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TALK IT OVER.

In speaking of the strength and weaknesses of the University during the past year, it has often been pointed out that one of the chief faults is that the students, among themselves, and that the members of the faculty, in connection with the students, have never had sufficient opportunity to get together and thrash out questions on which there may be a serious difference of opinion.

It is difficult for all the students, or for all the faculty, who really have some constructive plan in regard to student affairs, faculty supervision of the students, and of the thousand and one phases of college life which are constantly recurring, to find a proper place in which to make known their opinions, and better still to make them effective.

Because of this, the Emerald will offer from now on, a column in each issue, for discussions or communications pertinent to the University. This offer is not made with the idea of extending a special privilege. It is a right which has always existed, but of which the members of the faculty in particular have never availed themselves.

The opportunity of faculty and student contact thus offered, and which, by the way, is heartily approved of by President Campbell, should be taken advantage of.

DOG FIGHTS AND THE ALUMNI.

In a communication contained in this issue, the request is made that the Emerald print news of a kind more calculated to interest the majority of the students at the University. Such a letter is encouraging even if its general tone is adversely critical as it shows that some of the students are at least taking enough interest in the Emerald to peruse a part of the news printed.

The request is made for more information concerning dress suit controversies and also in regard to combats staged between the canine members of the Oregon fraternities, but the college student seems inseparably wed to his (or to his roommate's) evening attire, while the fraternities have for the most part neglected woefully the practice, prevalent in former years, or keeping bulldogs for the detection of the bloodthirsty.

It is the old, old story of the endeavor of a college publication to cater to two, or perhaps to three different classes of readers having different tastes and different ideas of news value. The alumnus or alumna asks for that which will show the solid useful things which the University is

accomplishing, while the undergraduate constantly demands news of the things which pertain most intimately to the narrow circle of college happenings. Then again, the Emerald is supposed to convey to the average citizen into whose hands it may chance to fall, a true, accurate picture of what the University, and what the students of the University are doing, in a word what progress is being made to justify the support and continued existence of the University of Oregon as a state institution.

As New Year's resolutions, therefore, the Emerald must improve upon the hint offered, and resolve to print the three classes of news mentioned in as fair and proportionate division as shall be found possible.

CO-EDS WANT EMERALD TO PRINT MORE NEWS Letter Gives Omitted Items Which Include Dog-Fights

A New Year has arrived and it is too much for us to ask that our college paper and spokesman resolve to print more college news? Practically half the term is over so surely the number of advertisements printed here-to-fore will suffice to tide the Emerald over the slack period which you forecasted early in the year.

From several rumors we have heard we feel justified in saying that our alumna are also asking this question, "Why not more college news?"

This is the best year that Oregon has ever known and conditions present an excellent opportunity for the best paper ever issued. Must we continue to have two thirds advertising and one third news and two thirds of the news devoted to "the large and enthusiastic audience attending Prof. Reddie's Reading" or Dr. Hodge's lecture four days after delivered.

Fraternity dog fights and dress suit controversies may appear trivial to the state at large, but the Emerald readers are in the main college students or graduates and it is their own life as portrayed by your paper which interests them. A lively difference of opinion among students well written up will always furnish good reading.

We don't wish to knock and only a sincere desire for a frank understanding prompts this letter.

Perhaps if more of the reporters on your staff personally attended the event they were reporting it would contain more of interest than can be obtained second hand. There are over ten organizations for girls in this University and not one which has not found it difficult at some time to get the story of proceedings, notices etc., into print. As a considerable part of the student body we think it only just that more space be given to our activities. Most of them require a large membership to be effective and publicity helps greatly to secure this.

Are our "literarily inclined" decreasing in number or is the right incentive lacking? The Oregon Monthly is defunct so without a rival to deplete its columns we believe the Emerald ought to give us a better knowledge of what the rest of us are doing.

BESS COWDEN,
GEORGIA PRATHER,
RUTH BEACH,
ELEANOR M'CLAINE,
FLORA DUNHAM.

