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NOT APPRECIATED.

For the eight open positions on the new Student Council only 15 names were placed in nomination at the Student-Body meeting yesterday morning. Nine of the names suggested were for senior berths on the Council, but within a few hours following the meeting two of the Senior nominees have withdrawn, leaving seven eligible for the five vacancies. There is still competition among the Junior office-seekers, but practically none among the fourth-year men and women.

It is hard to say that such a state of affairs is the result of college politics, inducing the limitation of the number of candidates by steam-roller tactics. All the time necessary for nominations was allowed, and from the general tenor of the nomination speeches, it was rather evident that, contrary to the usual practice, these were largely impromptu.

It is to be inferred, then, that no real desire for office, such as is usually manifested in the regular elections later on in the spring, has found time so early in the year to develop in the breasts of the ambitious, or it may be supposed that the possibilities of the Student Council, and consequently the importance of being connected with this body are not appreciated.

This, it may be said, is characteristic of the Oregon attitude toward any innovation. Other students who would be as well qualified to hold the new offices opened up as those who have been nominated, have not kept out of things due to the machinations of ring politics, or even because they are indifferent to the welfare of the Student-Body, as might well be supposed, but merely because they are over-cautious. They must find out, before taking such a rash step as to allow themselves to be nominated, just what they are getting into, and whether or not the thing is really worth while.

Most emphatically the Student Council is worth while. To fill a position on it worthily will do credit to any man or woman in the University.

But, unfortunately, this must be fully demonstrated before the undergraduate skeptic will believe, and there is but a comparatively short time left for the demonstration. Tomorrow the Council will be elected, and two months later the Student-Body will again pick a Student Council to serve for the following

year. During this time it is highly desirable that the new Council, whoever may compose it, will make it apparent to the students that positions on it are not merely doubtful honors, as seems to be the opinion at the present time, but constitute unparalleled opportunities to engage in real service for the Associated Students and for the University.

ENDORSES SENIOR ACTION.

Editor of the Emerald:

The Eugene branch of the National Association of Collegiate Alumnae wishes to express to the students of Oregon State University its earnest appreciation of the action taken in dispensing with caps and flowers at social functions, and recommends that the women of the University cooperate by endeavoring to modify the general trend toward extravagance in dress.

Relaxation is just as necessary as work, but when the essentials are so clothed with useless formalities as to make them burdensome to all and prohibitive to some a return to "the simple life" is welcomed by all serious-minded people, and therefore the Association of Collegiate Alumnae desires in this manner to endorse the movement inaugurated by the Seniors and sanctioned by the Juniors and Sophomores.

We thank you for the step you have taken, and feel that its influence is not purely local, but will be felt throughout the state.

MRS. A. M. SPANGLER,

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University of Michigan, '04.

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University of Oregon.

Committee for the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, Eugene Branch.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Election—Student-body election tomorrow in Villard Hall. Polls open from 10 to 2. Officers for student council to be voted on.

Vesper—Vesper services March 15 in Villard Hall. Dr. George Rebec speaks. Special music.

Debate—Tri-angular state debate. Oregon meets Stanford Friday night in Villard Hall. Student-body tickets admit.

Tryouts—Co-ed debate tryouts for debating team will be held in Villard Hall Friday.

Wrestling—Final tryouts for 135 and 145 classes will be held in gym Friday afternoon.

Soccer—Varsity goes to Portland and meets Columbia University, March 14.

Oratory—Class representatives attend State Oratorical contest at Albany, March 13.

Glee Club—Concert will be given at Hellig Theatre March 16 by University Glee Club.

Lecture—Professor Dunn will give an illustrated lecture on cartoons Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock in his room, Deady Hall.

Pennsylvania has lost half of last year's track point winners by graduation.

Officials at Michigan are agitating the establishment of a "dry zone" around the University.

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EXCHANGES.

The Pulitzer School of Journalism at Columbia is using moving pictures as a means of teaching reporters how to report. Reels of pictures of the Balkan war are shown before the would-be newspaper men, who later write news accounts from their notes. The professor edits and corrects the stories and returns them to the student, after which the reels are run off again slowly, so that each student may see where he was inaccurate or missed an important point. This may be good training, but when the young men begin to do actual reporting there will be no return reels.—Illinois Illini.

Three recent pledges to Delta Tau Delta are: Emerson Merrick, of Medford; Harold Berlin, of Turlock, California, and Claude Hampton, of Pendleton.

The non-fraternity men at the University of Kansas are better students than the members of fraternity organizations, according to a report recently made.

The University of Pennsylvania is taking the lead in a movement to form an interscholastic boxing association. At the large eastern colleges this sport commands no little attention, and it is thought such an association would foster a clean and healthy interest in the sport. The competitions would probably be limited to three rounds, and eight-ounce gloves would be worn.

The students at Graz University, Rome, Italy, upon finding that their demands for an Italian faculty were not to be acceded to started a public agitation. On their parade around the city they found the path blocked by the German students, and a serious fight took place. Police interference was necessary to quiet the disturbance.

Students of the University of Chicago have borrowed \$59,000 from the Students' Fund Association since 1892, according to the first report of the association's work, given out last week. Of the total loans the sum of \$40,000 has been repaid, the outstanding balance being divided between 300 borrowers, with an average indebtedness of \$70 each.

A Faculty committee of the University of Washington has been appointed to advise Freshmen.

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Prof. E. W. Allen will be among the speakers at the meeting of the Willamette Valley Press Association to be held in Salem, Saturday, March 21.

Ralph Pulitzer, editor of the New York World, has presented the Department of Journalism with several copies of a pamphlet on "Accuracy in the News," of which he is the author.

Three hundred and sixty-six students are registered in the extension courses of the University of Washington.

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