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## Freshmen! The Green Cap.

ALL OF THE spissated sermons in stones that the poets so love to sing about, to our idea are mere platitudes as far as practical value is concerned—unless those sermon-laden stones are forcibly projected into glass houses. We have had a heap of such stones on our chest for some time, and now, after the first few informal weeks of college are over, we would like to toss them goodnatureedly into the freshman class; to wit, that there are certain unwritten laws that time has carved on the tablet of Oregon tradition, and that these laws have been woefully neglected on the part of certain members of the 1919 class.

Numerous complaints have reached us to the effect that one of the time-honored traditions, which previous freshmen classes have religiously observed, is falling into disuse: the wearing of the green cap at all time and under all conditions during college sessions.

The green cap is not a badge of the under-dog; neither has it any connotation of subservience; it is one of the greatest democratizing agents in college society. This little insignia, which is supposed to adorn the pate of every freshman, knows no discrimination. It introduces the new students into the spirit of Oregon.

But the green cap is not generally nor always worn. This has been noticed by students and faculty. In fact at the first senior class of the year the matter was broached, but nothing was done on the ground that the senior class is not the official guardian of the green-cap tradition. This is true. The guardian of the green cap custom is the freshman class.

The Emerald hopes that in the future green caps will stipple the heads of freshmen, instead of being hidden in their pockets, and that they be worn at all times—even between classes. A bareheaded freshman is as bad as a sombreroed freshman. The freshman class should assume the enforcement of this decree. If the decree is neglected it will have to rest on the shoulders of some other class, who can rigidly enforce it by means of a special constabulary. We recommend a freshman vigilance committee. In the meantime "we think" that the Oregon seal imbedded in the pavement in front of Villard Hall shows a sad lack of polish.

## A Word to The Wise.

IT IS FITTING and proper at this time—after the novelty of the first few weeks of unattended classes has worn off—that we gently remind those who need reminding that there is a much-mooted question of "why are we here?" Some simply say, "We're here because we're here," but usually a large number of these complaisant non-studying students find out at the end of some semester that they're not here any longer. And others find out, usually too late, that from the viewpoint of getting a diploma, they could stay here the rest of their natural days and not get their John-Henry's embossed on sheepskin.

We believe that we're here to study—if, perchance, we ever get through coaxing this bum editorial out of a still bummer typewriter. Still we do not believe in futilely burning daylight as well as night to the total exclusion of everything else. We have not much sympathy with the professional "grind."

But we do believe in placing study where it rightfully belongs: Above all other activities. To be able to leave the university after four years with a good education and with the knowledge of having done something for Oregon besides merely absorbing the internals of dry-as-dust books: that is the ideal of a college education as we see it.

It is with respect that we remember Mr. Dooley's apothegm, "Ye can lade a man up to th' university but ye can't make him think." We agree with Mr. Dooley, Esquire, but we do maintain that a man who has thoroughly and conscientiously mastered his studies and at the same time taken active part in the student politics, is probably better trained to think than the "grind" who masters every detail in more or less of a rote fashion.

A little light on the subject, if possible, would be greatly appreciated in the cloak and parcel room of the library. It is an easy matter to become an involuntary robber in the dark.

## CAMPUS NOTES

The Y. W. cabinet will hold its first meeting Thursday, followed by a 6 o'clock supper at the Bungalow.

Miss Emma Hall, ex-'14, was a dinner guest at the Beta Theta Pi house Saturday evening. Other guests entertained at the Beta Theta Pi house during the week were Mrs. Ware, house mother of the Gamma Phi Betas, Miss Anna Dawson of Albany, Miss Agnes Miller, and Miss Anne Geiser.

Clara Haines, a member of the Chi Omega chapter of Salt Lake City, has come to Eugene and will enter the University.

Eddie Snodgrass, daughter of P.

E. Snodgrass of Eugene, was recently pledged to Chi Omega at Wisconsin University.

Elmer Hall of Baker, ex-'14, visited the Sigma Nu house last week.

Dan Anderson of Portland, Allen Russell of the Multnomah team, and Ed Johnson of Portland, were also here for the week-end.

## SPORTING CHATS

Washington has been able to schedule one game in the northwest conference. This game will be played with Whitman, October 30.

Syracuse University will meet the Occidental college eleven in Los Angeles in December. The easterners will also meet the University of

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 by  
**DIOGENES TUBB**  
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JE SUIS ICI. (If you don't savy, ask Timmy.)

Yes, indeed, I am here. Also, I have a mean disposition and a healthy supply of the most effective type of Teutonic gas bombs.

Let me warn you, I'm a bad one. I'm the nigger in the woodpile, the snake in the grass, the knife that cuts the tie that binds; I exude the vitrollic acid of truth. The only thing I stand for is truth and trouble—indispensable companions.