FRESHMEN TAKE NOTICE

President Asks That All Class Members Attend Meeting Tomorrow.

You are requested to be present at the 10 o'clock Assembly Hour in Villard Hall Wednesday morning.

Business that requires the support of every Freshman will be transacted.

A program of merit will be rendered.

MARTIN NELSON,
President.

BOOTH ADDRESSES Y. W. C. A.

Yesterday's Regular Meeting Given Over to Talk by Senator.

Hon. R. A. Booth addressed the Y. W. C. A. meeting yesterday afternoon on the subject, "The Woman of the Twentieth Century." He said, in brief, that if women should set the standards for the world that the men would gladly live up to those standards. The meeting was conducted by Genevieve Shaver.

SOCIETY.

By Beatrice Lilly.

Nearly all of the students have returned to Eugene after the busy holidays. The members of the different sororities and fraternities chose the Xmas season as a time for their luncheons, teas and dances and many of the most successful social functions given in Portland during the holidays were those given by University students.

The large luncheon, given by the Pan-Hellenic Association at the Hotel Oregon in Portland on Tuesday, December 30, proved one of the most successful affairs of the holiday season. Over 150 members were seated around the large tables in the fountain grill. During luncheon short talks were given by various members. The speakers were: Mrs. Orlando Davidson, Mrs. George Woodley, Miss Marguerite Sheehy and Miss Elizabeth Lewis. Miss Agnes Beach, president of the association, presided and introduced the various speakers. As a fitting close to the luncheon a vote of thanks was given to the committee, Mrs. Burton Beck, Mrs. Frank Knight and Mrs. Harry Hendershott.

The Pan Hellenic Association which was organized eight years ago with only a handful of members, now numbers nearly 200.

The Portland alumnae of Chi Omega entertained the active members and their guests at a dance given in the ball room of the Hotel Multnomah. Yellow chrysanthemums were used in decoration in the main room and the punch room was in lavender and white. The patronesses were: Mrs. Robert S. Bean, Mrs. Robert W. Lewis, Mrs. Winthrop Hammond, Mrs. Robert McBride, Mrs. Grace Watt Ross, Mrs. Roscoe Rush Giltner, Dr. Luella Clay Carson of Mills College, Mrs. Prince Lucien Campbell.

The members of Tri Delta were hostesses at a card party, given at the home of Vera Redman, on the afternoon of January 3. Red poinsettias and Xmas greens formed the decorations and red carnations were given as favors. During the latter part of the afternoon the guests were entertained with a vocal solo by Miss Ruth Johns of Portland, and a piano solo by Miss Norma Graves.

The engagement of Miss Francis Nelson, formerly of the University and a member of Kappa Alpha Theta, to Phillip H. Carroll of Hood River, has been announced.

Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity gave a theatre party at the Orpheum followed by tea at the Hotel Portland on Saturday, December 27. In addition to the active members a number of alumnae were present. Among whom were: Mrs. Orlando Davidson, Mrs. William E. Jones, Mrs. Gerlinger, Mrs. Theodore Williams, Miss Jennie Lilly, Miss Eva Roche, Miss Marguerite Rhose and Miss Olive Donnell.

The Alpha Delta chapter of Delta Gamma with their Portland alumnae entertained with a dance at the Portland Heights Club on Saturday evening, January 3. The rooms were attractively decorated in the holiday colors of red and green, poinsettias being the flower which was used. The patronesses were: Mrs. S. E. Bean, Mrs. Beach, Mrs. J. E. Werlein, Mrs. Wiegard and Mrs. Campbell.

Nu chapter of Gamma Phi Beta was hostess at a reception, given on the afternoon of January 2 at the home of Mrs. James George Beach of Portland. The rooms were attractively decorated in palms and flaming poinsettias and the luncheon room was in pink with huge bowls of pink carnations.

