Thurston, of Wells, Oregon, are out of town week-end guests at the Kappa Kappa Gamma house. Misses Evelyn Bristow, Catherine Northrup, and Mabel Smith, of Eugene, are also Kappa guests.

Announcements

Sophomore debate—Try-outs for the Sophomore team have been postponed until Friday, March 28. By order of the Committee.

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

Laureans—Meeting Tuesday evening. Special program arranged.

Orchestra recital—University orchestra, assisted by Florence Cleveland, soprano, Mr. Gillette, baritone, and Mr. South, violinist, will give public recital Monday, March 17, in Villard Hall.

Eutaxians—Saint Patrick's Day program, Tuesday evening, Library building.

Tennis candidates—Meeting called

WOMEN'S COLLEGIATE ASSOCIATION MEETS

Constitution Forwarded to Chicago to be Passed on by the National Council.

Thursday afternoon at a meeting of the newly organized Eugene branch of the Women's Collegiate Alumnae Association in the Commercial Club rooms, the new constitution and by-laws was approved and forwarded to Chicago to be passed upon by the National Council which meets March 22.

Sixteen members were present.—Miss M. Ruth Guppy acted as chairman and Miss Susan D. Densmore, as secretary. April 26, there will be an election of permanent officers and the association will also discuss the lives of work for which they have been organized.

Oregon Alumnae are not eligible to membership, but may become associate members according to a clause in the national constitution, which reads, "Any woman may become an associate member, providing she is a graduate of a four year college course granting the degree of B. A." At present the association wishes to cooperate with the Oregon alumnae in their work. The Fellowship Committee of the organization has awarded and maintained 28 foreign fellowships of \$500 each and eleven American of \$250 or \$350 each. A candidate for this fellowship must hold the degree of Ph. D. or must present work, which in the judgment of the committee of experts in her chosen field would entitle her to the Ph. D. degree. This committee makes a study of the present laws and their operation; it studies proposed legislation affecting educational institutions and methods, and helps to further desirable and prevent undesirable legislation.

Members of the Association who are serving as trustees of colleges form a committee which considers such subjects as tuition, number of students, housing, food, and hygiene, social conditions, courses of study, grading, systems, and the relative merits of entrance by examination or on certificate. Since 1898 this committee has had charge of collecting and publishing statistical and other information of special interest to college women. It has studied school sanitation, juvenile courts, child labor, playground privileges, and is at present investigating the subject of vocational opportunities for college trained women.

by Captain Brooks for Monday afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

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