



## OREGON TOSSERS PLAY "METHODIST" QUINTET

MEN IN INITIAL LINEUP HAVE NEVER WON "O'S" IN BASKETBALL

## VARSITY IS OUTWEIGHED

Opponents Were Beaten Before by 41 to 28 Score, and O. A. C. Came in for 29 to 14

By Harry Kuck.  
Local enthusiasts will get their first real chance to conjecture upon Oregon's chances in the conference struggle tomorrow night, when the Varsity meets Willamette University in Hayward Hall.

Basketball conditions at Oregon this season are unique, and much in contrast with those with which her two rivals—O. A. C. and Washington—have to contend. In the first place, when the whistle announces the start of the game tomorrow night, there will be not a single man in the Oregon lineup who won his letter in basketball last year. Looking at the situation from another viewpoint, only two out of the five entered a single conference game last season—the Bigbee Brothers.

Dudley will be found at center. Although this is his first year in conference ball, he has had four years of high school experience, three at Athena and one at Lincoln High, in Portland. Dudley was also a member of the championship Freshman team of last year.

Carson Bigbee has one forward berth cinched. "Skeet" hails from Albany, where he starred on the high school team for three years. He was captain of last year's Frosh team.

The other forward job goes to Sharpe, whose prep school efforts were dedicated to Lincoln High School, of Seattle. Besides three years in high school, he was a member of the strong Multnomah Club team for the past two seasons.

Lyle Bigbee's strong hold is left guard. He also hails from the Hub City, where he played three years. He was captain of the Freshman team two years ago, and last year lacked about 20 minutes of earning his letter.

Tom Boylen will start the game at the other guard. Judging from his pedigree, Tommy must have been raised on basketball. He started his career in the seventh and eighth grades in Pendleton, whence he journeyed to Denver and played two seasons on the North Denver High School team. His prep ball was rounded off with three years more at Pendleton. He did not report for basketball his Freshman year, but made his letter in 1912.

"Tubby" Wheeler will likely get a chance at guard before the game is over. He is a local product and made the high school team here in his Senior year. He was a member of the 1916 Freshman team and made his letter last year in college ball.

Oregon defeated the "Methodists" last week-end by the score of 41 to 23 and since then O. A. C. has taken them into camp 28 to 14. Reports from Salem say that the visitors have been going better lately and that they will put up a better brand of ball than heretofore. Coach Thompson's team is composed of Shisler and Jewett, forwards; Flegel, center; and Bagley and Crawford, guards. This combination held O. A. C.'s first team to 14 points and registered 9 themselves during the last half of the game at Corvallis, Wednesday night.

Coach Bezdek says that his team was off color at Salem last week and that with this week's practice they ought to put up a better game. "I have been working the same five together most of the time and their

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## "TICK" MALARKEY TUNES LYRE TO PICTURE PAMGS OF LOVE

Varsity Halfback Laments of Woman's Frailty a la Shakespeare and Stoddard

The Soliloquy of "Sour-Balls" By Leo J. Malarkey.

I've hung around in the smokin' room, Where the "fussers" spread much guff, Have heard their tales and lovesick wails, And the rest of that one-armed stuff. I "piped" one gent rave long of the moon, And tell how its rays kissed her hair As they drifted along, while music and song Lent a charm to the evening air.

Yes, I've heard 'em chin as they gathered 'round, In their tragic fight by the fire, 'Till it grew in my mind there are few of my kind Who win their heart's desire, And somehow I, of the host, lost love, Feel nary a pang of the heart, For I've been there once, and a fine, large dunce, I was at the end of that start.

So give me some hop and a peaceful flop, In front of this frosh-built blaze, For I've had my fill of co-ed thrill In a few short college days.

## EDITOR BELIEVES IN A VIGOROUS POLICY

ELBERT BEDE ADDRESSES JOURNALISM CLASS ON EDITORIAL STANDARDS

Echoes of Public Sentiment Come from the Pen of Spineless Hypocrites, Is Speaker's Opinion

"Why in the name of common sense should a newspaper do nothing but reflect public sentiment? The editor who knowingly guides his editorial policy by sentiment of this kind is a spineless hypocrite. He is not honest with himself or his readers," said Elbert Bede, editor of the Cottage Grove Sentinel, and son of Congressman Adam Bede, of Minnesota, in an address before the first year Journalism class today.

