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CLAUDE McDONALD.

Death is a fact that it is difficult to comprehend until the solemnity of it is brought home by the loss of some one near to us. Then and only then do we think seriously on the mysteries of life and death and try to draw aside for a moment the curtain which hangs at the exit of life's stage.

The death of Claude McDonald is particularly sad. Although not quite two weeks a freshman at Oregon, he had already shown himself to be a student with an earnest purpose at the University. In student activities he was identified with the Emerald as a reporter, and had shown considerable promise along this line.

Although his stay at Oregon was brief, he was popular among his classmates and with his staff associates. His loss is sincerely mourned.

SANITATION VS. SAFETY.

The accident that occurred last Friday afternoon is deeply to be regretted, but is one of those things, absolutely unforeseen, which could not possibly have been guarded against. No one is to blame, no one can feel that he is in any way responsible for the death of Claude McDonald.

A wet shower floor, made doubly slippery by a coat of waterproof paint applied during the summer, was the sole cause of the fall which resulted so fatally. The floor was so waterproofed as a sanitary measure, and with the best of intentions.

But now that the real danger existing in such an improvement has been manifested in so startling a manner, the question arises whether the elimination of a possible source of disease is even equal to the ever present danger of a repetition of Friday's misfortune. Such a danger is present not only in the Men's gymnasium but in the women's as well, and other accidents of a similar nature but having less serious consequences have come to light since the past week end.

University authorities have displayed an interest in these facts that is highly commendable. It has not yet been definitely decided as to what method will be taken of bringing the shower floors to a point of safety, but one thing is assured and that is that they will not long be left in their present condition.

The Emerald wishes to give its unqualified support to the proposed change, whether it be a roughening of the floor or the use of rubber mats. The death of Claude McDonald was unpreventable, but a disregard of the conditions which caused that death could not be classified as mere neglect.

THE WORK OF THE WOMEN.

While this referendum wrangle continues to tie up appropriations

and keep the University of Oregon in its present cramped condition, it is indeed gratifying to note the efforts being made by the women of the University to improve their own situation.

The erection of the Y. W. C. A. bungalow which was opened this afternoon, was the result of several years of careful planning and management. The completed building is an attractive addition to the campus, and is entirely adequate for its purpose, that of providing a meeting place and office for the Young Women's Christian Association.

However, the bungalow fills but one need, while those of the University women are manifold. There are not sufficient places available in which to hold assemblies of their various organizations; the Dean of Women has not now a suitable office; the Women's Gymnasium is deplorably overcrowded, and the former rest room in this building of late has had to be utilized as a class room.

And so the women students of the University, amalgamated and unified by formation into the "Women's League," are now taking definite steps toward relieving this situation permanently.

The Women's League purposes to pay for and maintain near the campus a Women's Building which will contain a main hall or auditorium where meetings can be conducted, rest and reading rooms, a kitchen, and a dining hall. In this building, also will be placed convenient offices for the Dean of Women and the Women's Physical Director. A large gymnasium and more shower baths in the new Women's Building will replace the limited facilities of the ancient little brick edifice now housing the department of Physical Instruction for Women.

The funds necessary for constructing the projected Women's Building will be raised entirely by the women students. Donations of land and money are expected, and some have already been received by the trustees of the Women's League, but it is understood that the greater part of the money will result from the ingenious efforts of the college women. At any rate, there will be no requests for appropriations for this end from the taxpayers.

However, the members of Women's clubs of the state are graciously giving their help and are showing a keen interest in the proposed building. At the meeting at Hood River, in the near future, of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, plans are to be perfected for the united support of the project by all of the Women's clubs.

With this consistent support forthcoming and by means of their own indefatigable efforts, the women of the University of Oregon may feel assured of the consummation of their hopes for a building constructed for and devoted to their own needs.

DORM FRESHMEN RUN RACE

Laggards Get Ducking in Pond as Reward of Justice

The annual Freshmen's race of the Dormitory men was run last Friday evening at 6:45, with thirteen contestants entered.

According to the rules, the runners take the most direct course from the dormitory to the Mill Race, with the five finishing the race subject to a ducking. The five unfortunate this year were Paul Chesbro, Loren Roberts, Paul Norcross, Elmer Hente, and Delbert Eastwood. Six or seven freshmen who were accidentally or otherwise absent from the proceedings will run a race of their own later, against time, which is that made by the winner of the first race.

Officials of the race were: Al Davies, Dal King, starter and referee; Clarence Brotherton, Bud Ryan, Ray Williams and Sam Lyons, judges; Clarence Brotherton, Bud Ryan, Dal King and Sam Lyons, executors of judgement.

Dr. W. M. Smith, secretary to President Campbell, has been appointed to succeed Professor Dearborn as secretary of the student affairs committee. Because of his public service work in Salem Professor Dearborn is not able to continue his work on this committee.

Walter John Kirk, '16, has returned from Salem and has entered college.

EMERALD ISSUES FIRST STEROTYPED EDITION

Close to Ten Thousand Copies Distributed at State and County Fairs

The first stereotyped Emerald in the history of the University was issued last Thursday as a special Fair edition to be distributed at the Salem state and Lane county fairs. In addition to being put out on a cylinder press, the Thursday issue holds what is believed to be the record for size, both as to circulation and actual size of the paper.

Ten thousand copies were run off as contrasted to the usual 1100 which forms the regular circulation. Instead of the regular six column dimension, seven columns were used and the length of the sheet was increased to standard size to balance up the addition in width. The edition comprised eight pages instead of four, the number regularly used.

The mats which were used in the stereotyping have been turned over to the printers and will be presented to the Journalism department of the University.

