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Oregon Redeemed.

WOMEN HAVE been given the right to compete with men for places on intercollegiate teams. This right, which two weeks ago was denied, is now secure at least for this year. But the status of the matter is experimental. The original opponents are still antagonistic. So it is up to the women to make good.

In this issue of the Emerald we are printing a lengthy statement of the opposite side of the question. The writers are still on the same side of the fence, although that is not made clear in the communication.

The Emerald is accused of not once correctly stating the precise stand taken by the dissenters. This we deny and urge that the communicators re-read our stand on the matter. The quotations in the communication are excerpts torn out of their context. Our statement of the question was, "the rights of women debating against men." We did refer to the ban placed on women competing for places on intercollegiate teams several times, thinking that any reader had enough acumen to get the correct inference without necessitating our using the long and cumbersome explanatory clauses every time we referred to the matter. Evidently the communicators did not get the inference.

Also the opponents of admitting women into competitive try-outs with men for the same teams have not seemed to comprehend the stand of the Emerald.

We stand firmly for the principle of recognizing women in any activity for which they are physically and mentally fitted, even if that activity has been open to men only in the past. Competition between the two sexes, where possible, we think is the only liberal policy. We believe in breaking down the so-called men's and women's spheres wherever possible: for it is this kind of discrimination that has led to such social evils as the double standard of morality.

The argument that men and women cannot work successfully together in the preliminary preparation for a debate, we maintain, is fallacious. In our experience we have noted that men and women can successfully dance with each other, study with each other, argue with each other, work with each other, live with each other and die with each other. Is it impossible for them to successfully prepare debates with each other?

Any other idea on this matter we think is not recognizing women's rights or equality. Women are not fighting for rights in their own so-called spheres, but for rights in all spheres for which they are fitted—in the spheres heretofore monopolized by men. Win or lose, we favor this policy wherever possible, and hope that Reed College, like O. A. C., will take a like stand, which is the only liberal and progressive policy.

Brain Stimulants.

"BLESSED HOUR of our dinners!" How many students think of their regular work-a-day dinners with this sentiment? If meals have become monotonous and devoid of real pleasure, it would be well to notice that the Emerald is publishing a menu every week arranged for health, happiness and economy. These menus have been arranged by request by the Home Science club of Eugene, and are submitted to student organizations as recommendations from women who have studied the relation of comestibles to efficiency.

In no wise is the club acting as a self-appointed pure food bureau. The matter was suggested to the organization by people who have noted that one of the burning questions of student life is what to eat next.

Food is an essential factor in the life of the student. Too often the dried-and-cut meals that the students eke out an existence on, are lacking in relish, and as a result health and happiness is endangered. The grouchy, bleary-eyed, soporific student is usually the victim of monotonous meals—meals that are just eaten and that is all. Meals should be enjoyed.

The stress and strain of modern college life has made the connoisseur of comestibles an extinct human species. American students lack the epicurean element that characterizes the German university.

Food is more than a stomachic stimulant; it is a brain stimulant, and as such should be a prime consideration with the student.

We are heartily in favor of trying these menus. Hereafter they will appear every Saturday with prices appended.

Oregon for Oregon.

WEST MET East in football the other day, and the west won. Strange as it may seem the old-time myth of the superiority of the east in football has been exploded.

To the Oregon Agricultural College football team belongs all credit and praise for their victory, which, if viewed fairly, is a victory not for O. A. C., alone, but a victory for western athletics. Oregon is today sending to the triumphant team congratulations by telegraph. Nor is Oregon merely going through the formality of hypocritically patting the "Aggies" on the back. Oregon has been for Oregon all the while. It was no little task for a western team to assume to play an eastern team, much less to beat them.

Congratulations Aggies! We hope to give you a different game on November 20, but nevertheless, congratulations!

CAMPUS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Martin, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Hamlin and Nelson Hamlin were guests for dinner Sunday at the Alpha Tau Omega house.

Alpha Tau Omega announces the pledging of Leo Potter of Eugene.

Professor Eric W. Allen, head of the department of journalism of the University, will speak on "Some Recent Improvements in the Teaching of Journalism in the Universities" at the annual convention of the Oregon State Editorial association, to be

held at Salem November 5 and 6. After attending the convention Professor Allen will go to Portland, where he will spend the remainder of the week-end.

The fourth series of vocational lectures will be held in Deady hall next Thursday at 7 p. m. and will consist of two talks: Dr. Sheldon speaks on "Education as a Profession," and Hugo Bezdek on "Physical Education."

