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## GET THE ASSEMBLY HABIT

The first student assembly of the year is announced for tomorrow morning, with President Campbell as the speaker. To use the words of the circular notice that always emanates from headquarters on assembly mornings, "we trust that there will be a full attendance."

Our reasons for entertaining this wish are not, however, those which are frequently expressed. Too often the students have been urged to attend assembly because it was deemed important that the speaker go away with a good impression of the University, and it was rightly surmised that to deliver an address to the vacant benches of Villard Hall is hardly conducive to such an impression. So some of us, impelled by our sense of duty, climbed the stairs of Villard once a week with the resignation of a martyr ascending the scaffold.

During the crisis through which the University has passed, when a campaign of prejudice and misrepresentation was waged by its enemies, and its fate hung, perhaps, on so slender a thread as the fancied discourtesy of the students toward a visitor, such measures were necessary and justifiable. We hope, however, that they will not be proposed now. They savor too much of the hypocritical, and Oregon students are not hypocrites.

Anyway, the Wednesday assembly, as it has been conducted recently, can stand on its own merits. The opportunity of hearing a live, interesting speaker, such as the majority of those who appeared before us last year, is one that the students should not neglect. The fact that the speaker generally is a stranger to the campus, and represents a new and non-academic point of view, makes his opinions the more valuable.

We repeat that attending assemblies is a privilege, and not a duty, and we believe the students are coming more to realize this fact as their minds become disabused of the notion that the programs must of necessity be dry and wearisome. The faculty might have compelled our attendance by inaugurating some form of roll-call, but they preferred to make it optional with us, believing the average student has the good sense to do that which is for his own good.

There is another and better reason and this is the fact that it is the one opportunity of the week for all of us to get together. It is good for us to do this: to rub elbows with all our fellow students, ad to realize that we are all members of a big unit. It is only by such contact that Oregon spirit can be kept alive and cogent.

And if we may venture a suggestion to those having the assemblies in charge, it is that they be made just as snappy and colorful as possible. Every interesting program insures a larger crowd next time, while every "frost" causes its victims to register a solemn vow of "never again." The long preliminary ceremonies, which were criticized last year, should be cut down and made less farcical. For instance, an invocation or prayer properly has a place on the program, but its impressiveness is destroyed by undue length. Numbers furnished by the students, whether vocal, instrumental, or oratorical, are invariably welcomed by the assembly audiences.

Let's all be there tomorrow morning.

## WHO WILL IT BE?

In a short time the Student Council will be confronted with the duty of electing a cheer leader. In the past Oregon has had effective "rooter kings," but the position has never

been regarded here in the light of its real importance.

In many ways, the leadership of the rooters during the various games and on other occasions throughout the year is one of the most responsible, and certainly one of the most difficult tasks for which a student may be chosen. It is so regarded at many other colleges, where the position of cheer leader is much in demand, and where its holder is rewarded with a letter or with some other token of honor.

In spite of the fact that last year's cheer leader and his assistants worked hard and did everything in their power to make the rooting a success, they came in for considerable censure from the alumni and others, who were disappointed with Oregon's showing in the game with the Aggies at Albany. This emphasizes the size of the job facing this year's leader, and the importance of choosing a capable man.

Should the annual game with the Oregon Agricultural College be played in Portland November 21, as seems more than likely, it will doubtless be attended by the largest crowd in the history of Northwest football. Interest in Portland and throughout the state focuses on this game, rather than on that with Washington, and the record-breaking crowds which have attended the contests between Oregon and Washington in Portland should be excelled November 21.

For years our Corvallis brethren have been trying to get us down to Portland, and doubtless they are gloating upon the prospect of this game. With four students to Oregon's one, and with a great advantage in organization on account of their compulsory drill, the Aggies expect to show us up badly in rooting.

That they will have a great advantage is undeniable, but Oregon's inferiority in numbers and preparation can be offset by a determined effort. "Oregon spirit" has surmounted greater obstacles, and it is an exclusive brand on which we have the monopoly. With a sufficiently clever and resourceful Sousa at our head, we can produce as great a quantity and as good a quality of noise as any number of rivals. And while the Corvallis cadets will doubtless make a natty appearance in their khaki uniforms and brass buttons, perhaps some Oregon strategist can design a costume which will overcome the handicap. And after all, an Oregon victory, for which we all hope and pray, will dispel any lingering doubt in the minds of the crowd concerning which belligerent is the "better man."

The tryout for the cheer leader will be held during the next two weeks. Each aspirant will be given his turn at conducting the services. On such nights, let every masculine possessor of two whole lungs repair to Kincaid bleachers.

## THE ALUMNI PAGE

With this issue the Emerald introduces the alumni page, which is to become a regular feature of the paper and appear every Tuesday. It has been inaugurated to fill a long-felt want of the alumni, expressed last spring in a movement to start a separate publication. The enterprise was however, found impracticable, and an exclusive department for the graduates in the Emerald is the substitute chosen.

Heretofore the Emerald has always endeavored to make a special appeal to the former students, and has printed as much news concerning them as has been obtainable. We shall continue this policy, independent of the new department. Through the alumni page, however, the graduates will speak for themselves. By agreement, representatives of the Alumni Association are to furnish a certain amount of copy for each Tuesday issue. Its arrangement will of necessity be in the hands of the regular staff, but outside of this the Emerald will have nothing to do with the material in these columns. We expect to do no editing and no altering.

The department will contain notes concerning the old graduates, and once or twice in a while a letter or an excerpt from a letter from one of them. Also, the editors of this department will be free to express their own opinion from time to time concerning matters in the graduate or undergraduate world. For such opinion we assume no responsibility, but we urge the students to consider well what those who have gone the same way we are traveling have to say to us.

## Dr. Schafer Extends Correspondence Work—New Instructor Is Engaged.

By means of the added appropriation of \$15,000 granted by the state to the Extension Department of the University for the years of 1913-14 and 1914-15, Dr. Schafer, the head of the department, has been enabled to add several new courses to the correspondence study work.

These include History of Modern Elementary Education, Secondary Education, Problems in Education, the English Novel in the Nineteenth Century, Introduction to Philosophy, Elementary Psychology, and Socialism and Social Reform.

A new instructor in this department this year is Dr. H. D. Sheldon, Dean of Education in the University, who, among other members of the Extension Faculty, will deliver lectures at seven teachers' institutes and various other places in the state this fall.

Miss Mozelle Hair is secretary of the department. Mr. Eaarl Kilpatrick, field secretary of the Alumni Association, is also to be connected with this department this year.

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