I'm the comforter of the curious. Ask me anything and I'll tell you if it closes the University. Yea—even things like—

Are the things the Gamma Phi's and the Theta's say about each other true— Or, What makes Ben Dorris lose his goat when you mention Phi Delta Theta, or, Is Professor Wheeler married or what does he weigh stripped.

Yeah, I don't care what I say as long as I think it is true.

BUT

The TOTAL SUM of my marvelous powers are to be devoted to solving the mysteries which have long baffled the campus; such as,

Why DOES the FACULTY KEEP the CUT RULE.

What's the REASON for REDDIE? and such like.

Now let us shove the needle and roll the pill—and get rid of this,

A ROMANTIC REMINISCENCE

I'm just nineteen, said sweetly, she, Oh, surely not, the Prof., said he, One so fair must younger be.

She smiled with glee.

Proceed, said he,

We'll finish with your pedigree.

When were you born, my sweet fair-ee?

"Oh, sir, 'twas back in ninety-three." Selah.

Montana and the Oregon Agricultural College on their transcontinental trip.

American football is more popular than Rugby with California students, if the gate receipts may be taken as indicative of anything. At the first two games of Rugby \$569.50 was realized; at the first two games under the old rules the gate yielded \$674.50, a difference in favor of the American game of \$105.

President Wilson has as yet took no stand on the question as to whether Rugby football is a violation of neutrality.

"There was great enthusiasm in 'the bleachers,'" writes a cub while describing a scrub game of Rugby at Stanford.

"Moose" Muirhead, Bill's coming hope, has gone to Stanford to start all over again. Oregon is going to have a hard time to win that dual track meet with the southern college.

"Tiek" Malarkey came out in a suit Tuesday evening.

Clippings from almost every newspaper in California, and from a large number of the state, have been pasted in the training quarters by Graduate Manager J. S. Stroud, at the University of California. They deal with the football situation at California from almost every conceivable angle, and the views of the leading sporting writers of the Pacific Coast are given.

Five of the boys got new suits Tuesday evening.

Two new frosh expressed their willingness to buck the squad and turned out in suits for the first time Wednesday.

## Widow Endows Yale

New Haven, Conn.—Announcement was made recently at a meeting of the Yale corporation of a gift to the University of a building for the school of music as a memorial to the late Albert Arnold Sprague, of Chicago, a graduate of the class of 1859. The gift is made by Mr. Sprague's widow.

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## HISTORY OF OLD PRESS GIVEN BY G. H. HIMES

The history of the old Washington printing press, presented to the department of Journalism recently by H. R. Kincaid, has been sent to Professor E. W. Allen by George H. Himes of the Oregon Historical Society.

According to Mr. Himes, the press was purchased in New York, for the Oregon Printing Association of Oregon City, by George Abernathy, famous in history as the first provincial governor of Oregon. Mr. Abernathy was treasurer of the association.

On February 5, 1846, the association printed its first edition of the Oregon Spectator, a paper of four pages, issued twice a month.

Robert Moore purchased the paper in 1852 to a Mr. Schnebly, who conducted it as a strictly political journal, promoting the cause of the Whig party. Publication of the Oregon Spectator was permanently suspended in March, 1855.

A few weeks later, William L. Adams, commonly known as "Parson Billy Adams," purchased the Spectator plant and began the publication, at Oregon City, of the Oregon Argus, the first Republican paper in the Pacific Northwest, if not west of the Rocky Mountains. Mr. Adams was made collector of customs at Astoria as a reward for his aid in carrying the state for Lincoln.

The Argus was consolidated with the Oregon Statesman at Salem in 1863. As two presses were not needed, the Argus press was sold to H. R. Kincaid of Eugene, who began publication of the Oregon State Journal in December, 1863.

Mr. Himes also sent Professor Allen a photographic reproduction of page two of the first Oregon Spectator to come from the press.

## "DIGEST" PUBLISHES PROF. H. C. HOWE'S POEM

The poem, "As in a Belfry," by Professor H. C. Howe, head of the department of modern English literature at the University, was published in the Literary Digest for September 4, of this year, with the following comment: "There is color, too, in these interesting lines, which first appeared in The Bellman." This poet seems to desire aloofness from humanity. But

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he is too true a poet ever to attain this desire. The mood he expresses is, perhaps, unimportant, but his expression of it is distinguished."

Professor Howe says that he writes for the pleasure of writing—not for publication, although he used to write for the latter purpose a great deal back in the nineties.

He has been so busy of recent years, he says, writing lectures and other related work, that he has little time to spend in literary writing.

"Co-education is still being tested and its values will never be completely vindicated until women are able to think for themselves, play by themselves and construct for themselves as men are," said Dean Ethel H. Caldwell to the women of the University of Washington at the first women's assembly of the year, which was held recently at Meany hall. The address of the dean was her formal introduction to the University.

Water polo will be introduced as a fall sport in place of swimming this winter at the University of California. Last year the men on the

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swimming team organized a water polo team, and so well did they like the game that the present move is the result.