Delta Tau Delta entertained at dinner Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Middleton, and Misses Mary Alice Hill, Helen Currey, Beatrice Locke,

Helen Guttery, Esther Mary Hill, Dorothy Dunbar and Frances Dunbar.

Sigma Chi entertained at dinner Sunday President and Mrs. P. L. Campbell, Dr. and Mrs. John Stuart, Professor and Mrs. D. W. Morton.

"Participation in departmental club activities, attendance at general ag club, and membership in a literary society, constitute a trio of benefits that will outweigh in importance any single course in the institution," said Professor Stevenson of Ohio State College, at the Agronomy club meeting Thursday night.

In order to better use the twilight hour, the football squad at Washington uses whitewashed walls.

COMMUNICATIONS

To the Editor of the Emerald:—Three members of the forensic council, branded as traitors to the cause of woman's rights, appear to have been cast into popular disfavor. These wayward citizens seem to have brought this sad plight upon themselves, by the stand they took toward women and debate. Now that the onslaught of Emerald editorials and "general uprisings on the part of the feminine element" has hid low these enemies of women's rights and disclosed their sophistic reasoning, these unhappy creatures wish to explain their seemingly unpatriotic conduct.

The writer takes this opportunity to lift himself from the mire.

Before, however, we can hope to explain the conduct of these members of the forensic council, it might be well to let the reader know just what their stand was in regard to debate, in order better to understand the full significance of their conduct.

Though the Emerald, editorially and otherwise, has commented several times upon this action of the forensic council, not once has it correctly stated the precise stand taken by these members. Student sentiment, likewise, seems to have been directed against everything else except the stand actually taken. The prevailing understanding of the position taken by these three members was expressed by the Emerald, speaking editorially, on October 20, as follows:

"One of the greatest contributions to the gymnastic art of argument were the syllogisms that three members of the forensic council used to prove to their own satisfaction that in this day and age of the emancipation of women there is no such thing as feminine ability in debating."

Again it said, "The forensic council arbitrarily decided that man has a monopoly in debating faculties."

Had the Emerald accused these three members of a conspiracy to disenfranchise the women of the University, it would have departed no farther from the truth. The above statements not only do not state the facts, but they state the very opposite of the stand taken by every member of the forensic council.

We believe that women should be given a chance to participate in every line of student activity open to them. We believe in student body support of girls' basketball, hockey, debate, etc.

At the beginning of the present year, therefore, the members of the forensic council agreed that all means should be taken to further interest in debate among the women of the University. This opinion among the members of the council was unanimous—mind you, Mr. Editor, unanimous—and not once has any member of the council swerved from this original decision. We would ask those to bear this in mind who swallowed whole the statement made that, "the forensic council arbitrarily decided that man has a monopoly in debating faculties."

Having thus decided that interest must be created in debate among the women, the question arose: "How can this interest be best furthered? Shall the men and women be placed on the same team, or shall separate teams be selected among the men and separate teams among the women? Four of the members believed in the former policy, three in the latter. When the resolution was first presented to the council, one of the members was absent, and the chairman not voting, the three members prevailed. Hence it was decided that our debates should "be between men and men and women and women." It was not decided at this time or any other that "man has a monopoly on debating faculties."

The council decided that in this way there would be greater interest aroused in debate. It decided that in this way greater efficiency would be secured. Can its motive be impeached? Is not this what we are all striving for? This would at least give more women an opportunity to take part in debate. The council had no way of finding out student sentiment—except through four or five women who were represented in the Emerald as being the "feminine element of the University."

The dissenting members shall do all in their power to make this experiment a success. However, for the benefit of those interested in sophism the writer would present the following example of our line of reasoning:

When the University of Oregon conducted co-ed debates with Washington, sometimes three debaters were chosen, sometimes six, and there was always keen competition for places on the team. This year, when it was announced that the women, if they would debate at all,

must debate on mixed teams with the men, two women appeared, one of whom showed sufficient ability in debate to be placed on the team.

From this history, past and present, we conclude that women take a greater interest in co-ed debating than in debating on mixed teams. We are also convinced, from the same above facts, that greater number of women benefit from debating on separate teams than on mixed teams. If this be sophism, we plead guilty to the use of that science.

Now that our policy in this regard has been definitely decided, however, we hope that the women of the University will continue to show their present interest in their representative on the debating team, and will rally to her support when she steps upon the platform to defend the honor of Oregon.

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