In the receiving line were Mrs. Beach, Miss Flora Dunham, Miss Florence Cleveland and Miss Marguerite Sheehy.

Those who poured were: Mrs. Fletcher Linn and Mrs. Thomas M. Word, who were assisted by Miss Genevieve Butterfield, Miss Lucile Bronangly, Miss Helen Whitney, Miss Rosalind Kingsley and Miss Maureen Campbell.

On New Year's night a co-operative dancing party was given at the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Kappa Alpha Theta entertained with an attractive tea at the home of Margaret Hawkins on Portland Heights on Wednesday, December 31. The rooms were artistically decorated in the holiday colors. Music was furnished by a stringed orchestra which played on a landing banked with palms. About 150 guests called during the afternoon.

Dancing parties have been the principal form of entertainment among Eugene "left-overs" during the recent vacation.

Prominent among these was the one given by Mr. Robert Keeney and Miss Bessie Morrison of Eugene, at the Chi Omega house, Saturday evening, December 20, in honor of Miss Esther Maegly, of Portland, and Mr. Lone Morrison, of Sacramento, who participated as bridesmaid and best man in the Keeney-Morrison wedding on the following Tuesday. There were 15 couples invited to this dance, including students and townspeople.

On Monday night, December 22, the dormitory men gave a dinner dance which was attended by nearly all the students left in town. The same evening there was a dance at the Shack given by the Knights of the Round Table, a high school organization.

On Tuesday, December 23, occurred the marriage of Miss Bessie Morrison and Mr. Robert Keeney, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. William H. Morrison, on the corner of Twelfth and Mill streets. Mrs. Keeney is well known in University circles, having been a member of the class of 1913.

On Thursday, Christmas night, there was a large dancing party at the Phi Delta Theta house. The following night occurred the Eugene High School alumnae dance, in the Folly ball room, which was conceded by those present to be one of the prettiest dances during vacation.

Miss Helen Robinson, Miss Rita Fraley and Miss Louise Allen gave a large dance at the Chi Omega house on the Monday following Christmas. The house was elaborately decorated for the occasion with cedar boughs and Oregon grape. Between 35 and 40 couples were present.

The last of the series of dances occurred at the dormitory Saturday evening, January 3. There was a large attendance and every one had one grand time.

SENIORS WILL DRAW FOR DANCE PARTNERS

Much Important Business Listed for Meeting Wednesday Morning

The regular meeting of the 1914 class will be held Wednesday morning during the usual ten o'clock assembly hour in Dr. Schmidt's room in Deady Hall. The business listed to come up at the meeting, says President Allie Grout, is of the most important nature, including the drawing of partners for the Senior Lottery Dance, and he asks that all members of the class not physically incapacitated, will be present.

President Grout states that this feature of the meeting may require the most watchful attention of those interested, as it has been rumored that some of the Senior men will make an effort to corrupt the drawing committee.

In addition to this there will be a preliminary discussion of the Class Play and also of plans in regard to Commencement. A report concerning the Oregonian is also announced.

EMERALD STAFF ATTENTION

An important staff meeting is scheduled for four o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the Emerald office in McClure Hall. The attendance of every man or woman connected with the news end of the Emerald is necessary.

The Dormitory Orchestra will give a concert Friday eve between the hours of nine and eleven o'clock at "The Varsity."

Start the new year right. Eat hot dogs at Obak's.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Women's Glee Club—Practice in Villard Hall at 7:30 this evening.

Laureans—Regular meeting tonight.

Track Men—Meeting of track men in the gymnasium Wednesday at 4 p. m.

Emerald Staff—Meeting in McClure Hall at 4 p. m. Wednesday.

Matinee Dance—Given by Sophomores in the gymnasium Friday afternoon from 4 to 6.

Order of "O"—Meeting at the Kappa Sigma house Wednesday evening.

Following an examination by a physician, it was discovered that 80 per cent of the men students attending the University of Missouri are suffering from curvature of the spine.

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