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## Probing Intercollegiate Athletics.

IT IS WITH a light heart that we await news of the proceedings and the final report of the committee appointed Wednesday to investigate from all angles the question of athletics at Oregon. Yesterday afternoon that committee held its first meeting and requested that the graduate manager have ready at the next meeting a statistical report on the finances—receipts and expenditures—the scholarship of athletes, the studies pursued and the status of athletes and athletics in toto.

Our former opposition to the movement dwindles. The objection to the method pursued at first was that it was a matter of personal opinion as to which way the vote would go, it admitted of bias based on ignorance, and the resolution was stated in such a way that no middle course could be attempted.

We are light hearted now because we believe that athletics will stand the test. We know that athletes are not prone to idleness, for the very fact that they are willing to stand the drudgery of training is evidence enough. As to scholarship, the final report will show, as a similar report did in 1911, that low grades are not directly related to athletic activities. Withal we are in sympathy with the action of the faculty in that such an investigation, based on actual figures and not on bias and partiality, will clear intercollegiate athletics of present suspicion and future indictment.

## The Proselyting Episode

WE ARE printing a communication from R. M. Reynolds, the man who avowedly "went to Eugene in his car, represented himself to be a friend of Charles Hoskins, took Hoskins for a ride in his car and invited Hoskins to go over to the Oregon Agricultural College and look the institution over before he finally decided what school to attend this year. The story is false in every other respect," says Mr. Reynolds, and "every other respect" consists in the Emerald's saying that the individual, who tried to convert Hoskins to "animal husbandry," called himself a Mr. Reynolds of the extension department of Oregon Agricultural College.

We stand corrected, Mr. Reynolds. You are not listed on the pay roll of Oregon Agricultural College. But we recommend re-reading the story.

If half of the university found pleasure in making the rounds during "open house" all of the university—faculty and students alike—should find it the nth. degree of pleasure to make the rounds again—aye, even thrice—for the progressive dinner on Friday, October 8. In fact, we are considering fasting two or three days in advance.

## COMMUNICATIONS

**NOTICE**—This column is reserved for letters from contributors. On account of lack of space, a smaller type will be used throughout the year.

To the Editor:—My attention has been called to a story which appeared in the Oregon Emerald under date of September 21, representing that Mr. Reynolds, of the extension department of the Oregon Agricultural College had surreptitiously wormed his way into the student quarters of Eugene and had attempted to bribe Charles Hoskins, football player, to leave the University of Oregon and go to the Oregon Agricultural College.

The story is correct in that one Reynolds (the undersigned) went to Eugene in his car, represented himself to be a friend of Charles Hoskins, took Hoskins for a ride in his car and invited Hoskins to go over to the Oregon Agricultural College and look the institution over before he finally decided what school to attend this year.

The story is false in every other respect. The Reynolds who went to Eugene is not a member of the extension staff of the college nor in any manner connected with the college. He made the trip to Eugene upon his own responsibility and without the request, suggestion or even the knowledge of anyone connected with the Oregon Agricultural College.

Reynolds did not bribe or attempt to bribe Charles Hoskins to go to the Oregon Agricultural College. He knew that Hoskins had planned to attend the Oregon Agricultural College up to the time he left his home at Echo. He urged Hoskins to go over to Corvallis and investigate the courses and the institution before he chose his work. He offered to take Hoskins over in his car, and Hoskins agreed to go. Oregon students and the Oregon coach persuaded Hoskins not to go.

It may be of interest to the chaste supporters of Oregon University athletics to know that Hoskins had completed all his plans to attend the Oregon Agricultural College. It may be pertinent to call attention to the fact that while in Pendleton on his way to Corvallis he was subjected to some influences which changed his plans and directed him to the U. of O. It might be impertinent in view of the effulgence indulged in by your editor on the subject of Simon pure quality of Oregon

athletics to suggest that there might be some influential person or persons connected with the University of Oregon who do not "favor the conservation of clean athletics unswayed by athletic aggrandizement."  
J. M. REYNOLDS.

## FROSH TURN OUT UNDER GRAND OLD MALARKEY

A freshman football squad turned out Friday evening for the first time this year. "Tick" Malarkey coached the boys. He says more should turn out, for this team has nothing to do with the Varsity in regard to practicing and every man has a chance. Games are scheduled with the O. A. C. freshmen, The Dalles high school, and other institutions throughout the state.

The Varsity and freshmen will play a game Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

Miss Mary H. Perkins entertained Friday afternoon at the Osburn tea room, in honor of her mother, who has come to Eugene to live.

Miss Margaret Upleger and Miss Mabel Louise Cummings were dinner guests at the Chi Omega house Thursday.

Kappa Kappa Gamma has as house guest Mrs. J. G. Wilson of Portland, grandmother of Ruth Williams and Alva Wilson.

Gretchen Sherwood, '15, of Coquille, is at the Delta Delta Delta house.

Mrs. Robert Kellog (Gladys Farrar, '09) is visiting in Eugene.

Mrs. Childs of Independence spent the fast week-end at the Delta Delta Delta house with her daughters, Gladys and Dorothy.



Hereafter the University of California will award her track letters to the candidates who have accomplished one of the following requirements: One mile in 4:32; 100 yard dash in 10:1; 120 yard high hurdles, 15:3; 220 yard dash in 22:2; 880 yards in 2 flat; relay average of 52 seconds; broad jump 22 feet 4 inches; high jump, 6 feet; pole vault, 12 feet; put the shot, 43 feet, and the hammer 145 feet. This plan will give more opportunity for letters and Coach Walter Christie is hoping that it will stimulate interest in this branch of athletics.

Last Saturday the Stanford track team was well represented in the championship meets at San Francisco. It will make Bill's cohorts work, and work hard, to beat that southern team.

California has installed several rowing machines under the bleachers of her new track. Captain Flack states that California has lost her last race in the three-cornered regatta with Stanford and Washington.

California is interested in a series of interclass American football games. The juniors of the southern college have apparently cleaned up the rest of the classes.

With the Idaho game coming in one week, Bezdek's men are beginning to spread the dope on the annual contest. Things look good for Oregon.

Bezdek: "W. S. C. is going to be the hardest nut we will have to crack."

California has called her track men to the colors.

It sounded as if the old Oregon

spirit had returned when the band tuned up out there on Kincaid field Thursday afternoon. The boys appreciated it, too. Bez was overjoyed. "Action is what I like," he said.

The champion Rugby team of America will make a tour of Australia and New Zealand. Stanford will be a strong contender for the All-American honors.

Leo Cossman, Blacksmith's brother, has turned in his suit. Leo's parents made a strong protest, so the boy quit the game.

The steady grind does not seem to effect Ensley. The farmer lad is now weighing at 228.

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