

## CAMPAIGN LEFT NO BAD TASTE

PROF. ALLEN, AS OLD REPORTER, CRITICISES WORK DONE FOR U. OF O.

EVERY PITFALL IS AVOIDED

Good Has Resulted Both to Institution and to State, He Says—Was a Real "Campaign of Education"

(By Eric W. Allen.)

Enemies are a by-product of most political campaigns; this one made only friends. Victories generally bring with them a tangle of misunderstanding promises, conflicting programs, and human ties strained to the breaking point. This victory brings only those problems of construction and progress in the solving of which every energetic man connected with the University will delight to take part.

This article will treat of the management of the campaign as it appeared to an old newspaper reporter who had seen many. It is written in the full consciousness that management and politics are really the side-issue, and that the really significant thing is the broad and progressive attitude which the people of Oregon have freely and decisively taken.

**Better Off Than Before.**

Some victories are too dearly won. The weak man has a tendency to sacrifice the chance of future greatness for the little immediate advantage. The strength and wisdom that have marked the fight of the University's to the cause of the University more time and energy than a student puts into a year's classwork. The Eugene workers were no less forward, and in nearly every city in the state men were working through public spirit with an enthusiasm not everyone devotes to his own personal interests. The result was that almost without funds a campaign was carried on which in commercialized politics of the old-fashioned type could not have been produced with \$30,000. It was all a matter of public spirit and enthusiasm.

**Not Done For Fun.**

If anyone thinks this should be taken as a matter of course, or that it is a matter of course that the people should tax themselves \$175,000 for any body of young people, I do not agree with him. These people do not want effusive thanks, but friends however, have left the University far stronger than if the bills had not been attacked.

From another point of view, also, referendums seem to go worth loving for their own sake. "Campaigns of education" are frequently talked about, but seldom seen. This was a campaign of education; it got the people of the state to thinking deeply on a deep subject, and to that extent had its influence in leaving all of us wiser and better informed.

**Self Sacrifice Shown.**

The persons who have done this work are deserving of the highest admiration. Self-sacrificing public service is rare, we are told, but there was no lack of it in this campaign.

There are men in Portland who with no possibility of reward or even adequate recognition, freely devoted any young man who fails to return their interest somehow through his acts is what in the college slang of my own day we would call a "sponge."

The campaign was not conducted from the University or by University officers or faculty. But there was one officer of the University to whom nearly every worker went not once, but many times, for advice. He has instructed against the use of his name in such statements as this. This individual on three separate occasions saved the campaign from what I now believe would have been certain defeat.

In every situation of uncertainty or excitement he kept his head. Had he not had the astuteness to foresee and the force to execute his will the result would have been different. Even had the University won (and it certainly would not have

## FIREBUGS TRY TO BURN FROSH PILE

NIGHT WATCHMAN FOILS INCENDIARIES ATTEMPT, THURSDAY NIGHT

ORANGE AND BLACK ON "O"

Full Preparations Had Been Made to Start Fire. Gang Returns Several Times. No Clue as to Parties.

Night Watchman George Dyer arrived just in time Thursday night to prevent several unknown men from applying the torch to the nearly completed freshman bonfire which was built during the past week to provide one of the features for the O. A. C. rally. The night watchman had received instructions from Mr. Fisher to the effect that it might be just as well to keep an eye on the potential conflagration and spent the greater part of Thursday evening guarding the great pile of combustibles.

When Dyer first surprised the incendiaries, full preparations had been made for a quick fire. Five gallons of gasoline and a large quantity of straw were on hand and only a few minutes more would have been necessary for the completion of the act. The varsity night watch reports that the gang came back several times, evidently with the intention of finishing their work. He was unable to recognize any of the would-be firebugs as University students.

Another event of the night was evidenced yesterday morning, when it was noticed that the "O" on Skinner's Butte had changed over night from the Oregon colors to Corvallis complexion of orange and black.

So far no clue has been unearthed which would point to any individual or individuals as the Skinner's Butte artists or the Kincaid Field firebugs.

But the replacement of the orange and black, with the lemon-yellow only furnished a two hours recreation for a bunch of University Frosh, who promptly took it upon themselves to reclothe the famous "O" in its proper adornment.



Allie Grout, 1912 guard, who will be in trim for the game today.

won) enmities would have been stirred up which would leave is now facing a complicated political tangle, the state would be vastly further from being a closely knit, effective social unit and the cause of higher education in Oregon would have been set back ten years.

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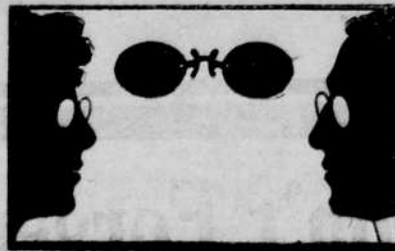
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