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GO TO IT BONERS.

Today's will be the last issue of the Emerald until after the coming exams. Not only is the staff doing this in order that the cub reporters of this semester may continue to serve on the Emerald during the second half of the year, but also to prevent any subscribers to the college publication from putting in valuable time in the perusal of its columns which might otherwise be used in cramming for the coming ordeals.

Systematic reviewing is the only logical means of codifying the information which the student has gathered from his different courses. Eleventh hour endeavor to master work which should have taken the whole term, attempts to memorize that which may be required in the finals, as a general rule fail woefully.

The sensible provident student will review carefully all that has been covered during the semester, if he or she wants any kind of grade at the end of the half year. For the judgment meted out at the end of this semester is to be more harsh than ever before. The faculty admits it. This is to be because the University is growing and expanding, and more in the way of achievement is being demanded of its students.

Now, go to it, Boners. And if you're disappointed because no Emerald will be delivered Saturday, just remember that not only the cubs, but some others on the staff need a little time for preparation, in order that they in common with the rest of the student body, may receive their all-H cards.

TOO MANY PRELIMINARIES.

Following the Assembly meeting of yesterday, exclamations of disapproval were heard from many sources on the campus in regard to the paucity of information given by the speaker, A. L. Mills, on the currency bill, the subject on which he was supposed to speak. The Portland banker came to Eugene with a big reputation, and not only students interested in economic subjects were present, but many others, including Eugene bankers who were anxious to gain authoritative information on the new currency measure, attended.

What did these seekers after wisdom learn? Nothing beyond a bunch of facts concerning financial matters in the United States in early times, interesting in themselves but bearing no other relation to the true subject on which Mr. Mills chose to expound, than that which an introduction

would ordinarily have. To come right down to brass tacks, the time allotted to Mr. Mills was barely sufficient for his introductory remarks, and the balance of his address, the part containing the real pith and meat of the discourse planned, suffered as a result.

What is the reason for the shortness of time given over to the exposition of so important a question as the currency bill? No reason at all that will really pass muster, but the cause of the whole affair may be said to lie in the arrangement of the morning's program, in the disproportionate amount of time given over to mere preliminary exercises, when compared with the scanty allowance made for the feature of assembly.

Fifty-five minutes is the duration of assembly hour. An address, such as was written for delivery by Mr. Mills, could not well be delivered in much less than this time, and in its written form, could not be boiled down, when the curtailment of time was discovered. And yet approximately twenty-five minutes of the fifty-five was taken up with Moody and Sankey hymns, devotional exercises, and similar preliminaries, and when Mr. Mills got through his introduction it was time to go.

Hymns are all very well in their way. The Emerald has no kick to register against the musical productions of the evangelists, as such, but what the Emerald does object to is the utter sense of disproportion manifested in the handling of the Wednesday morning program. When as important a matter to citizens and near citizens of this country as the currency measure undoubtedly is, is to be presented by such an acknowledged authority as A. L. Mills of Portland, a little less in the way of preliminary frills might be found advisable.

WHAT IS YOUR OPINION?

The suggestion made by Clarence Ash in today's Emerald concerning the opening of the tank during the evening is an excellent one, and should be carried into execution. In order to gain a real manifestation of opinion on this subject, the Emerald asks that those who would appreciate the use of the gymnasium or tank at hours other than those now open, will send in their names to the office of the student publication.

COMMUNICATIONS

DANGER IN SORORITY RULES.

To the Editor:

A recent correspondent of yours raised the question "Who makes the laws at Oregon?" He seemed of the opinion that our laws were made principally by the athletic members of the student body. I desire to take issue with him for it appears to me that the women of the University are pulling almost every available string in the lawmaking machinery.

First we have handed us a choice assortment of "rules" concerning where and when we can walk, where and under what conditions we can go up the mill-race and so forth. Now, as a grand climax, comes the set of rules promulgated by the National Pan-Hellenic Association, whereby calling at a sorority house is to be regulated by a committee, then before any part of the house can be thrown open to the entertainment of men "adequate chaperonage" must be provided.

