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## Will the Faculty Recognize Student Honor?

IN GLANCING over a bulletin on the present status of the "honor system" by Professor Baldwin, of Swarthmore College, we note the following statement made by Dr. W. M. Smith, late secretary to President Campbell:

"We have not as yet established the honor system in the University of Oregon. The subject is at present being debated by the faculty, but to be of permanent help we realize that the initiative must come from the student body."

At the present time the question of an "honor system" is being investigated by a special committee of the Student Council, which is completing the work inaugurated by a committee of last year's council. If the spirit of last year's committee is any criterion of the attitude of the present investigators, the Emerald is certain that the question will receive the sanction of that body. After this preliminary work the question becomes merely a matter of student approval before the faculty will receive the required initiative from the student body.

The Emerald would like to "sing its song at least." In our statement of policy some issues past, we stated that we did not intend to sit on the fence on any question of general student welfare, and now is our chance to hop off the fence.

We favor the "honor system." We believe in the student body of the University of Oregon, and think that an honor basis of examinations would be welcomed by a large majority of the students. A student who is always under the watchful eye of imposed authority, whose self-inflicted duty it often is to doubt the students' integrity and honor, is the very student most liable to try to slip one over on that authority. But if a system is established under which the student is treated as an honorable person, there is seldom any infringement. Moreover the system is an ideal one, in that it puts a student on his own honor, it develops a moral code that no longer sanctions any violation by any student and it awakens in the student a loyalty that is high and enduring. For these reasons we espouse the system.

But we do not believe in doing things by halves. If the honor system will work in one phase of college administration, it will work in other phases. And, conversely, if one phase of college work is put under the "dishonor system"—or we should say "discredit system"—because the faculty cannot see fit to trust the honor of the student body, then we say that no honor system will work.

The "cut system" has always been a bone of adverse contention on the part of the student body and we stand for the abolition of the rule for many reasons, some of which have been stated before and some of which will be stated in the near future. One of the reasons for antagonism toward the cut system is that it does not place absenteeism on an individual honor basis. For that reason, the Emerald hopes that the Student Council will not approve the honor system unless the bill of approval contains a clause providing that the cut rule also have an honor basis and not the present dishonor basis.

The faculty states that the "honor system," in order to be of any help, must be initiated by the student body. Along the same line we would suggest that the faculty, in hearty co-operation with the student body, take the initiative in putting attendance at classes on an individual honor basis.

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## CAMPUS NOTES

Harold Trigelgas ex-'17 of Albany, has returned and will resume his work in the University. Trigelgas spent the summer in the employ of the United States Forestry Service, being stationed near Crescent City, California.

Grace Reed, ex-'18, of Merlin, is expected back this week to resume her work in college. Miss Reed has been spending the past week in Portland.

Gamma Phi Beta sophomores entertained the Gamma Phi Beta freshmen with a Sunday night supper.

Clair Haines, a Chi Omega from the University of Utah, came to Eugene Sunday, and will affiliate with

the local chapter here. She will take a post-graduate course.

Hazel Downing, of Salem, Hazel Ralston of Portland, Vera Redman of Portland, and Olive Risley of Milwaukie, who have been visiting at that Delta Delta Delta House, left Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Killums was a Delta Gamma dinner guest Sunday.

Helen Robinson, '16, registered Monday, having spent the last two months in Alaska.

Bob Hickson, '10, and his wife, (May Barzee) '10, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Elkins of Eugene.

Paul Spangler, '19, of Eugene, has been out of school since Wednesday, on account of tuberculosis.

Alpha Phi announces the pledging of Bess Coleman of Portland.

Nash Taylor of Corvallis spent the week-end at the Iota Chi House.

Delta Gamma entertained Virginia Hales and Margaret Dixon at dinner Friday evening.

Katherine Kirkpatrick, '15, visited at the Pi Beta Phi House this week-end.

Norton Cowden, '14, spent the week-end at the Kappa Sigma House.

Mrs. Laraway of Hood River was a Saturday evening dinner guest of Delta Tau Delta.

Mrs. Maurice J. Duryea, of Ashland, formerly of Eugene, is spending a week at the Alpha Phi House.

Stanley Edison and Ed Johnson, both of Sutherlin, were Sunday dinner guests of Kappa Sigma.

Mr. Smith, chief engineer on the Pacific Standard Oil boat, spent the week-end at the Alpha Tau Omega House. Mr. Smith is a brother-in-law of Ray Couch.

The Delta Gamma freshmen entertained with an informal tea on Friday afternoon. The guests were: Dorothy Childs, Jean Murdock, Florence Parellus, Peggy Boylen, Genevieve Dickey, Edith Bracht, Dorothy Bennett, Marlon Coffee, Lillian Porter, Roberta Scheubel, Esther Fenton, Louise Wilson, Dorothy Robertson and Ruth Williams.

## NEARLY NEW CLUB BEGINS ANNUAL WORK

Concert Tour Will Start December 27—Huang Sheng Is Bass Recruit.

The year's practice work of the Men's Glee Club began with the rehearsal Monday afternoon. From now until the opening concert the club will practice every day; Tuesday to be given over to a rehearsal of the combined Men's and Women's Glee Clubs.

The personnel of the club is permanent only in a temporary way. The permanency is contingent upon the return of old members of the club. Practically a new organization faces the director, Dean Lyman, this year. But at that, he still retains his optimistic attitude toward the success of the club. No bright stars are conspicuous in this year's make-up and the voices of Gillette, Vawter and Sprague will be missed. There are some versatile musicians in the personnel that will help toward a somewhat different entertainment than usual.

The second bass section has a new recruit in the five feet of Ho Huang Sheng, direct. Harold Humbert is a new man in the baritone section and will do solo work. John Black has returned to school and has won back his place in the second bass section. He may also do some solo work.

The only trip thus far arranged is the annual tour of Eastern Oregon. Leaving Portland Monday, December 27, the club will arrive in The Dalles and sing there that evening. December 28 the club will appear in Pendleton, in La Grande the 29th, Baker the 30th and Hood River the 31st.

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Several members of the faculty have been heard to comment on the increasing use of the library for study. That the number making use of this building is constantly increasing was shown Monday morning when every available chair and table was pressed into service.

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