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## Tainted Athletics!

IT IS WITH regret that we hear of the "scouting" episode that occurred the other day; especially when the "hunted" football player was an Oregon student, who came to college for an education and not for athletics, and when the hunter, who misrepresented himself as "a friend from Echo," was ostensibly an attache from a sister college.

But still more! The hunter used a bait for his intended victim that is a disgrace to any institution which pretends to further the interests of higher education. A college has its only excuse for existing a high function to perform—that of satisfying the demand of the state for the advantage of a university training. That is the primary consideration. Athletics is one of the many secondary considerations and incidentals. The use of education as an ostensible reason for kidnapping an athlete is an insult to any college, as we interpret it.

But this is not all! In this particular instance a definite proposition was both expressed and implied by the supposed representative of Oregon Agricultural College. It was a plain business proposition to the effect that for value received from football services, the athlete would receive his expenses at the institution which the man said he represented. Bribery is not too strong a term for an effort to buy the honor of a man.

Now is the right time for Oregon to voice its athletic policy and forever to put the ban on tainted athletes. If intercollegiate athletics, in order to flourish, must stoop to such methods, we are for once and for all against having secondary factors prosper at the expense of the educational function of a college.

The University of Oregon policy reflects the wishes of student body, faculty and athletes. And that policy is one of non-discrimination in offering campus work or securing outside work for preparatory students. There should be absolutely no chance for a man to get his expenses paid when he comes to college for the main purpose of engaging in athletics under the excuse of coming for an education.

The University of Oregon faculty is just now considering a bill to abolish intercollegiate athletics, which we do not favor, but such incidents as this, if persisted in, may add strength to that movement. We favor the conservation of clean athletics unsullied by athletic aggrandizement.

## Notice: To All Who Refuse to Read

THIS EDITORIAL is intended only for those choice spirits who refuse to read it. The rest need not read it. That being the case we can say whatever we wish without fear or favor.

The spoutings that appear on this page are crying to be read. That is why they are set in double column style with extra large and bold type. We have heard from various sources that the editorials are never read by the students. That being the case what is the use of tediously tickling an obstinate typewriter that cannot think for itself and makes us do all the work. We do not daub up good clean paper with black printers ink—which often leaks on your fingers and into our eyes—for the mere pleasure of striking trite tintinnabulations. We want to be read. We don't mind if our readers disagree with us; we would feel flattered if we were once in a while regarded with favor. But we simply revolt at the indifference of the non-reader.

If our gentle readers have any reactions from what they have read and are to read in the future in this column, tell them to us. If our contentions sound foolish instead of wise, write us a stinging letter. If you disagree, let us hear from you. Any communication to the Emerald will receive prompt attention as well as space on this page if we think that it merits it. The communications should not be over 500 words in length.

The Student Council should not regard as a joke the responsibility of electing an efficient yell leader. The tryouts will in all probability be held on Kincaid Field, and every student regardless of previous dates and condition or larynxes should turn out for these open air classes in voice culture.

On the chronic assembly shirker we will not waste our time, much less good ink; but we would suggest that the freshmen begin their first year with the good habit of attending assemblies regularly.

**TALKS TO THE "CUBS."**  
The first issue of the Emerald was off the press at 3:45 p. m. Saturday, which tickled the printers to death. In news gathering the work was excellent. The actual craft in writing in the stories up was not so good.  
A news story is not supposed to be a literary gem, teeming with space-filling adjectives. News is real for information, not for a classical education. The essential is to get the news in EARLY. The news style should be direct, full of snap, and snap is not a matter of literary style.  
Voluntary work is appreciated by the staff, and the best way for an ambitious reporter to make a hit is to show that he is interested by digging up little stories himself. Little stories are especially desired in addition to regular assignments.  
Chi Omega announces the pledging of Elizabeth McGowan, of Warrendale, Oregon.

## WRESTLERS ARE FEW

Old Men Fail to Return; Plenty of Room for New Aspirants, Says Shockley.

"Prospects for a first class wrestling team are not bright," says Coach Shockley. "It is rumored that Ruthorford, last year's captain and a 148-pounder, will not be back, and neither Barnett, 145 pounds, nor Hargreaves, 115 pounds, has registered. Mr. Shockley has called a wrestling meeting in the men's gymnasium for Thursday at 4 o'clock, and expects a big turnout. "Dalzel King, 158 pounds, and Shaffner, 125 pounds, are the only old men I have," said Shockley, "so there is plenty of room for new material."  
Regular gymnasium classes started Monday.

Miss Ruth Duniway, of Portland, was a delegate to the Gamma Phi Beta convention in California during the past summer.

## ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

Two Members of Board of Regents and Educational Specialist to Be on Hand.

Two members of the University of Oregon Board of Regents will appear before the students next Wednesday morning. This is the occasion of the first assembly for the year.

Mrs. Irene H. Gerlinger, the only woman member of the board, will present the matter of an historical pageant to be given next spring. Mr. W. K. Newell will be the other regent speaker. A short address will also be given by Dr. S. P. Capen, specialist in education of the United States Department of Education at Washington.

Assembly will be called at 10 o'clock sharp.

### Tschanz Enters Chicago.

Coburg.—(Special to Alumni Section)—Herman Tschanz, '13, who was principal of the Coburg schools last year, is now a graduate student at the University of Chicago. Mr. Tschanz has already done a considerable amount of graduate work in summer sessions. He will take his degree of master of arts about the middle of the year. He plans to enter Columbia immediately for work towards a doctor's degree.

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