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TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 1914.

BOOSTING EXPENSES.

The Medical Department of the University has received from the O.-W. R. & N. a substantial gift of land, to be used as a campus, the value of which will reach \$100,000. Not only in Eugene, but also in Portland, do conditions seem to be conducive to growth, and to growth of the right kind.

And so far the growth of the state's highest institution of learning has been along the right lines, both in purely scholastic matters and in the general development of student custom and tradition.

But one of these customs, the wearing of the cap and gown, a custom inseparably linked with university life, has been attacked by a number of Seniors, who decry through a petition the perpetuation of the black robe and the mortar board as a necessary adjunct to the graduation ceremonies.

Sentiment has been cast to the winds and the traditional Senior garb is being opposed merely on so-called practical grounds. It is alleged, among other things, that needless expense is involved, which may prove a somewhat irksome burden to some in the class.

If this were in keeping with the facts in the matter, it would, indeed, be an important argument for the elimination of the cap and gown from commencement. But the real truth in the case is that the cap and gown make directly for economy, with consequent leveling of artificial social barriers raised by the possession of money.

The cost of the regulation outfit ranges from \$3.50 to \$16, while it may be rented for the period of two weeks for a sum that is merely nominal. And then uniformity has been achieved.

With the passing of the Senior robe would come the necessity of new suits and dresses, in order that the proper kind of appearance might be made in the final scene of college life, and this expense would certainly be greater than that brought about by following the old custom. With the doing away of the Senior robe would come the possibility of competition, and the ensuing struggle to see which would have the prettiest, costliest gown, would only cast a gloom over the spirits of the girl unable to afford anything luxurious in the way of dresses.

The promoters of the anti-cap and gown propaganda are to be credited with acting in good faith, but is it

not possible that they have allowed their prejudice against anything that savors of affectation, to influence them to support a cause which careful thought would have convinced them is unjust?

SOCIETY

By Beatrice Lilly.

The Country Club was the scene of an informal dance, given by the Alumni of the Sigma Chi on Saturday evening, at which the Seniors of the active chapter were guests. The Alumni members of Sigma Chi present were Ralph Newland, Homer Jamison, George Carter, Carl Homer, Ernest Poole, Tom Watson and Prof. Hope of the University.

Madeline Rawling of O. A. C. was at the Kappa Kappa Gamma House this week-end.

Mrs. Lucy Abrams has been called to New York on account of the illness of her daughter.

Winifred Bent is a Chi Omega pledge.

Mr. Merrick of Medford spent the week-end with his son at the Delta Tau Delta House.

Mrs. Mable H. Parsons spent the week-end in Portland.

Bill Ryan and Ben Dorris have returned from Portland, where they have been getting advertisements for the Oregonian.

Dr. and Mrs. Smith and Dr. and Mrs. Leonard were Sunday dinner guests at the Phi Gamma Delta House.

Dr. Sweetland of Willamette University spent the week-end at the Phi Gamma Delta House.

Prof. and Mrs. Frederick G. Young were Sunday dinner guests at the Beta Theta Pi House.

Everett May, Kenneth Fox, Wallace Kadderly and Brewer Johns of Corvallis were week-end guests at the Phi Delta Theta House.

Kappa Sigma entertained Mr. and Mrs. Rainey and Paul Rainey for Sunday dinner.

George Nixon, Alexander Peabody, Clarence Gaines, Victor Marcella and Prof. Bach spent the week-end at the Sigma Nu House.

Mrs. C. S. Williams, Marjory Williams, Mrs. George DeBar, Miss Mary Roche, Ruth Roche, Bill Holden and Raeman Fleming were Sunday dinner guests at the Kappa Alpha Theta House.

Charles McNeill and Richard Yates of O. A. C. spent the week-end at the Sigma Chi House.

MUCH CANDY IS CONSUMED

Students Spend Total of \$382.55 at Y. M. C. A. For Confectionery.

