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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1914.

AT THE DANCE.

The Freshman Glee starts tonight at 8:15, according to the statement made by the head of the dance committee. Preparations have been made, music provided, and everything is in readiness for one of the most enjoyable affairs of the year, provided for the men and women of the university by the Freshman class acting as host.

But how many will be able to enter into the spirit which an occasion of the kind demands? How many of those attending the Freshman party, either in the capacity of hosts or of guests, are entirely free from that worry which is the aftermath of the final examinations? Of the forty who failed to pass at the end of the first semester, eight have been permitted to remain by the faculty committee, but for the balance of this number there will be no more college until next fall.

Perhaps in some cases there are excuses which have been overlooked, some of those who have flunked out may have been too proud even to make known their excuses, but, in the majority of instances, the failure to make good is due to just one thing, and that is lack of application to the more serious side of university life.

The long-heralded raising of standards has, with the possibility of increasing educational facilities at Oregon, made its advent at the State University, and, in so doing, has caught a considerable number unaware, who, under old conditions, would have been able to skim through.

The students who failed to "get by," are not to be censured; they didn't know it was coming, and, in consequence, were unprepared. But their failure should serve as a warning to those remaining, and to the students of the future, for the raising of standards will not rest after the advance made this year. The requirements as to scholarship will continue to be strengthened until the best in higher education has been reached.

STANDING STILL.

"Sororities at Whitman" have adopted new rules in regard to pledging, to do away with the excitement coincident with pledge day," reads a news item. The sorority women at Whitman are to be congratulated on their recognition of the necessity of uniformity and organization in matters of rushing and pledging.

The Oregon sororities, or as they

are now to be styled, women's fraternities, have long since admitted the importance of this principle, and the outgrowth is the present Pan-Hellenic. But the fraternity men at Oregon seem content to continue in the old way, each little organization working on its own particular plan, regardless of the benefits which the experience of others has shown may accrue from the formation of a Pan-Hellenic, or some organization of the kind at least approximating its purpose and means of accomplishing such a purpose.

Reforms in rushing and in pledging are by no means the only things to be considered in a move for a Pan-Hellenic. Scholarship and efficiency also enter into a consideration of the case, efficiency that must be shown to the voters of the state if ever the question of the usefulness of the fraternity system is raised at Oregon as it has already been in some of the eastern states.

A getting together of the fraternities at Oregon on some basis similar to the Pan-Hellenic, is already a recognized necessity—a necessity which will continue to become more and more imperative with the passing of time. How long will the fraternities remain blind to the examples of progress afforded them, and remain content with their present standstill policy?

Approximately 5,000,000 words are computed to have been written in Oregon bluebooks during the examinations just past. It would be interesting to ascertain how many would have been added to this if every student had been thoroughly familiar with the subject of the exam, or to figure how many words would have been saved if no endeavor to cover up ignorance with verbiage had been made.

Dr. C. F. Hodge has been chosen as head of a committee in Portland to wage exterminating warfare upon the housefly. If some of the instructions given by Dr. Hodge last summer during his Eugene fly-killing campaign, were carried out, perhaps the university town would be rendered more habitable during the warmer months.

GREEN CAPS ABOLISHED BY FACULTY AT U. OF W.

Strict Rules Regarding All Kinds of Hazing Also Passed

University of Washington, Feb. 10.—Hazing of every description, organized or unorganized was abolished at the University of Washington by a ruling passed by the assembled faculty last night. However, a student council, will soon be formed to handle student government. When asked to interpret this latest edict, Prof. David Thomson, chairman of the faculty student affairs committee, this morning said:

"Hazing of every description is now forbidden. Any violation of this ruling by any student will constitute a breach of discipline and will be punished as such by the university authorities. Not only does it mean that there will be no more kangaroo courts, hothanding, duckings in Freshman basin, and other forms of physical chastisement such as have been indulged in previous to this year but Freshmen will not longer be made to wear green caps. No green caps will appear on the campus from now on unless the Freshmen, of their own free will, choose to adopt this headgear as an insignia of their class.

"The question of abolishing hazing has been under consideration by the faculty for some time," Professor Thomson said, "and yesterday's action comes as the result of a careful study of conditions."

Fraternity hazing, as it concerned members of the fraternity alone and not as students of the university, did not come under the jurisdiction of the university, and hence was not affected, Professor Thomson explained.