Mr. Bede is of the opinion that the duty of newspapers is to adopt a vigorous editorial policy, instead of running their editorial pages as mere echoes of public sentiment. The subject of the address was "Editorial Principles."

Mr. Bede had much to say in condemnation of the paper whose policy it is to reflect public sentiment. "In my opinion," he went on to say, "the editorial page that does nothing but reflect—that creates nothing—is of about as much service to humanity as the outside of a bald head. I believe the newspaper should put into the editorial pages what the editor honestly believes, with the idea in mind of reaching and convincing someone who dares not think the same way. Some may say that it is poor business, but from a business standpoint it is not a question of whether or not you make enemies—it is a question of whether or not you make people read your paper. To read your paper they must pay for the privilege—and the advertising goes to the paper that is read."

As an example of this policy, he used the Cottage Grove Sentinel and contrasted the present policy with a former one—the subscription list being now twice as large.

Mr. Bede does not look entirely at the financial side, but believes that a newspaper has certain responsibilities—certain duties to perform—against which financial considerations have no

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## CRITIC DECLARES PLAY IS GREAT POPULAR HIT

"HUCK FINN" IS AN ADMIXTURE OF BROAD FARCE, POETRY AND TENSE DRAMA

## "NIGGER" JIM TICKLES THROG

Bowen and Ash Shine. Score of Others Display More Than Amateur Skill

By H. C. H.

In "Huck Finn," Professor Reddie's Dramatic class has scored its greatest popular hit. They have never before put on anything so well adapted to amateur performance, or so sure to send the audience home in good humor. "Huck Finn" is not a play. It has no trace of dramatic construction, and no unity of atmosphere—the last partly because of the bringing in of scenes from "Tom Sawyer," a book so differently keyed as to make amalgamation with "Huckleberry Finn" artistically impossible. Professor Reddie's production is a kaleidoscope of delightful scenes and characters, whirling at top speed and filling every moment with satisfaction. Act I is chiefly, and Act IV entirely, broad farce. Act II is poetry, and Act III is drama, tense and exciting.

The cast is very large, and fairly swarming with "character parts," in which a clever amateur may succeed as well as a professional. Given a good make-up, an odd part makes its own hit. The favorite of the audience was Nigger Jim, played by Mr. Bowen. Mr. Ash, as Uncle Silas, very nearly tied for first place. His Dauphin was good, but hardly found as sympathetic a spot in the heart of the audience. Mr. Weiss, as Bilgewater, Mr. Smith, as Pap, Miss Cogswell as Piney, Miss Moorhead as Miss Watson, Miss Beer as Susan Arminta, and Miss Nellie Cox as Joanner, were all conspicuously successful in parts scarcely less prominent, and Mrs. Thorne made her infinitesimal part an unforgettable pure delight with her "Aint it tetch-in," and her gleeful anticipation of the joys of a lynching. Tom Sawyer, played by Mr. Howe, and Becky, played by Miss Zahl, were also favorites with the audience, though one rather grudges them so large a part of Huck Finn's play. Indeed, the play was staged with a uniformity of excellence not approached in previous student productions. Ben Rogers, Dr. Robinson, the aggressive blacksmith, Aunt Sally, and even those minor characters whose names one cannot remember, were all done to the huge satisfaction of the audience. And for the first time we saw a perfectly satisfying stage mob. The class is large enough this year to fill the whole stage with trained actors, and the result in the funeral scene was a success which only a few of the professional companies ever equal.

