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## LEST WE FORGET

There is in the University Library a collection of student publications of other years, which, though by no means complete, should interest every one of us here now. In this collection are most of the year-books which have appeared under various labels since the first "Webfoot," the recent files of the Emerald, and those of the old Oregon Monthly almost in their entirety.

If you are a denizen of the Library, or if you never have visited that shrine of Minerva and Venus, go to the corner where these relics are kept, and devote an hour or two to the history of your own institution—not its public and official records, but its intimate campus happenings. Read the stories of past athletic contests and past debates, the names of heroes of student exploits, the leaders of student sentiment. Read about those good old swashbuckling days, when the whole University turned out for a hazing bee, and the cumulative cut system was unknown. Read some of the editorials of those early ink slingers. Learn about the men that this college has turned out—both at graduation time and on other occasions—the feats they accomplished and the sacrifices they made—and find out why Oregon spirit has a fame all its own in the college world.

To understand the present, we must know the past. We talk about Oregon spirit, Oregon ideals, Oregon men, but few of us know what we are talking about.

## CAMPUS NOTES

Dorothy Wilkinson was a luncheon guest at the Kappa Kappa Gamma house Thursday.

David Campbell and Prentiss Brown were dinner guests at the Delta Gamma house Tuesday night.

Mrs. M. S. Walker, of Corvallis, is spending the week-end at the Alpha Phi house.

Anna Grace Palette, of Monmouth, is spending the week-end at the Delta Gamma house.

Dr. and Mrs. John Straub, Rev. and Mrs. H. S. Wilkinson, and Dorothy Wilkinson were dinner guests at the Alpha Phi house Saturday night.

Dr. Kenneth R. Latourette was a luncheon guest Tuesday at the Sigma Nu house.

Dr. and Mrs. John Straub were dinner guests at the Phi Delta Theta house Wednesday evening.

Phi Delta Theta entertained Professor and Mrs. Eric Allen at dinner on Thursday evening.

Cleone Carroll and Melba Williams were dinner guests at the Kappa Alpha Theta house Thursday evening.

## DRIBBLES AND SPIKES

By Rex Kay.

Bill's mind has been working overtime. He has planned a trip to California and one to Pennsylvania for the track team, provided the men come up to his expectations.

Everett Stuller was seen at Baker by several of the Glee Club men. He said he would probably be back next semester. Ev. cleared six feet two in the high jump last spring.

"Remember it is the harmonious team that wins." So spoke Coach Jimmy Schaeffer to the hundred men who answered the first call for baseball practice at the University of California.—Daily Chronicle.

The O. A. C. Barometer is still dispensing its time worn line of bear stories. This time it is basketball. Stewart, with only three old men on his first lineup, is surely to be pitied, especially since Bezdek lost his whole first team last year and is still hunting for its successors.

Johnny Beckett, left stone wall of the football team, will leave at the end of this semester, with Ray Sweeney and "Chuck" Parnell, for the Arctic Circle. The three intend to live on sour dough and are going to hunt gold mines by way of recreation. Johnny says he will be back for football next fall, if he has to walk.

## COMMUNICATION

To the Editor:

I must admit that I have never taken all the mathematical courses offered in this institution, but I have attended two of them for a whole year, and despite this advanced training, I have never been able to solve the exact co-ordination between one "cut" and one-sixteenth of a semester hour. Perhaps the immature brain of a student is unable to master such a solution as this—it is left to the professors, who have had greater experience in working out educational problems.

Here is a problem: There are forty weeks in a college year (University Catalogue).

This gives twenty weeks in each semester.

Twenty per cent of classes cut in one course excludes from examinations (faculty ruling).

There are five days of recitation each week.

In a five-hour course there are one hundred recitations each semester.

Twenty cuts in one course make you lose five hours.

Sixteen cuts take off one semester hour (faculty ruling).

Eight cuts are disregarded.

Where is the mathematics to solve this?

Suppose a person carrying two five-hour and two three-hour courses. He makes three hundred and twenty recitations a semester. Twenty cuts in each five-hour course, and twelve cuts in each three-hour course would exclude him from the examinations and he would drop all sixteen hours, with a total of sixty-four cuts.

But suppose a fellow cuts sixty-four times in a semester, he loses four hours, but still with fifty-six cuts he would lose the same number, for the rule states that one hour is deducted for from eight to twenty-four cuts; two for from twenty-four to forty; three, from forty to fifty-six; and four, from fifty-six to seventy-two.

There seems to be some difficulty in this solution, for a student loses sixteen hours for sixty-four cuts, yet he may drop only thirteen, ten, seven or four.

Another question which presents salient points of difficulty to the faculty ruling is this: Can the faculty justly prevent a student from being graduated if he has made the required one hundred and twenty hours, but has a number of cuts which would deduct one or two hours? This seems reductio ad absurdum, for the dictates of conscience and law will not allow it. In fact, the faculty could be forced to grant a diploma to such a student by due process of law.

I see no arguments for either the "cumulative cut rule" nor for the "twenty per cent rule." It seems to me that these matters should be left entirely in the hands of the professors.

While we have examinations at Oregon, and a student is able to pass the required examination, there is no necessity for him to attend class. Neither the German nor the English universities have these rules, and I believe no one would dare to argue that there is even a shadow of comparison between those institutions and our University.

## STILL ANOTHER.

### "RATTLESNAKE JIM" VISITS OREGON AND CALLS ON FRATS

"The University of Oregon is a live school," said Rattlesnake Jim, the globe trotter, who visited the University and several of the fraternity houses yesterday.

James Luhn Lonefeather, as this nomad avers is his real name, was born in Lucerne, Switzerland, and started to walk around the world April 6, 1897. He expects to return to his native town on April 6, 1920, at the age of 35.

"I commenced this trip for three reasons," he said. "First, to gain health that is absolutely immune to any disease; second, to secure an education better than any university can furnish; and third, to get real adventure, which is impossible for many to find. I have been in every one of the European countries, making long visits at the different universities, and have collected the seals of all the schools, with the signatures of their presidents. My book also contains the postmarks of towns I have passed through."

"Rattlesnake" attracted a crowd whenever he appeared on the street. Dressed in an old military suit, with gunny sacks for a vest, he looks like the true Robinson Crusoe. He has never had on a pair of shoes and his bare feet will scratch the ordinary fir floor. "Jim" claims to have never taken a bath.

"I make my living by selling trinkets and dancing. The Sioux Indian war dance and Swiss Yodling are my favorites."

Jim will leave Eugene Saturday, going north to Vancouver, B. C., then to Hawaii and South America.

The committee of the faculty appointed to select student representatives for the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, requests all students desiring to file applications to do so with Dr. W. M. Smith before February 1. After that date no application will be considered.



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