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## CENSORSHIP FOR CLASS HOURS

Not only does the American public like to think for himself, but it likes to choose what it shall think about. For this reason, censorship of art, literature, news, and even of moving-pictures, has never been popular in this country. Americans prefer their September Morn undraped and their De Maupassant unexpurgated. The procedure adopted by the European governments in the present war, of hand-picking the news and perverting it to gull their citizens, would not be tolerated on this side of the Atlantic.

This Student Body is a minute segment of the American public. Although the matter is not of great moment, we believe the reported attempt to run the class hour programs through a faculty strainer before they are presented, is ill-advised. The class hours in the past have always been good fun for the actors and spectators, and it is difficult to see in what respect they have been objectionable. They are productive of much "pep" and are an enjoyable variation from the more staid and serious tone of the other assemblies. Incidentally, they assist in forming the assembly habit among the students. The recent entertainment given by the Sophomores was, we believe, a great success from this standpoint; in fact, each program seems to be better than the last.

It is true that they smack of vaudeville—what else can be expected from student actors who are trying to entertain their fellow-students? The falling is by no means peculiar to college undergraduates; any average person, when he is seeking entertainment, chooses vaudeville or the "movies" in preference to a lecture or classic drama.

Up to two or three years ago the class hours in Villard were formal, and consisted of the usual musical and elocutionary numbers. It was all highly proper—and most of us stayed away. Then the present Senior class conceived the idea of presenting a farcical skit, interspersed with a few vaudevillian "turns." The departure has been imitated by each succeeding class, with the result that Villard Hall will no longer hold the crowds which assemble for the programs.

Now we understand that both the Junior and Freshman class hours, which are in preparation, are to be Pasteurized by the faculty. The students are certain to resent this Papayas-Willie-Mustn't attitude, just as they would any interference with the policy of the Emerald, or of any other of their cherished enterprises.

The class hours are prepared for a local audience. If this audience craves a song and a dance and a joke, within the limits of reason its wishes ought to be respected.

"Back to the old style dances" is the slogan of students of the University of Illinois, a large number of whom have signed a petition demanding more of the waltz and two-step.

## CAMPUS NOTES

Earl Hubbard, of Medford, is a guest of Harold Cochran at the Beta Theta Pi house.

Bert Jerard was a dinner guest at the Sigma Nu house Wednesday evening.

Kappa Alpha Theta entertained Vera Redman, Ethel Risley, Frances O'Brien and Mabel O'Brien at dinner Tuesday evening.

Mrs. C. M. Steffa returned to Eugene Tuesday, after spending the week-end in Portland.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

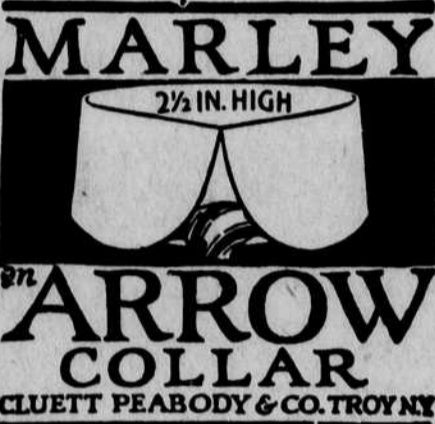
### SIGMA ALPHA

Announces election of:  
Harold Tregilgas,  
W. C. Foster,  
Cleveland Simpkins,  
C. H. Tisdale,  
Bert Ford,  
Leland Belknap.

## GILBERT WILL GIVE LECTURES IN UMATILLA CO. APRIL 12-17

Dr. J. H. Gilbert, of the Economics Department, will spend the week of April 12-17 lecturing in Umatilla County. His schedule is as follows: Monday evening, April 12, Hermiston; Tuesday evening, April 13, Stanfield; Wednesday evening, April 14, Weston; Thursday evening, April 15, Adams; Friday evening, April 16, Ferndale; Saturday evening, April 17, Fruitvale. His subject will probably be "Education and Public Opinion."

Strong is the belief that rowing is a good way to build up football material. Lieutenant Ingram, head coach of the Navy squad, has advised all who expect to try out for football in the fall to take up rowing this spring. Coach Dickinson, of Pennsylvania, urges that they play lacrosse.



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## STRAUB TO LECTURE BEFORE EASTERN OREGON SCHOOLS

Dr. John Straub, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, will leave Saturday evening for a three weeks' lecture tour of Eastern Oregon high schools.

He made a similar trip to Southern Oregon schools a short time ago.

Dr. Straub will visit the high schools of the following towns before his return: in Malheur County, Vale, and Ontario; in Baker County, Baker and Haines; in Union County, Union, Cove, LaGrande and Elgin; in Walla Walla County, Wallowa, Lostine, Enterprise and Joseph; in Wasco County, The Dalles; in Hood River County, Hood River; in Umatilla County, Pendleton, Milton and Athena; in Morrow County, Heppner and Lexington; in Gilliam County, Condon; and in Sherman County, Moro.

The lectures are to be on "The Efficiency of Education," or "The Dollars and Cents Value of an Education." The trip will probably extend from April 5 to April 23.

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