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WE'LL STUDY ALMOST AS MUCH AS WE DO NOW

The faculty is considering a rule limiting the number of social functions, formal or informal, which any fraternity or other student organization may give to two a year. We predict that the rule, if enacted, will have its effect on our social life. However, the effect will hardly be what the faculty anticipates.

Doubtless the measure will be welcomed with rejoicing by many of the women's fraternities, who will find in it a handy exit through which to crawl out of the duty of reciprocating the men's attentions by giving them parties. Doubtless, also, it will reduce the number of social affairs within the college community. Whether it will actually lessen the amount of social activity is another matter.

We opine that it will not. The normal college student craves a certain leaven in his daily bread, and if he does not get it in one form he will find it in another; if not inside college precincts, then outside.

Therefore one of the results the new rule will accomplish will be that of fattening the gate receipts at a certain local shrine of Terpsichore. The pool halls, picture shows, and refreshment parlors will all gain by the faculty's legislation. Also, the student will be compelled to pay more for his diversions than at present, because entertaining at home is less expensive than "doing" the town.

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THE COMPULSORY CLASS TAX

Were there any evidence to indicate that a compulsory class tax would work an actual hardship on the self-supporting, poverty-stricken student, the Emerald would be inclined to oppose the constitutional amendment which is to be submitted to the Student Body Assembly Wednesday.

However, class Treasurers and other officials who have enjoyed the delightful privilege of collecting the dues testify with one voice that it is not the poor but honest student who dodges his dues. Rather, it is the man who is prosperous enough financially, but deficient in generosity and class loyalty, who shows his heels to the tax-gatherer.

It is said that at present on the average not more than 60 per cent of the students pay their class dues, and the delinquent 40 per cent is made up almost entirely of those who could afford to pay but will not.

A compulsory tax, collected by the Registrar at the beginning of the year along with the registration and Student Body fees, would affect every one alike. Coming at this time, when we generally have some money and are prepared to have it pried from us by one means or another, the parting would seem less painful.

Best of all, the compulsory tax would clear up most of the perplex-

ities of class finances. Each class would have a definite annual income, and it could regulate its expenditures accordingly. And since the budget does not vary greatly from year to year, this plan would not lead to extravagance.

The surplus, if any, which the class might accumulate in its third or fourth year could be used to advantage, either in improving its Oregon, or in providing a decent memorial on the campus.

And, speaking of the Oregon, is this not the most promising solution of that knotty problem yet suggested?

Incidentally, it would be possible under the proposed system to utilize the best business brains in the handling of class finances. Heretofore the necessity of constantly dunning his fellow-classmen has made many a good man shy from the class treasurer'ship.

And finally, placing the collection of the tax in the Registrar's hands would give the class the benefit of the efficient book-keeping service of the University office. Method and system would displace chaos, and there would no longer be cause to impugn the integrity or efficiency of a class treasurer because of carelessly-kept accounts.

These are some of the advantages of the proposed plan. Can they be challenged?

AND HERE'S ANOTHER

Another amendment which deserves to pass next Wednesday is that making the President of the Student Body a member of the Athletic Council.

At present the Athletic Council and Executive Committee work in the dark, so far as each other's movements are concerned. The Council spends the Student Body's money and the Committee appropriates it, yet there is no man who serves on both bodies and thus knows their respective attitudes on a common question.

The Student Body President is already a member of the Executive Committee, and his office is the logical link through which the connection should be established.

DO YOU KNOW HIM?

He is not very "prominent" and he does not pretend to be very wise. Nevertheless he is one of the really big men on the campus.

And this is why: he is not so engrossed in his own affairs and impressed with his own importance that he begrudges the word of sympathy or appreciation which his fellow-student may merit.

When you have staked a good part of your heart and brain on any kind of game and won—or failed—and yet nobody seems to care, and you wonder "what's the use" then this man comes to you quietly and grasps your hand and tells you you've done well. And you feel a queer little thrill somewhere deep in your chest, and your spine stiffens, and you meet the next task with a smile.

BILL HAYWRD

Nothing we might say could add more than a shade to the lustre of that name.

No matter what our representatives may do or fail to do in other sports, Bill's track team always comes through.

He has just won his ninth conference championship. And, all along the line, no matter how the other colleges may depreciate the victory and profess that they don't care much about track, anyway—to themselves they are saying, just as we are saying here, "You've got to hand it to Bill."

CAMPUS NOTES

Miss Mary Tischer spent the weekend with her parents in Salem.

Darl and Erma Zimmerman and Miss Katharine Davis were dinner guests at Mary Spiller Hall Thursday.

Mrs. W. M. Smith has reached Baltimore after a long trip East by way of Los Angeles and New Orleans. She will be joined by Dr. Smith at the close of Summer School. Dr. Smith is to take the chair of mathematics at Lafayette College, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Karl M. Dallenbach visited several days in Champaign, Illinois, before going on to her home in Chicago.

Sixteen members of the field hockey

team gave a picnic at the German Club house Thursday evening. They left the Women's Gymnasium at 4:30 and walked out, just missing the rain. Luncheon was prepared and eaten by a camp fire. Those who went were: Hallie Hart, Jennie Hunter, Margaret Crosby, Gladys Conklin, Esther Furuset, Jean Bell, Theresa Cox, Elizabeth Minturn, Vera Moffet, Olga Soderstrom, Coralie Snell, Mary Chambers, Jewel Tozier, Hazel Rada-baugh, Eyla Walker and Doris Ball. Patronesses: Dr. Bertha Stuart, Miss Harriet Thompson, Miss Myra Hepburn and Miss Mary Perkins.

The 14 members of the class in Advanced Newswriting are covering the news of the Commonwealth sessions for the local and state papers. Merlin Batley was elected by a vote of the class as city editor.

SPOTLIGHT SPURTS

By Mandell Weiss.

The play, "Joy," a comedy in three acts, to have been presented by the Guild Players of the Department of Public Speaking, was postponed because of the inclement weather rendering its outdoor production impossible.

The Commencement play "The Shop-keeper Turned Gentleman," by Moliere, to be presented on the night of June 14, at the north slope of the Butte Amphitheatre, is daily being rehearsed. According to the present indications, the production promises to be one of the smoothest performances ever given by the University. The cast will include the entire class in Dramatic Interpretation, which numbers about 40 members. A touch of pageantry will be added with the introduction of dancing, which is a feature of Moliere's plays. The same play was produced before King Louis XIV, and it received the warmest commendation.

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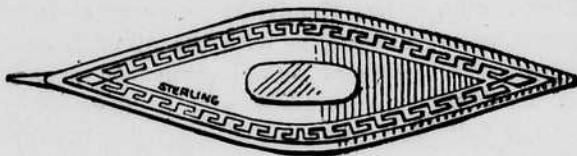
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