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## WHO SWIMS FIRST?

With the opening of the swimming tank in the men's gym shortly after the Christmas holidays, a problem will present itself to the Oregon students which will require much thoughtful and careful consideration for its solution. The tank will be ready, white, sanitary and presumably full of water, but the question arises, "who will be the first to enjoy the opportunities afforded by the 7200 cubic feet of transplanted mill race water?"

The men of the University, as the usual occupants of the gym have considered themselves, as the most likely candidates for this honor, although in the event of opening day being fixed for Monday, the women claim that as this is the date set apart for their use of the tank, they should be accorded the privilege. And also it has been suggested that "we all take a swim together." Obviously none of these plans will quite fill the bill.

But there is one group which has so far been overlooked—the alumni. For four years those who have recently been graduated, have lived in anticipation of that time, always in the near future, when they might be able to make some use of the huge cavity left in the basement of the gymnasium.

Now the time is at hand when this cavity has been transformed into a thoroughly up-to-date tank. If they desire it, the alumni should be allowed the first swim. They have worked among the best for those improvements which include the new addition to the gymnasium, and it is only fitting that they should be given the first chance to test the temperature and wetness of the water.

## Do It Now!

The plea for early shopping made by Labor Commissioner Hoff in the last issue of the Emerald, in one that may not seem to be intimately connected with college affairs, but compliance with his suggestions on the part of the students, will go far to show that a college education has at least some tendency toward the development of a feeling of human sympathy. If education has any true value it lies in the knowledge and of life not only that of ourselves, but that of others as well.

More than anyone else the University man or woman should realize the problems existing among the workers of the state and realizing these problems, may not be held guiltless if he or she does not at least attempt to find a solution and in so doing eliminate the suffering and

misery attending the present unsolved condition of such problems.

The question of the Christmas rush, obviously covers only a small portion of the working year, but it is a vital one while it does last. Early shopping, that is immediate shopping, aside from its readily discernible economic advantage, will ease the exhausting labors of girls who work during the holidays in the big stores of our cities, and will save much worry on the part of shoppers hitherto coming under the eleventh hour classification.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Y. M. C. A.—Meeting in Dr. Schmidt's room this evening.  
 Glee Club—Concert in the Eugene Theatre, Friday evening, December 12.  
 Sophomore Hop—In the men's gymnasium, Saturday, December 13.

## A NEW STUDENT ACTIVITY.

To the Editor:

With the completion of the swimming tank in the men's gymnasium by Contractor W. E. Field last week another splendid advantage has been offered the men and women of the University. The tank is the best that brains and money have been able to provide. No trouble has been spared by Professor Carl A. McClain, of the engineering department and the instructions he has constantly received were to make the tank as nearly waterproof, sanitary and well lighted as possible.

Should Oregon recognize swimming as an activity? I believe the University should and for the following reasons: swimming is one of the cleanest sports and an admitted all round developer; in many schools it is made a requirement for graduation; large numbers of students could participate on relay and water polo teams and there are the dashes, distance events and glides; with the completion of the new gymnasium at O. A. C. providing for a 50x100 tank, plenty of chance would be given for intercollegiate contests and with the craze for swimming started in Portland by Arthur Cavill a few years ago and continued by other swimming instructors, the teams of the Multnomah Club, the Portland Y. M. C. A. and the Portland Swimming Association would probably welcome the opportunity to compete with the University in water athletics.

In Huge Bezdek and Dr. Dallenback Oregon has two men who have had experience with swimming teams and undoubtedly would be glad to help Oregon to a full realization of the advantages of the water spirit.

I would like to hear discussion on students, and thanking you for the space granted this letter, I am  
 Sincerely yours,  
 Lawrence Dinnee.

## PAN-HELLENIC PLANS FOR ANNUAL DANCE

All University Women Will Be Invited to Attend, Choose Own Escorts

The Pan-Hellenic Association, following the precedent of last year, is making preparations for a dance to be given the last of March or the early part of April. Last year the dance was open only to sorority women, but this year all the women in the University will be the invited guests of Pan-Hellenic. A committee will probably be appointed to see that no one is overlooked and that everyone comes. The women are expected to choose their own escorts.

Several new features of entertainment will be introduced, and altogether the affair will be one of the largest and best appointed of the year. The Junior Prom, with its crowded floor, has become a bugbear instead of a source of pleasure, and it is the hope of the Pan-Hellenic Association to make this dance a great college feature where all may have a memorable time.

The date will be announced as soon as a definite one is chosen.

Prof. C. V. Dymont and Registrar A. R. Tiffany have been selected as judges for a debate this week-end at Junction City, between Eugene and Junction City High Schools.

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## PROFESSORS SENT TO PORTLAND TO LECTURE

Dr. Schmidt and Prof. Sowers Are Speaking in Connection With Extension Work

Dr. Schmidt and Professor Sowers have been sent to Portland this week by the Extension department of the University to deliver lectures on their particular subjects in the different library buildings throughout the city.

Tuesday evening Dr. Schmidt lectured in the North Portland Library on "German Life and Customs." Last night he delivered a stereopticon talk on Schiller in the East Portland library and tonight in the Albina branch library, his subject will be Faust. Saturday evening, Dr. Schmidt has planned to organize a class in advanced German at the Main Library. All those who have a reading knowledge of German will be eligible as members of this class. It is his plan that they shall meet with him at least twice a month throughout the winter.

Professor Sowers of the state research bureau, left for Portland today where he will meet the Multnomah County Commissioners to assist them in systematizing the work of the county and to lay plans for a better administration and more complete equipment. At Brooklyn on Saturday afternoon he will be present at a Parent-Teacher gathering to deliver an illustrated lecture on his trip through India.

Ben Robertson has been elected captain of next year's football team at O. A. C. Robertson played full-back for the "Aggies" this season.

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