Such laws as these suggest to me that perhaps their makers are of the opinion that a college man calls on a college woman for purposes other than of the highest order. Is it possible that education, or attending college, has caused us to degenerate to the plane where we cannot be trusted with one of the opposite sex, unchaperoned? College is supposed to be morally as well as intellectually elevating. Is it failing? When our fathers and mothers went to college, sorority houses, in many instances, had no house-mothers. Today we have house-mothers—wholly desirable—but now the Committee on Social Engagements it to be added. We cannot say that our fathers and mothers suffered through the lack of these. Nor will we admit that we are mortally any less capable than they were.

Our fraternity system is continually calling loudly for more democracy and individualism, yet here it thrusts at us a set of laws which takes all responsibility from the individual and makes him the mechanical

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There is a big social rock ahead of the women of the University. Every day the men are growing more independent and such interference as these laws is the cause. The rock ahead is ostracism. At California, Stanford, Cornell, and many other institutions the same evolution has taken place. The condition finally reached is one where the men turn their attentions from the University women to those of the surrounding community. Their social meetings are with the women of the community and when the time comes for the large dances they "import" their partners.

Four years ago one rarely saw a University man with other than a University woman. Today it is far different. How many women come from Portland and other towns for our class dances? How many men "queen" local women? Count noses for yourself and see if you can sense any other evidence of this evolution.

Sincerely,
A SENIOR.

WANTS TANK OPEN EVENINGS.

To the Editor:

The editorial in the last Emerald headed "An Evening Swim," is one of the best that has been published this year. It voiced the idea of many students of the University who at present find it impossible to use the new swimming tank or the gymnasium, because their outside work keeps them busy in the afternoons. The paraphernalia is there to be used. There are some of us who have no time in the morning or the afternoon to use them, it is but fair that we should have a chance in the evening. At the present we forego the pleasure of these things—we are forced to, for lack of time.

Reportorial work keeps me busy down town every afternoon, and the forenoons are filled with recitations. The two times that I have been in the tank have meant a slighting of work somewhere. There are plenty more in my fix.

I suggest that a petition be presented to President Campbell or Trainer Hayward, asking that the gymnasium and the swimming pool be opened in the evening from 7 to 9 o'clock. It should be an easy matter to adjust the hours of some of the janitors, to allow them to be on duty at the time. Falling in this there are many responsible students who would be glad of the job.

To get the matter going I should suggest that those wishing to use the

pool and the gymnasium, in the evening, turn their names in at the Emerald office in McClure. This will enable us to see what chances we have for a petition.

Respectfully,
CLARENCE E. ASH, '13.

PHYSICS DEPARTMENT PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR

Two Lower Floors in Deady to Be Remodeled and Refitted

Next year the Physics Department of the University will have the basement and the first floor of Deady Hall for its exclusive use, if the preliminary plans of Professor Boynton are carried out. Both floors will be remodeled and made over. "We will have one large lecture room which will accommodate about eighty people, about nine laboratory rooms, and suitable offices for the head of the department and the other instructors. I will have a private laboratory for my own use where I can carry on research and experiment work," said Professor Boynton, speaking of the proposed changes. "The department intends to have a library room, in which will be placed literature dealing directly upon its work.

"With the increased facilities we will be able to add several new courses and give better instruction in those we have at present," he stated.

An upper deck will be built in the western end of Dr. Clark's room, upon which will be built a dark room. In time, this room will be fitted with hypo tanks, running water and a row of safe-red lights. Outside of the room on the same deck will be placed two or three photographic-chemical tables. "With a dark room and equipment we will be able to start a course in photography," declared Professor Boynton. "Several of the students have spoken to me about a course of this kind. By the beginning of 1916 we will be in a position to start a complete course in photography, but at the present time no money is available and next year we can not expect any. Probably we may be able to start preparatory courses which will make an excellent preparation for the regular photographic course."

Scholarship standing of all the members of sororities at Ohio State are being kept by the Women's Pan-Hellenic Association.

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