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## Oregon Spirit Will Win!

IN THESE critical days of secret practice, when tighter and tighter grow the clamps around football practice, there is danger that, while the team is being regenerated, Oregon Spirit may degenerate. There is a reason for "mumness" on the gridiron even though it becomes more secret than a bride's trousseau. Not only is secrecy essential for the concoction of new formations and so-called trick plays, but also for the psychological effect it has on opponents.

Secret practice should also have a preponderous effect on Oregon Spirit, although we note a slight negative reaction. The fact that mystery surrounds football should arouse spirit to the nth. degree. The situation presents a problem in ratiocination: given a football field surrounded by a high fence which does not respond to any hocus-pocus "Open Sesame"; sounds rumble from the field intermingled with "Go hard" ejaculations from the coach; silence so tense that it can almost be heard is suddenly broken by yells and terminated with a sharp thud. The problem is what is going on inside. Solution: the remaking of an Oregon team that will win.

The football fans and fanettes should talk football in their sleep, sing football at the table, think football, aye, dream football. The loyal supporters of Oregon Spirit should work themselves into a football frenzy. Even if the "dope" is gloomy enough to overflow the Stygian deeps, the we-will-win spirit can become so dominant and strong that it will conquer. It has been done before, and not so long ago but what it lingers dramatically in the memory of every loyal Oregonite.

Let 'er go! We will win!

## Oh, Suffering Democracy!

HURLING HARMLESS bombs at the cut system is the most jolly of our editorial privileges, and especially are we delighted when, perchance, one of the many bombs explodes and precipitates a waging war of words. Our latest suggestion—that the cut system apply to all under classmen, and that the rule be automatically withdrawn at the beginning of the third year provided that the student is a full-fledged junior—has met with both favor and disfavor. The most reasonable indictment of the proposal was a statement by an upper classman, viz, that it was class discrimination and therefore undemocratic.

Oh, suffering democracy! What a multitude of sins are committed in thy fair name, and what a multiplicity of misunderstandings thou createth.

Some one has understandingly said that the object of words is to short circuit thought; and "democracy" to our idea, is a thought-killer. Last year a student wrote a virtriotic letter to "ye former editor" ranting on the undemocratic custom of wearing dress suits to dances. To our idea democracy is made of sterner stuff than mawkish sentimentalities. It has naught to do with that steam-roller process of reducing everything to monotonous uniformity and equality. False democracy cries to the hoi polloi, "Down with every man to the level of the average, while true democracy cries, "Every man up to the height of his capacity and responsibility."

Instead of condemning the proposition with a mere flourish of the ñand, we crave real comprehensive thought.

We are heartily in favor with the faculty committee on the intercollegiate athletic question insofar as they are making a thorough investigation of the problem with a view of helping and not abolishing what we consider an educational necessity.

If the process of giving sports the "once over" continues with the speed and despatch displayed thus far, the question naturally arises, how many years will it take them to come to a thorough knowledge of the situation. And after that is attained how many more years will it take for the committee to reach an understanding as to remedies? We recommend this as a thesis for any student majoring in the mathematical theory of probability.

Dancing is now being subjected to the scrutiny of the moralists at the University of California. The usual trouble is the double viewpoint: if the moralists would dance "that way" it would be immoral, because they think so. But as it is, the general dancing in colleges is not immortal because the dancers do not regard it as immoral. It's just the way you look at it, when your doing it—not when you're looking on.

Oh, piffle and poppycot! The girls at Stanford are too rough in so-called rushing and hazing activities. Another case of ping-pong and tiddle-de-winks.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Monmouth, Ore.  
 To the Editor:—Do Dr. Barnett and his supporters on the University of Oregon faculty propose to abolish merely intercollegiate athletics, or all intercollegiate relations? The information which has reached some of us alumni, indirectly, is indefinite.  
 We are assuming that these gentlemen hope to allow intercollegiate fornications— oratory, debates, spelling matches, etc. Surely, these rivalries are conducive to the development of high scholarship and the preservation of our University culture. Maybe a yearly in-

tercollegiate tussle in oratory or a contest in the mastery of irregular verbs could be made a common ground upon which to renew one's loyalty to his alma mater, but we hardly think so. Somehow, something more red blooded is needed out west to incite admiration and awaken college pride.

Of course, all of this is a plea for the continuance of tradition and, as such, we are afraid will have no great weight with the introducer of the resolution, who has persuaded us that he is both a radical and revolutionary sort of a person, though recognized, nationally, as an important authority in his line of endeavor—political science.

Do not athletes, to compete in intercollegiate athletics, need to maintain a higher average grade than non-athletic students? Eighty-six per cent used to be required of intercollegiate athletes. Is this not high enough, or would the doctor require athletes to be honor men in order to represent their college?