Professor Reddie himself, as Huck, and Miss Stebno as Mary Jane, had more difficult parts to play. After all, in the novel Huckleberry is rather a connecting link than himself an object of interest. As we read the story, we see through his eyes events and characters so much more interesting that we tend to forget Huck himself. Something of this lingers in the dramatic presentation. Huck is necessary to the narrative, but the audience is more interested in the nigger, the two rascals, and Uncle Silas. Played with any less than Professor Reddie's skill, Huck would be inconspicuous, and the sentimental heroine part of Mary Jane would baffle the skill of a professional actress to carry it to the audience in such a rush of more striking characterizations.

We extend congratulations to Professor Reddie, to the class, and, above all, to the audience.

## EIGHT OF LAST YEAR'S TRACK TEAM RETURN

STULLER AND PAYNE MAY BE BACK IN TIME FOR SPRING TRAINING

## DISTANCE MEN ARE SCARCE

New Material Is Plentiful and Promising—Work Will Start After Examinations

Eight of last year's Northwest championship track team are back and two more will probably enter the University in time for the spring campaign. Besides the veterans, a good many of last year's squad will be out again for places. The Freshman class, also, has contributed some likely material to be developed into Varsity calibre.

Last year's men who are back are Cook, Fee, Hamstreet, Loucks, Boylen, Parsons, Nelson and Heidenreich. Payne, who is in Portland, will probably return, and Stuller may report for spring training. Bandy is in Los Angeles, and will not be back. Ex-Captain McConnell is working near Eugene and probably will not show up.

Among the Freshmen are several who have made good in preparatory schools. Muirhead, of Columbia, will specialize in the hurdles and high jump. Gorezky, also of Columbia, and Wilson, of Washington High, will tackle the sprints. Men will have to be developed for the vault and for the broad jump.

The distances may need replenishing, but someone may show up when the spring work starts.

"Track work will not start until after the examinations," said Bill Hayward today. "The fellows are not turning out much yet, but as soon as the running sheds are repaired we will get busy." The long shed (which has not blown down yet this year) needs repairing in order that early training may be launched. Vaulting, hurdling, jumping and shot putting all require firm ground for the proper developing of form. This sort of early practice cannot take place in the open at this time of year.

"Next semester most of the gymnasium work will be outside. That will give the fellows a chance to do something and let them see the object of their work," said Hayward. The spring work will consist principally of track, basketball, baseball, tennis, lacrosse, soccer and the regular calisthenics.

The past warm weather has brought several men out for cross country, but the roads are soft and only a few have made the rounds.

## STRAUB TELLS OF "CONCRETE VALUE OF AN EDUCATION"

"The Concrete Value of an Education." This is the subject upon which Dean Straub has been lecturing at several of the Oregon high schools.

"The value of education in dollars and cents is what I have been trying to impress upon the high school students," says Dr. Straub. "I do not forget that there is a cultural value in education; I simply let that side of the subject rest and take up the practical side. Instead of showing how education helps one to more thoroughly enjoy a book of a painting, I point out how, if it is continued through high school and college, it makes for efficiency, and efficiency for dollars and cents."

Dr. Straub gave his first lecture at Salem High School, before an audience of about 600, among whom were several of his old students, who are now members of the State Legislature. He gave his next lectures at the Silverton and Woodburn High Schools, where he addressed about 250 students.

## ESCAPE OF REPTILE CAUSE OF UNEASINESS TO REDDIE

Garter Snake Intended to Scare Aunt Sally Seeks Other Means of Enjoyment

When it comes to snakes, "Rattlesnake Jim" has nothing on Prof. Archibald Ferguson Reddie.

Now, there are many varieties of snakes—including, be it said, the variety known to over-bibbers of the amber beverage—but the reptile in question is the kind the small boy carries around in his pocket—just a common garter snake.

You see, Professor Reddie, needed a crawler in the production of "Huckleberry Finn," which was staged at the Eugene Theatre last night. Consequently, several days ago, he engaged a small boy to secure one for him.

The ambitious youngster captured the snake, confined it in a paste-board box, presented it to the professor and received the stipulated reward.

The box was deposited, for safe keeping, in the home of the professor.

Yesterday, prompted by curiosity, Professor Reddie lifted the lid of the box.

The snake was gone!

A small hole in a corner accounted for its absence. A thorough search of the house failed to disclose the whereabouts of the truant, but his would-be captors fully expect him to reappear at the first inopportune moment.

