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"THE PLAY'S THE THING"

Thursday's presentation of "Huckleberry Finn" by the class in Dramatic Interpretation deserves a good house. Not only does the production itself promise well, but it marks the long-deferred opening of the campus theatrical season.

No one this year can complain of a surfeit of dramatic offerings, for formerly one or several successive troupes have trod the boards ere this. Furthermore, the caste of Thursday evening's play cannot be accused of having essayed the ultra-classical, for surely "Huck Finn" does not demand of us uncommon elevation of brow.

The students who will enact this play have worked hard for a number of weeks, and needless to say, their director has worked more than hard, to make it worth while. They have gambled to the extent of engaging the local theater rather than Villard Hall, and they have gone to great pains to provide adequate scenery and costumes. Since the arrival of Professor Reddie three years ago, the University has achieved some notable triumphs in amateur acting.

Each of us, when his time comes to "pull" his little stunt, appreciates a good audience. It matters not whether our specialty is athletics, or oratory, or harmony, or journalism, or just scholarship—it is the hope of approval from some one or other which lures us on. What fun would there be in writing this scintillating editorial, if it were not for the pleasing possibility of its finding a compassionate reader? Yes, all of us are actors, even if we don't all go on the stage.

But we digress. The moral is: go to "Huckleberry Finn." Let us smash another campus tradition and give it a full house.

DRIBBLES AND SPIKES

By Rex Kay.

"The W. S. C. basketball team won from the University of Montana, at Pullman, last Saturday, by a score of 39 to 24. Anderson and Bohler were the stars for the W. S. C. five. The game was extremely rough."—Ex. Chronicle.

"At the annual meeting of the Inter-collegiate Association Football League held at Columbia University last week, Pennsylvania was awarded the 1914 championship. The other teams finished in the following order: Harvard, Cornell, Columbia, Princeton, Yale and Haverford."—N. Y. Ex.

"The men must learn to keep the ball within the bounds and control it better when running," said Professor

It is reported that Chet Wolcott, forward on last year's basketball team, will enter college in February.

COMMUNICATION

Coach Bezdek appointed Lyle Bigbee floor captain for last Friday night's game.

"Well, you certainly gave us a good game," said the Willamette coach to Coach Bezdek after the basketball game last Friday night.

Wheeler, one of the basketball men who has been down with the mumps, was out and around yesterday, but is still unable to get into the game.

Johnnie Beckett says that he expects to leave college in February for the rest of the year. Even so, he says that he will be back to play football next fall.

A platform for the shot-putters has just been completed, and it is said that work will be started on the sheds in Kincaid Field within a few days.

Bill Snyder, football star on the 1914 team, will try to annex a few odd points to Oregon's credit in track this year in the weights. At present he is weighing around 200 pounds and says he is in fine condition.

"They have not yet learned to keep the ball close to the toe, and this is a most necessary and difficult feat. It is especially hard for the players when close to the side lines."

Several of Oregon's best football players have received catalogues from the University of Montana within the last few days.

"Certainly interesting and well gotten up," remarked one of the men who was so favored.

A Willamette Freshman attended the game last Friday night with his lady, but minus his green cap. Between halves four heartless roughs broke up the party, carried the offending Frosh to the center of the floor, where he was reminded of his error by way of severe doses of "bumps" and "hot-hand," sweetened with cheers from the gallery.

"The first practice for track has begun at W. S. C. and the men are now turning out three times each week. The distance men are working out on a small outdoor track, while the jumpers and weight men are doing special work in the gymnasiums.

"Captain Dietz, Monroe, Hansen, Schultz and McCroskey are the letter men who are out. There are 40 in all reporting to Coach Bohler."—Chronicle.

CAMPUS NOTES

Mrs. Dora C. Gray, Albert Gillette and Mamie Gillette were dinner guests at the Beta Theta Pi house Sunday.

J. M. Devers and wife and R. L. Brumbaugh and wife were dinner guests Sunday at the Phi Delta Theta house.

Dr. Kenneth R. Latourette was a luncheon guest Monday at the Alpha Tau Omega house.

Iota Chi entertained Mr. Colin V. Dymant at dinner Sunday.

Reverend and Mrs. Simpson were dinner guests at the Delta Gamma house Sunday.

Glen Storie, '13, was a week-end visitor at the Kappa Sigma house.

Mr. and Mrs. Tiffany and Ensign and Mrs. Raymond E. Kerr were dinner guests Tuesday night at the Mu Phi Epsilon house.

ARCHITECT WILL LECTURE

E. T. Mische, formerly Superintendent of Parks in Portland, will give an illustrated lecture on "Landscape Architecture" tomorrow evening at 8:00 o'clock, in the lecture room in the Architectural Building.

EMERALD REPORTERS

Members of the staff will please take notice that the Emerald will be published on Tuesdays and Fridays, until about March 15. Assignments will be posted on Mondays and Thursdays at 8:00 A. M.

BIOLOGY CLUB NOTICE

Special meeting and program Wednesday at 4:00 P. M., Zoological Laboratory, Deady Hall. An opening meeting. All welcome.

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To the Editor:

Some time last year, through the columns of the Emerald, the subject of independent thought and the development of distinctive personalities among students in general and among University of Oregon students in particular, was discussed pro and con by students and members of the faculty.

The discussion, I believe, was opened by a professor, who deplored the lack of initiative in undergraduates; fellow instructors concurred with him in his wailings; in fact, the prevailing opinion throughout the whole propaganda of these exponents of higher education seemed to be that the student should do more thinking for himself.

That was the talk. It seems to me now that it is about time for some of that talk to take material form. So far absolutely nothing has been done by the powers that be to encourage individual speculation in undergraduates. On the other hand it seems that everything possible has been done further to curb the student in the development of free will—the progressive spirit that will be of such a great benefit to him in his life work.

The cut system is a typical example of the several precepts and petty rules that pervade Oregon's higher educational institution and so remind us of our days in grammar school, when we were spanked for dropping pencils on the floor.

What chance have we to develop character under such handicaps?

So far no members of the faculty have publicly expressed themselves in regard to the agitation for the abolishment of the present cut system. Let us hear what the authorities have to say for themselves.

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EXTENSION LECTURES

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The Extension lectures which are to be given this week are: "Making the Most of Our Bird Life," by Dr. C. F. Hodge, on January 22, at Lewisburg, Oregon; "Unemployment and Its Remedies," by Dr. J. H. Gilbert, on January 22, at Brooks, Oregon; "Oregon and the Pacific Northwest," by Dr. Joseph Schafer, on January 22, at Astoria; "Microscopic Friends and Foes of Every Day Life," by Professor A. R. Sweetser, on January 22, at Lebanon; "What Can We Guarantee?" by Professor F. L. Stetson, on January 22, at Hubbard; "The Philippine Islands, Our Farthest Insular Possessions," by Dr. W. D. Smith, on January 22, at Oakland; "What Can We Guarantee?" by Professor F. L. Stetson, on January 23, at Aurora.

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