Not only was hazing done away with, but the pushball contest, the annual tieups and all class scraps were abolished from the university in order that the new student council may start its work with a clean slate declared the professor. These customs may be reinstated, according to the faculty, but they will be done by the student council, and will if they are.

It will be good if you buy it at the Peter Pan.

SOCIETY

By Beatrice Lilly

One of the most original and unique dances ever given in the University will be the "Freshman glee" in the men's gym tonight. The gym will be transformed into a Japanese garden with festoons of greens and Japanese lights and bows of cherry blossoms. The punch room will be carried out as a Japanese pergola with white pillars wound with greens and cherry blossoms over head. A little Jap boy will preside over the punch bowl. The feature dance will be a snow storm. The patrons and patronesses are: President and Mrs. Campbell, Dr. and Mrs. Straub, Professor and Mrs. Bovard, Dr. and Mrs. Leonard, Dr. and Mrs. Edmondson, Mr. and Mrs. Bezdek, Dr. Bertha Stuart and Miss Guppy.

The Oregon Alumnae Association held a meeting at the home of the Misses Ida and Harriet Patterson, 751 Eleventh street, on Saturday afternoon. Valentine decorations of red hearts and red carnations were used. Miss Guppy gave a short talk during the afternoon. The hostesses were: The Misses Patterson, Mrs. T. H. Potter, Miss Eileen McCornack, Miss Anne Whiteaker, Mrs. T. H. Johnson, Miss Pauline Wolcomb, Miss Ida Turney, Miss Bertha Cummings, Mrs. Thurston and Miss Edith Baker.

Miss Oakes, who has been visiting the Oregon Chapter from Beta Chapter of Mu Phi, left on Friday.

Adolph Glatt, Harold Beck, Eugene Riches and George Brunl, of Woodburn, Oregon, are week-end guests at the Delta Tau Delta house.

Kappa Kappa Gamma announce Margarite Soffer as a pledge.

Gladys Cartwright and Margaret Rhoads are at the Kappa Kappa Gamma house this week-end.

Mu Phi Epsilon held initiation on Tuesday evening. Those initiated were Ethel Brown, Ruth Lawrence, Helen Cusk, Grace Campbell and Merle McCloskey.

Alpha Tau Omega held initiation on Saturday evening.

Mrs. A. E. Crossby of The Dalles and Mrs. W. R. Ladd, of Portland, are guests at the Chi Omega house.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Freshman Glee—In men's gymnasium tonight at 8:15.
 Y. W. C. A.—Meeting in the Bungalow Monday afternoon at 4.
 Y. M. C. A.—Meeting in Duddy Hall Wednesday evening.
 Junior Class Hour—Regular assembly next Wednesday.
 Sophomore Class—Important meeting in Dr. Straub's room, Monday at 4 o'clock.
 Oregana picture will be taken at this time.

BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY FEBRUARY 10, 1914.

Political and Social Sciences.
 Text-book of School and Class Management, 1910-11. Felix Arnold.

Men and Religion Forward Movement; Social Service Message, 1913.

Natural Sciences.
 Trees of the Northern United States, 1892. A. C. Apgar.
 Useful Birds and Their Protection, 1913. E. H. Forbush.
 Experiments With Plants, 1910. W. J. V. L. Osterhout.

Art.
 The Are of the National Gallery, 1909. Mrs. J. D. W. Addison.
 The Message of Greek Art, 1913. H. H. Powers.

Literature.
 Confessions of an English Opium Eater, 1876. Thomas De Quincey.
 J. M. Barrie and His Books, 1900. J. A. Hammerton.

The Book of Nonsense, n. d. Edward Lear.
 Private Life of Henry Maitland, 1912. Morley Roberts.

Biography.
 Clara Schumann; An Artist's Life, 1913. Berthold Litzmann.
 Theodore Roosevelt; an Autobiography, 1913. Theodore Roosevelt.
 Reminiscences, 1911. Goldwin Smith.

Description and Travel.
 English Life and Manners in the Later Middle Ages. Annie Abram.
 Historic Summer Haunts from Newport to Portland, 1912. F. L. Bullard.

Ireland, 1912. Frank Mathew.
 Finland Today, 1911. George Renwick.

Miscellaneous.
 Easy Entertaining, 1911. Mrs. C. B. Burrell.
 Practical Electricity and Magnetism, 1908. John Henderson.
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