## BEZDEK SAYS GREEK COUNCIL IS SUCCESS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT STATES THAT FRATERNITIES SHOW BETTER FEELING

Old Clannishness on Athletic Field Has Completely Disappeared, According to Mentor

"The Interfraternity Council has been very successful," said Hugo Bezdek, President of the Council, today.

"It has brought about better feelings among the fraternity men here on the campus. The clannishness that used to exist among the men on the athletic field has disappeared, and now good fellowship exists among them. The friendship between the different houses has also improved, as shown by the invitations to parties, dinners, and dances given by the different houses to the others. I feel that the Council has been a good thing for the fraternities and the men," remarked Bezdek.

The Interfraternity Council was organized last April on the suggestion of Hugo Bezdek, and has been in force among the fraternities ever since. The purpose of the Council is to keep different houses from quarreling over pledges, pledge lifting, pledging high school students before they register in the University. According to a statement made by Lee Hendricks, Secretary of the Council, all of this trouble has been done away with, as there has been no violation of the rules covering this.

The Council meets very seldom, as there is nothing for the fraternities to do unless there is some complaint or a demand for a certain rule to be interpreted. A smoker was given by the Council a short time ago and another will probably be given next semester.

The Council is not original with Oregon, as nearly all the larger institutions have some such organization for the benefit of the fraternities. The creation of good fellowship among the houses enables the member of one house to visit any other house whenever he wants to and also insures him of a place to eat or sleep if he should be unable to reach his own house.

## FACULTY CONSIDERS ENTIRE NEW SYSTEM

STUDENTS MAY BE CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO CHOICE AND ABILITY

## PLAN FOLLOWED IN ENGLAND

"Passmen" Will Grind on as Under the Present Rule; "Honormen" Will Enjoy Academic Freedom

Greater academic freedom for those students who are able to do University work without the constant oversight of the faculty was proposed by Prof. H. C. Howe and discussed by members of the faculty at an informal meeting of the colloquium held at the President's house Tuesday evening.

Professor Howe maintained that the requirement of unremitting attendance at classes, daily assignments of work and oversight as to details was injurious to the student of vigorous and inquiring mind and independent power of thought, even though it was undoubtedly absolutely necessary in the case of the average student.

Professor Howe's views were endorsed by Professors Rebec, Warren Smith, Schafer, Allen, Boynton and others. At a coming meeting of the colloquium Professor Dymont will describe the working of the honor and pass system in the University of Toronto.

The system proposed for Oregon, and now under informal discussion by the faculty is a modification of that in use in English and Canadian universities. A somewhat different modification is being tried out in Reed College, in Portland. Under the new plan the classes would be divided at the end of the Sophomore year into two groups, the "honormen" and the "passmen."

"Honormen" would be allowed, in close co-operation with their major professors, to direct their own work to a very great degree for the last two years of the course, and would not be held to rigid rules of attendance at classes, or even to the completion of individual catalogue courses. Their test would come, not day by day, or even semester by semester, but, provided they should not in the meantime have lost their status as "honormen," they would undergo, at the end of their course, a thorough written and oral examination at the hands of the faculty, and perhaps outsiders. Their knowledge of their subjects and of all allied subjects would be thoroughly tested without regard to the courses taken or omitted, and their general knowledge and power to think would be taken into consideration.

The "passman," under the proposed plan, would continue for the last two years to work under the system that has become familiar to him through his experiences in high school and in the undergraduate classes in the University. Standards of requirement would continue to be made higher for this group, as well as for the other, in the hope that the next ten years would see as great a stiffening of courses as the last ten years has seen.

Professor Howe estimated that the number of students adapted to the "honors" grade would run, in the average American college, under present conditions, about five per cent, perhaps a little more or less, while those who would get the most out of their work under more detailed direction, with daily quizzes and examinations twice a year or oftener, would number about 95 per cent of the Student Body. An even division could be hoped for later.

The system has no connection with the so-called "honor system," which is nothing but a device for conducting examinations.