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Intercollegiate Athletics Regulated

INTERCOLLEGIATE athletics went through the consuming fire of the faculty probe and has come out practically unscathed. We know that many cohorts, who are blinded by what might have been and what early in the investigation was feared—but what did not happen, are ranting their heads off in the first heat of blind rage.

The entire campus was keyed up to a point of emotional strain. Psychologists tell us that such emotional stress and such concentration of attention tends to go out into its inevitable action even if the expected fails to happen. And that is just what has taken place on the campus.

On the whole we think the faculty action neither rash nor radical. Contrariwise we think it liberal and rational. The point that we favor most is the drowning of that old bugbearish idea of the radicalism involved in the complete abolition of intercollegiate athletics. On the surface it seems radical, but getting down beneath the surface it is as old as the hills, and mayhaps, older. Time was when the growing spirit of "athleticism" was regarded by the staid spinsters of both sexes as the outcropping of the devil in sinful mankind.

But now athletics is regarded by authorities as a necessary function in the educational system, and not only local athletics but intercollegiate athletics. The latter form of sport is the greatest teacher for real life, in that it embodies the spirit of fair-play in world-wide competition.

The greatest shriek from the campus rose when a misconception occurred over the recommendation concerning the one-year period. No such ruling was passed and will not be passed at Oregon unless the rest of the conference colleges in their meeting in Portland during December adopt a like rule. If all adopt this rule, there will be no disadvantage incurred; but it is not likely to pass, so why the space.

The temporary discontinuance of intercollegiate basketball for an experiment does in no wise sound the death-knell of the conference game by slow degrees. We understand that it was done after hearing favorable opinion of the coaches. Moreover it was done temporarily to see the effect of more attention being devoted to the hoi polloi of college students who are not proficient enough to make varsity teams; if it is a failure basketball will be resumed on a firmer basis; if it is a success, intercollegiate basketball will not be resumed.

Again there was a tumult of gossip cross-fire about the recommendation providing that students flunking, incompleting or withdrawing from courses be prohibited from student activities. That was too stringent a recommendation, and it was not passed. Instead the regular Northwest conference rule regarding scholarship of athletes was extended to all activities, thus withdrawing the class discrimination against athletes. If the former rule had passed, ye Emerald staff would have been the first to succumb to this rule.

Further comment is unnecessary; only to this extent; we understand that this legislation is final and is no attempt to do away with intercollegiate athletics by the little-by-little method. We understand that the faculty has taken a stand to strengthen intercollegiate athletics by rational regulation. If this is true, as we believe it to be, the whole rigmarole is O. K. In fact we have an inkling that the first move to strengthen intercollegiate football is by the formation of a five-team Pacific Coast conference league, to include Oregon, Washington, California, Stanford and O. A. C., which will do away with these unknown games with unknown schools—games that have no prestige in the athletic world.

Militarism Make Men?

DURING HIS visit on the campus, Governor James Withycombe, in an after-dinner speech, which was heartily endorsed by following speakers, strongly urged that Oregon establish military drill. The benefits of drill, it was stated, would add the necessary iota of patriotic preparedness, and would be of physical value in "making men" out of the students. Such drill, compulsory because of land-grants by the government, has been in force at California, Washington and Oregon Agricultural College.

We do not in any wise believe in compulsory drill, for the obvious reasons that are current—so current, in fact that we will not repeat them. But we also heartily disbelieve in compulsory absence of military drill. The attitude of Yale University strikes us as the most plausible, and that is voluntary drill. There are probably enough students in favor of drill at Oregon to form two companies of 65 strong each, and these students could without doubt secure the excellent aid of officers of the coast artillery, who are permanently stationed in Eugene. And in all probability the new armory could be secured for the purpose.

We mention this simply as a suggestion and do not urge it. But as for compulsory drill, we are antagonistic. We believe that the University, of all institutions, should be free from possible taint of militarism. The gymnasium furnishes enough drill for physical training. We believe that there are better methods of making men out of mere students than forcing the rifle into their hands.

CAMPUS NOTES

H. C. Burns of Medford, was a Tuesday night guest at the Alpha Tau Omega.

An informal get-together meeting of the heads of the various fraternity and sorority houses and dormitories with members of faculty committees was the occasion of a dinner at the Mary Spiller Hall last evening from six to eight o'clock.

It is customary for the members of the faculty and the president to meet with representatives of the houses once a month for a general discussion of the interests of the University.

Those present were: Dean Straub, Dean Guppy, President and Mrs. Campbell, N. C. Grimes, J. F. Bovard, E. S. Conklin and a representative from each fraternity, sorority and dormitory.

President Campbell is spending Saturday in Portland and Sunday in Astoria, visiting his daughter in the latter city.

Chief Justice F. A. Moore, Professors Hope, Reeder and Merritt and J. D. Foster were guests of the Dormitory at supper Thursday night.

Miss Fitch was a dinner guest Monday of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Governor Withycombe, President and Mrs. P. L. Campbell, Mrs. Gerlinger, Mr. Newell, Mr. Clay Hall, an Oregon University Alumnus, Prof. Grimes, Prof. Rebec, Dr. Straub and Mr. L. H. Johnson were guests for Wednesday dinner of the Men's dormitory.

The boys of the Men's dormitory will entertain the Mary Spiller girls with a campfire supper Friday evening.

Alpha Tau Omega issues a challenge to bowl any three or five man Fraternity team on the Campus.

FACULTY FIBS

President Campbell addressed the Baptist convention which is in session in Eugene, yesterday morning. In the afternoon the members of the convention called upon the president and were shown about the campus.

Bishop Walter T. Sumner, Episcopal bishop of the Diocese of Oregon, will be in Eugene tomorrow morning. Later in the year Bishop Sumner will be at one of the University vesper services.

Next Monday evening there will be a reception to Bishop Sumner and Rev. R. W. Griffith at St. Mary's Parish.

R. W. Broecker, instructor in education will discuss, "The Relation of Philosophy to Suicide," at the first meeting of the Philosophical club this year.

The meeting will be held next Wednesday evening, October 27, in Dr. Sheldon's room in the Library, at 7:30 o'clock.

Dr. Warren D. Smith, head of the geology department, lectured last night before the members and friends of the Mazama club at the East Side Public Library, Portland, on the subject, "From Nebula to Man."

FOOTBALL THUDS

California won her first collegiate football game by defeating the Sherman Indian school 44 to 7. California's offensive work was featured by forward passes.

Two companies of cadets at the University of California engaged in sham battle Tuesday on the Berkeley hills.

The dry-room was used for the first time Thursday.

Ensley is apparently laid out for the season with his "Charley-horse." The 230-pounder could not accompany the team to Whitman.

O. A. C. is now making a complete re-arrangement of her line. But she is just one week behind Oregon, and one week will tell.

Bill does not allow any of his track men to play basketball. Now that the sport is abolished, will the track team strengthen?

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