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## PERHAPS?

The college world in general, and the undergraduate world in particular, is likely to await with some interest the outcome of an investigation initiated by the alumni of the University of Oregon concerning relations between the faculty and students of that institution in their bearing on its "spirit."

At a meeting of the alumni held in Kansas City, the president of the Association was instructed to appoint a committee of five to visit the University and conduct the investigation.

The Kansas alumni lay the blame for the alleged lack of a wholesome, constructive spirit in the University at the door of the faculty. It is charged that the faculty places undue restrictions on the students, and then misuses its power of "flunking" and expelling students as a club to compel their submission. It is further charged that the faculty is dominated by a clique, that this clique is opposed to football, and that the personnel of the faculty has degenerated because the insurgents suffer from the official ax. Specifically, it is contended by the backers of the investigation that certain students who were expelled for their participation in a recent rally should not have been expelled.

Whatever the merits of the case, the fact that these alumni have shown this degree of interest in the welfare of their alma mater is significant. What their action will be should the reports be verified, remains to be seen, but it is certain that, if properly organized, they can accomplish practically any reform they desire. Old "grads," men of standing and influence in the world, can cope with a situation before which undergraduates would be helpless.

The faculty of an American college maintains a peculiarly impregnable position. Within its own cramped domain it is supreme. It is the most autocratic power in the world. It is a law unto itself, so far as the students are concerned. The students have no appeal from its discipline, and in any breach between students and faculty the public assumes that the faculty is in the right and the students in the wrong, and that whatever castigation is administered is warranted.

Naturally, students who are or are about to become American citizens, resent this assumption and chafe under its enforcement, and the result is a lack of respect for instructors, and occasional open rebellion.

Some higher court of appeal is needed, and perhaps such a court cannot be more wisely recruited than from the alumni, who have the good of their alma mater at heart, who are of the college and still of the world, who are mature enough to judge dispassionately without entirely forgetting their former feelings as students.

Therefore the action of the Kansas alumni is of more than ordinary interest. It may be faintly glimpsed the promise of a better relationship between faculties and student bodies generally.

## DRIBBLES AND SPIKES

By Rex Kay.

Washington Freshmen will not be permitted to attend the annual varsity dance. "Their feet are too dirty," is the reason given for barring them.

O. A. C., Washington and W. S. C. have arranged a triangular schedule for wrestling matches.

Washington is arranging practice basketball games with Puget Sound college and high school teams, to take place before the opening of their conference schedule.

Eastern colleges are starting a new one in indoor track. Teams compete with one another by telegraph. Each college team stays on its respective home track and starts on the tick of the telegraph.

Coach Bezdek has come down hard on his basketball squad since college reopened. During the last few nights a few of the boys were bawled out only seven or eight times, but the majority of them got it often.

Yale and University of Pennsylvania crews will meet for races this year. It will be the first time these two crews have met in twenty years.

W. S. C. has cut Montana from her football schedule for 1915, and will meet the University of Utah instead.

Idaho reports that its prospects for basketball are slim, as "there are only six letter men back."

Washington recently published an article in their daily showing that most of their best athletes were never counted worth much as athletes when in prep school and also pointing to many prep school stars who were college disappointments.

Willamette has the soccer craze. It has indicated that within a short time it will be looking for outside games.

## Lyle Steiwer



## WHO'S WHO AT OREGON

No. 7

Lyle Steiwer

Thus far the Who's Who at Oregon column has experienced no difficulty in filling the required space—generally, we are compelled to admit—with dignified nonsense. (No reflections on any of our subjects we hasten to assure you—they are blameless. Martyr-like, we assume all of the responsibility for our literary ramblings.) Heretofore we have been able—sometimes—to deduce a far-fetched "pun" (thanks for the compliment) from the name of our subject, thereby making possible a biography of reasonable length. But, as we attempt an elaboration on the career of Lyle Steiwer, President of the Women's League, we are forced to admit our inability to dislocate a "pun."

Miss Steiwer registers from Jefferson (Oregon—not High School) and is an adherent to the 1915 standards. She holds the unique distinction of having qualified two times for this year's Student Council. The first instance occurred last year at the May election, when she was chosen as a Senior representative in the august assembly, and later became eligible, ex-officio, when she was elected President of the Women's League. Due to constitutional restrictions, the position as Senior representative became automatically vacant.

We would say more, but we'll "Stei-wer" we are.

## 200 OREGON CALENDARS AT Y. M. C. A. BOOK STORE

There are still 200 Oregon calendars on sale at the Y. M. C. A. Book Store and they can be obtained for 25 cents each.

These calendars were put on sale before the holidays by the Young Women's Christian Association. They consist of different campus scenes. About 800 have been sold so far to the students and townspeople.

Columbia University has received a donation of \$113,750 from W. K. Vanderbilt, to aid in the purchase of a half block of property on which Columbia's new medical school will be erected.

While students at Pennsylvania College were celebrating the game with Harvard at a large rally, a quantity of gasoline near the bonfire accidentally exploded. Captain Tobin, of the football eleven, and many others were seriously burned. The force of the explosion threw the spectators to the ground. The football captain may lose his eyesight as a result of the accident.

## NOTICE

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