The scholarship standard at Oregon has been for some time the highest in the northwest, if not on the coast. Has it ever happened that Mr. Dobie, at Washington, was forced to keep a single man out of an important football game on account of grades? Likewise, did you ever hear of this happening over at O. A. C.? However, during Coach Warner's second year at Oregon, it was almost impossible to get the same 11 men out for signal practice on consecutive nights, because of the rigidity of the "posting" system. As a result, Oregon was given such a drubbing by Washington in Portland, in 1911, that most of the alumni would likely have desired a severance of relations to such a sorry showing again. Mr. L. Pinkham, as coach, went through an unsatisfactory year, due to the posting of his men at critical times.

It appears also that the only acceptable modification of the resolution would be one which is barely pertinent to the issues under discussion. Namely, that all men engaged in intercollegiate athletics be required to stand a searching physical examination by University physical instructors in collaboration with some outside physician highly experienced in detection of early, serious organic troubles. Sometimes athletes, physically unfit, compete in hard contests on "their nerve" and are voluntary users of harmful stimulants. The fixing of a minimum weight for intercollegiate athletes participating in football might also be a good thing. Certain Australian Universities have this latter provision for their Rugby men.

We alumni are not in favor of the passing of the resolution as it stands. Intercollegiate athletic relations promote broadness; intercollegiate relations suppress freedom of exchange of ideas and make for narrowness. Intercollegiate relations are as essential and desirable as is interchange of professors between the different colleges.

Because such a departure is impracticable and therefore not best for the liberal advancement of our University, and because it has no place in western university life, it ought to fall of its own weight. Signed,

ALUMUS NO. 1.

To the Editor:—The Emerald says that there is a plan under consideration to establish a store on the University campus.

There may be advantages in having a store so placed. The bookstore has proved a success, certainly, but is it quite fair to the Eugene merchant?

It is the merchant in Eugene, who, in a large measure, helps to make the student publications, the Oregonian and the Emerald, successes financially.

It is the same business man who gives dollars for admission and window space for advertising athletics.

Almost with one accord they back up any enterprise the school goes in for; whether it be a new building or a fousing rally.

It is not probable that Eugene tradesmen would actively fight against the establishment of such a store. They did not object openly to the public market. They are a fair-minded lot; that is not the question.

But is it not up to the student to reciprocate the favors given him, and show that he appreciates the good-natured readiness of these business men to help out in whatever he has undertaken, by buying from the Eugene merchant?

UPPERCLASSMAN.

## CAMPUS NOTES

Kappa Kappa Gamma held initiation last Saturday night for Cora Hosford, Hazel Wymore, Gladys Conklin, Dorothy Wheeler, Esther Chalmers, Louise Bailey and Nita Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Flegel, of Portland, with Judge and Mrs. Bronaugh, visited at the Kappa Kappa Gamma house during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Elliott, while on their way from Dallas to San Francisco, stopped over Tuesday at Delta Delta Delta house to visit Lila McDaniels.

Mrs. A. C. Dixon, with her son and daughter, were Gamma Phi Beta dinner guests on Wednesday.

Mrs. Amy E. Westfall was a guest of Alpha Phi for dinner on Tuesday

# NEWS FOOT BALL

Bez made several changes in the lineup when the boys donned their togs Monday evening. The present arrangement is 10 pounds a man lighter than the old aggregation, but Bez hopes they will make up for the weight in their speed.

It will be a come-back Saturday. It has to be!

We are all waiting to see what this "secret" meeting of the faculty is going to do to our college sports.

O. A. C. is reported to have had some rally last Saturday.

Professor Mitchell was out Monday to help the team. The services of supporters like Professor Mitchell are appreciated by the student body.

Anyway, we are game losers and we are going to come back. And it's about time the Aggies were "knowing" us.

Batley is fully capable of handling a choir as well as a bunch of rooters. Was that a choir in assembly Wednesday.

Beta Theta Pi had as Sunday dinner guests Mrs. Littler, Lillian Littler, Dorothy Littler, Marion Reed, Grace Reed and Mildred Broughton.

Marie Churchill and Agnes Driscoll went to Salem over the last week-end.

Kappa Kappa Gamma held a banquet Wednesday evening for the active girls in honor of founder's day, October 13.

Bill Yates, fraternity jeweler from Pennsylvania, is staying a few days at the Sigma Nu house.

President Campbell, Mr. Hardy of Portland, H. B. Miller, Professor Morton of the commerce department, and Lamar Tooze were luncheon guests Wednesday at the men's dormitory.

Mrs. Dugald Campbell, Miss Jennie Gilkison and Edith Campbell were Sunday dinner guests at Mary Spiller hall.

Dr. Rebec was a luncheon guest Tuesday of the men's dormitory.

Claire Pennington of Eugene was a guest for dinner at the A. T. O. house Tuesday night.

The bleachers will accommodate 10,000. Let's fill them up November 20.

President Campbell will give a vocational address in Corvallis, Tuesday, October 19, before the Y. M. C. A.

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