The report on the confections at the Book Exchange for the period from September 1 to February 24, as given by the general secretary, Charles Koyl, to the cabinet, shows that the Y. M. C. A. makes a profit of 23 per cent on the candy sold and that the students spend a total of \$382.55 a semester to satisfy their "sweet tooth." The report follows:

Total amount in cash of confections bought	\$311.55
Amount paid for this candy	300.00
Amount of goods purchased on an average each month	51.92
Total amount amount received in cash on sales of candy	382.55
Difference between cost of goods and cash received	71.00
Average profits per month	11.82
Percentage of profit on candy is approximately	23 per cent.

The mother of Prof. Edward Allen Thurber died at 2 o'clock this morning in New York City from pneumonia, after a brief illness.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction of Massachusetts advocates the establishment of a state university.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Laureans—Regular meeting will be held in Dr. Schmidt's room in Deady Hall tonight. Important question coming up for discussion. Large attendance desired.

Election—Y. M. C. A. will hold regular election Wednesday night for year.

Nominations—Student-body nominations will be held Wednesday morning at regular assembly hour for student council.

Assembly—President William T. Foster of Reed College, speaks Wednesday morning at assembly on Robert Louis Stevenson's "His Message to Youth."

Vesper Services—Will be held March 15 in Villard Hall. Dr. Geo. Rebec will speak. Special music.

Debate—Tri-angular State Debate will be held here Friday night, March 13. Oregon meets Stanford. Student-body tickets admit.

Glee Club—O. A. C. Glee Club concert which was to have been given here Wednesday night has been postponed.

Co-ed Debate—Tryouts for Varsity co-ed debaters will be held in Villard Hall March 14.

Baseball—First practice game of the season to be held Wednesday night between squad and Willamette Pacific team on campus diamond. Game called at four o'clock.

Soccer—Varsity meets Columbia University in Portland next Saturday, March 14. Team will be picked Thursday.

Lecture—W. L. Hayward leaves Thursday for Coos Bay where he will deliver another of his illustrated lectures on athletics and training to the high school there.

Five times as many women are attending German universities this year than were in attendance four years ago. In 1909 there were only 4,100 women students in all the universities of Germany. The total number now exceeds 5,200, and of this number over 1,000 are taking practical courses, such as law, medicine, dentistry and farming.

The Minnesota Glee Club is making arrangements for a concert tour to be made during Easter vacation.

A Yale dinner, the first to be given since 1909, is being arranged for March 13 at the Waldorf. It is expected that it will be one of the largest gatherings of Yale men that ever met in New York as graduates and under-graduates of all departments, to say nothing of Yale men who began and didn't graduate, are included in the general invitation. Ex-President Taft and President Hadley of Yale will be among the chief speakers.

Indiana University celebrated her 94th anniversary last Saturday. A large pageant was the feature of the day.

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"A WOMAN'S WAY" PUT OFF

Date of Dramatic Club Play Is Changed to March 26.

The Dramatic Club play, "A woman's Way," has been postponed from March 13 to March 26. This was not because the members of the Dramatic Club thought that March 13 was an unlucky date, but because it came the same night as the Oregon-Stanford debate.

"We were crowded out of our date," said Walter Dimm this morning. "But out of courtesy to the debaters we yielded."

The debaters claim that they had March 13 salted down since the beginning of the year, but for some reason the Student Affairs Committee did not know about it when they granted the Dramatic Club the same date.

Prof. Frank J. Goodnow, the noted author of legal text-books, has been offered the presidency of Johns Hopkins University.

FACULTY EXEMPT FROM TAX

Kansas Professors Will Not Be Held For Income Levy.

University of Kansas, March 1.—Faculty members at the University are not required by the provisions of the federal income tax law to report their incomes.

Chancellor Frank Strong recently wrote to the federal tax collector at Leavenworth, asking about the requirements of the tax law. The reply states that all incomes in excess of \$2,500, excluding those paid by the state, must be reported to the federal collector.

Students at the University of Indiana have decided to make their Junior prom informal this year.

Sir Josiah Pierce, former Secretary of the American legation at St. Petersburg, an alumnus of Bowdoin College and a member of Psi Upsilon Fraternity, died a few days ago. He was a member of the class of 1846.

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