ASSEMBLY IS GIVEN OVER TO RALLY

Students to Gather for General "Cheer-Up" Meeting

Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock in Villard hall the regular assembly will be turned into a big student body rally, primarily for football, although there will be speakers on all branches of student body activities. Yell Leader Harold Young will aid in the enthusiasm by calling for some good rousing yells, and the Glee Club will sing the Varsity songs. It is reported that some of the Senior men have some stunts which they will attempt to "pull off." Vernon Motschenbacher, president of the student body, will preside and speeches will be heard from the following:

Harold Young, on the trip to Corvallis; Hugo Bezdek, on football; William Hayward, track; Dean Walker, finances; Robert Bradshaw; football; Carl Fenton, baseball; Henry Fowler, Emerald; Delbert Stannard, Glee Club; Dal King, debate, and Leland Hendricks, Oregon.

It is planned to make this a booster meeting in order to create an increased enthusiasm in all student body activities. The library and all class rooms will be closed, and the meeting will begin promptly at 10 o'clock.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Freshmen—Acquaintance party at the Delta Delta Delta house Friday evening, October 3.

Y. M. C. A.—Meeting in Dr. Schmidt's room at 7 p. m. Thursday. Laurean—Meeting in Dr. Schmidt's room at 7:15 this evening.

Football—Underclass Mix and Alumni game Saturday, October 4. Assembly—Special rooting practice at the regular 10 o'clock assembly.

Women's League—Will meet in Dr. Straub's room, Wednesday, October 1, at 4 p. m.

Y. W. C. A.—Cabinet meeting Wednesday at 4 p. m., Bungalow.

Girls' Glee Club—Tryouts in Villard Hall, Wednesday, at 5 p. m.

Triple A—Will meet in Dr. Schmidt's room, Wednesday at 4 p. m.

Eutopian Society—Meeting at 7 o'clock tonight, Lambda Hho house.

Junior Class—Meeting in Dr. Schmidt's room at 7 o'clock tonight.

Women's League—Informal tea has been postponed until Wednesday, October 8.

Cecil Cobb and Beverly Clark, who are attending O. A. C., spent the week-end at the Kappa Sigma house.

Elton Tocke, a former student of Reed college, who is entering the University as a Junior, is a Phi Gamma Delta pledge.

Mr. and Mrs. Black are the guests of their son, John Black, at the Phi Gamma Delta house this week.

Reverend McCulloch is visiting his son Howard McCulloch at the Beta Theta Phi House.

REGENTS ENDORSE "U" APPROPRIATION

Bean, President of Board, Has Written Defense of the University

R. S. Bean, president of the board of Regents, favors the passage of the appropriation in favor of the University, which has been put up to the popular vote by the action of the referendum. He writes:

"Inasmuch as a referendum has been called on the building and betterment fund granted the University of Oregon by the last legislature, and the people are now asked to decide whether or not the money shall be available, we, the members of the Board of Regents of the University, feel it our duty as guardians of this state educational institution to make a statement to the people as to the needs of their University.

"As all know, the University is a part of the public school system; free to all, and supported by the taxpayers of the state. It is free alike to rich and poor, and any young man or woman who desires can earn or help earn his way through the institution, as 60 per cent of the students now in attendance are doing. It is our duty to acquaint the people with the needs of the school, and it is our responsibility to determine the way in which funds provided shall be used.

"Previous to the last session of the legislature, the Board of Regents met and we unanimously resolved to ask the legislature for enough funds to erect one building for the University and make repairs and alterations to others. This request was embodied in two bills, one for \$100,000, the other for \$75,000. The request was granted almost unanimously by the legislature, and the money would now be available but for the referendum which has brought about this special election.

"The University of Oregon has several groups of good buildings, but since the last one was erected, about six years ago, the attendance has practically doubled and the demand for class room will make it necessary to use tents or temporary frame buildings. At present two and three instructors are compelled to use one recitation room, and basements and hallways have been utilized to the utmost. It is impossible to make room for certain work that should be done, and the problem is becoming more and more difficult as the student body increases, which is in proportion to the rapid growth of the state.

"The need, however, for a new building and additions to others has not been questioned even by those who are opposed to the University, and therefore needs no argument. But the responsibility upon the Regents in caring for the growth of the institution was a serious one, and in our recommendations to the legislature we were criticised for not asking for two buildings instead of one. It will be remembered that money for two buildings had been appropriated by the legislature of 1911, but the same man who has called this referendum called a referendum upon these buildings and succeeded in holding up the funds.

"In asking for this comparatively small appropriation, we hoped that we could avoid another referendum. Rather than ask for all that was needed, we felt keenly the responsibility for keeping the doors of the University open for our young men and women, and did not believe that any one would undertake to further

Walter Bailey, '11, will return this spring from a two years stay in the Philippines, where he has been teaching school.

Thad Wentworth, '13, is attending classes at the Oregon Law School in Portland.

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handicap the institution by holding up an appropriation as imperative as this. But we find now that the University is again attacked and that unless the people stand by their University its work is sure to be seriously hampered.

"We wish to make one further statement to the people of Oregon. The cost to the taxpayers of Oregon per student for the year 1912 was \$180, which is much lower than that in most institutions. It is our purpose to keep this cost at the lowest possible point consistent with efficiency. But the state is growing and the students are increasing in numbers, the present buildings are overtaxed, and unless we can have funds to provide more room, the time is close at hand when we must turn some of our young men and women away. In fact, we are virtually doing this now, for the schools of Washington and California have now enrolled Oregon students running into the hundreds.

"The legislature of 1913 took the important constructive step of passing a millage tax bill for both the University and the Agricultural college, which will go into effect in 1915 and automatically provide for the support of the two institutions thereafter without further participation in politics. Meanwhile, we urge upon the voters of the state the pressing need of the building and improvements asked for, and respectfully request your support at the polls.

R. S. BEAN,

President of the Board of Regents.

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