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THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1914.

WHO ARE THE BEST REPORTERS?

Shortly after the Easter vacation the Emerald will start a reporters' contest, for which only those on the staff will be eligible to compete. The contest will continue over two weeks, and cash prizes will be given for the men or women who are considered to be first and second best. Ranking will be determined according to composition, amount of news covered, thoroughness with which it is handled, and neatness and general legibility of copy. Original work, that is, digging out news items not assigned and promptness of turning in copy will be looked on as especially meritorious.

The object of this contest is twofold. In the first place, the Emerald is desirous of finding out if there are any stories of campus affairs which are not being unearthed and in the second place, to ascertain if a more accurate capacity for work cannot be obtained than has been indicated by the ordinary assignment system.

The college year is getting well toward the close and in a short time the heads of the business and editorial department will retire from office, to be succeeded by those chosen as editor and manager in the coming spring elections.

It is all important that the editor of the coming year shall have the best of information on which to base the selection of his staff, and it is the intention of the Emerald to supply this information.

The showing made by the reporters during the year will be taken into consideration, but in addition to this the ability which is demonstrated in the reporters' contest will figure largely in determining those who will be selected for promotion.

There will be several vacancies on next year's staff which will be well worth striving for. The recommendation which will be given for these places to the reporters making the best record in the two weeks' trial, coupled with the monetary reward should make the contest of vital interest.

PREPARATION FOR COMMONWEALTH

Commonwealth conferences, since their inception, have been of considerable benefit to University students as well as to the people of the state for whom the Commonwealth Day program was originally instituted, and for whom it has been maintained. That held last year was especially helpful and it is safe to predict that the exercises to be held during the present semester, on May 27, 28 and 29, will eclipse all previous meetings of this kind conducted by the University of Oregon.

Students as well as members of the faculty are keenly interested in the discussions and questions which are brought out at the Commonwealth conferences, and last year a larger percentage than ever before of those attending the meetings held on different parts of the campus was made up of students.

Class work is important, but concentrated reports of experts who are listed for the conference are probably worth as much. The opportunity is rare and it should be made possible for everyone to take advantage of it. The excusing of students from the routine college work, as in past years, in order that the Commonwealth Day program may be taken advantage of, is highly advisable.

A WORD OF WARNING.

A party designed exclusively for the entertainment of the University women, namely the April Frolic, has been arranged to take place on the evening of Saturday, April 4. If the experience of past years is to be relied upon, the co-eds will all have a good time; but, unfortunately, an affair of this kind, especially when surrounded by the secrecy which usually veils the April Frolic, excites a certain amount of curiosity among those who are not invited. Previous detailed knowledge of the entertainment to be provided is denied to all but University women.

Curiosity of this kind is unseemly when evidenced by University men, as representatives of the supposedly non-inquisitive sex, and, moreover, it should be remembered that in endeavoring to satisfy this desire for forbidden knowledge, the seekers after wisdom are treading on dangerous ground. For only women are wanted at the April Frolic, and to those who presume too far on the patience of the University women, grave punishment is meted out.

It is easy enough to gain admittance to the women's party, but to the sorrow of some in the past it has been demonstrated that it is not so easy to escape detection. The tremulous treble and number three of the Oregon co-ed are not easily simulated by those of the opposite sex. Offenders are usually denounced, and the faculty will deal summarily with those who are proven guilty.

Expulsion from college, or, at the very least, suspension, is the punishment which is the portion of the peeping Toms who would find what is not designed for them to find out. To intrude at the entertainment given on Saturday night, whether in disguise or no, is, incidentally, hardly the part of gentlemen.

Full accounts of that part of the program which the co-eds are willing to make public will be published in the Emerald in the issue following April 4. Until that time it would be courteous, as well as discreet, for Oregon men to busy themselves elsewhere than at the April Frolic.

WOULD MOTHER K. U. MEN

Women's Advisor Wants to Adopt All Students.

Lawrence, Kans., March 30.—To be a mother by proxy to every student of the University, men as well as women, is the ambition of Mrs. Eustace Brown, advisor of women. There are 1200 men away from their homes at Kansas University.

"The men of the University often have problems that require motherly advice and guidance as well as the young women," said Mrs. Brown today, "and I want them to be free to consult me whenever they desire to do so."

Mrs. Brown makes her first chapel speech today. Men of the University as well as women will be urged to attend.

Seven hundred Old Grads assembled in the gymnasium last week at the University of Washington. There were representatives from 105 colleges present. They were given a smoker by 400 seniors and some faculty people.

The Cornell Glee club has arranged for a seven hundred mile trip in Iowa, and Illinois, beginning March 19.

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By Beatrice Lilly.

An engagement of interest to many Portlanders was announced Saturday at the luncheon given by the Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity at the University Club. The engagement was that of Miss Helen Corey Holbrook, daughter of Mrs. F. B. Holbrook, to Dr. Edmund S. Conklin, head of the psychology department of the University of Oregon. Miss Holbrook is a graduate of the University of Oregon and Dr. Conklin was graduated from Clark University.

Jay Coffee took luncheon at the Beta Theta Pi house Wednesday.

Dr. Edmund S. Conklin was a dinner guest at the Beta Theta Pi house Tuesday.

William Barrows, of Portland, land, took lunch at the Beta Theta Pi house Tuesday.

Charles A. Johns, Republican candidate for Governor, was a dinner guest Tuesday evening at the Delta Tau Delta house.

Alfred Collier was a guest at the Kappa Sigma house Wednesday noon.

Charles Fowler was a luncheon guest at the Phi Delta Theta house Wednesday.

Hugh Ford and Nell Ford were dinner guests at the Iota Chi house Monday evening.

Mrs. W. P. Ogilvie, of Vancouver, B. C., Mrs. Charles Gray and Wilma Young were dinner guests Wednesday evening at the Kappa Alpha Theta house.

Charlie Fenton, Madge Barry and Hazel Rader have returned from Albany, where they attended the Glee Club concert.

Jay Coffee and Rolande Boscow, of Portland, were dinner guests Tuesday at the Sigma Nu house.

Ambrose Bronnell, of Oregon City, was a dinner guest Tuesday evening at the Phi Gamma Delta house.

Edward Colton Meek has returned from Portland where he has been spending a few days.

Wallace Benson was a guest Tuesday noon at the Phi Gamma Delta house.

For the first time in its history, Iowa Wesleyan is free from debt. Financial affairs have been so arranged that the annual deficit will now be cared for.

For the second time in his history, Grinnell recently lost a game of basketball on her home floor. We believe this constitutes a record.

A petition praying that girl athletes be given some type of an "M" for competition in various sports, has

been turned down by the board of directors of the athletic association, University of Michigan.

Dartmouth won the triangular debate championship from Brown and Williams colleges recently.

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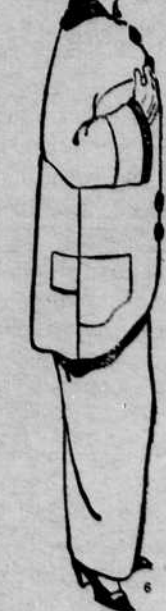
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