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## A Progressive State And University.

ANOTHER YEAR has passed in the progressive advancement of the University. Little by little, we think, the people of the state have come to realize the true value of their educational institutions, which are contributing to the welfare of the state—one of the most progressive commonwealths of the nation.

No factor shows the attitude of Oregon to higher education better than does the personnel of the Board of Regents, which has in its keeping the policy of the University of Oregon. One of the reasons for the present high status of the University is to be found in the progressive character of the Board of Regents. Just as a former body of regents guided the University through a critical period, so the present board is blazing the way for the entrance of the University into a period of unparalleled progressiveness and welfare.

The Board of Regents, which is now meeting on the campus to decide on the year's possibilities, is characterized by its enthusiasm for the University's continued growth. Every member is active personally every day of the year in forwarding the best interests of the state through its University.

Movements throughout the state that have great promise for the University can be traced to the influence of the Board of Regents. Never was the University a more powerful institution than it is now, and credit for this state of affairs is due to the Regents and to the President of the University.

The student body realizes its fortune in having such a body of persons at the helm; and the Emerald feels that it is but faintly echoing the greater voice of the students and faculty when it bids the Board of Regents a hearty welcome to the campus which has prospered so well under the present administration.

## Western Athletics vs. Eastern

WESTERN ATHLETICS have come in for their share—and a little more than their prorata share of the abuses that are said to obtain in American sports. The general indictment of western athletics, although not so very stringent, has been based largely on cases that have been opened to the public gaze in the east.

For instance, the past season saw a scandal in the world of sports in the cases of Le Gore and Brickley.

By and large, the status of the situation in the sporting world finds its parallel in the world of international diplomacy. Just as international law is created by war, which it seeks to regulate and eventually exterminate, so too, the laws that are supposed to govern the relations in intercollegiate sport, are produced by the conditions that they seek to remedy.

The east has been prone to accept certain conditions in sports heretofore, that the west has sought to eliminate. For instance the east at present is far behind the west in its attitude toward scouting and proselytism. Eastern preparatory schools have often been little sub-training-stations for certain colleges. In fact scandals in the intercollegiate division of eastern athletics have been more numerous and more vicious than have such cases been in the west.

At present, Sol Metzger, an eastern coach and authority on intercollegiate relations, is writing a series of articles on the abuses that obtain in the east. His compilation of the cases would fill a good sized book. The west on the other hand has no such record.

The recent enactments of the Oregon faculty regarding scouting and the one-year rule is far in advance of eastern legislation in this regard. And the conditions in western athletics that gave rise to such legislation are nothing compared with unremedied conditions in the east. Seldom does athletic legislation in the east get beyond recommendations offered by amateur representatives of sports. Seldom does legislation in the east originate with a single institution. And at best, such legislation is nothing but a "gentleman's agreement," subject to violation. The only sin seems to lie in getting caught in the act.

How, then, we ask, can western athletics be condemned for certain major evils that do not actually exist. The spirit, we think, of many a criticism—written and oral—of western athletics is based primarily on conditions that are foreign. On the other hand, any one will admit that athletics are not ideal in the west. But the fact that the west leads in legislation to reduce evils that do not compare with eastern evils should be a reason for paying a tribute to, rather than framing an indictment of, college sports in the west.

Lafayette college will receive \$200,000 from the general education board of the Rockefeller Foundation, as a nucleus of a million dollar endowment fund which is being raised by that institution.

Of the forty-four graduates of the Pulitzer school of journalism of Columbia university, all but five are engaged in newspaper work, and all but one are making their living by writing.

Contrary to the custom of closing formal dances at two o'clock, the women of the university of Kansas have presented a resolution expressing themselves in favor of all dances stopping at one o'clock.

According to recent athletic statistics issued at Harvard, 1126 students have engaged in major and minor sports during 1915.

## CAMPUS NOTES

Roger Jane spent the week-end in Portland.

Marshall Woodworth spent the week-end in Albany.

Helen Purington and Grace Reid spent the week-end in Portland.

Mrs. Tischer of Salem, is visiting her daughter Mary at Mary Spiller hall.

Will Burgard and Leslie Toose were guests of Kappa Alpha Theta for Sunday dinner.

Emerson Merrick, ex-'16, of Medford, spent the week-end at the Delta Tau Delta house.

Kappa Alpha Theta guests for Sunday evening lunch were: Bob Langley and Merlin Batley.

Miss Perkins, Mr. J. T. Williamson, of La Grande and Ellis Williamson were Sunday dinner guests of Alpha Phi.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Dixon, Miss Dorothy Dixon and Richard Dixon were Sunday dinner guests of Pi Beta Phi.

Dr. and Mrs. Straub, Dr. and Mrs. H. D. Sheldon and Miss Patterson were Sunday dinner guests of Mary Spiller Hall.

Sunday dinner guests of Delta Tau Delta were: Meader Fletcher, Dr. William Parsons and H. F. Cotton, of Portland.

Chi Omega has received word that Mrs. Charles Gray is in Alabama just now. She will return for the second semester by Canadian road.

Professor and Mrs. Graham Mitchell, Judge Thompson, Clark Thompson, Dave Wilson, Dorsey Howard, Shay Huntington were dinner guests at the Gamma Phi Beta house Sunday.

One more week-end intervenes now before examination time, when all outdoor sports will be stopped for a while. Serious review and study have already begun and few gaieties will be indulged in now.

The A. D. A. club of Corvallis entertained several Delta Delta Delta members with a Theatre party Friday night and with a dance Saturday night. Those enjoying the hospitality were: Marie Churchill, Ruth Ralston, Gladys Childs, Margaret Spangler, Winifred Starbuck, Juanita Wilkins, Louise Leiter, Agnes Driscoll, and Norma Graves, who is attending Monmouth Normal school.

Snow and sleighbells were the keynote of the many jolly parties this week-end. Sleds, as "trailers" to wagons, sleighs and automobiles, were seen along every street, filled with laughing, happy people. The golf links were dotted from morning till moonlight with toboggan parties, who cared not at all for "spills" into the snow. Every possible vehicle was turned into a sleigh and the merry jingle of the sleigh bells were heard all day long.

## COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, Jan. 18.—Board of Regents meeting.

2:00 p. m.—"Why Great Britain entered the War." Dr. Schafer, Library basement.

7:30 p. m.—Faculty Colloquium.  
Wednesday, Jan. 19.—10 a. m.—Assembly address—"Education Through Music." Illustrated—Prof. Landsbury.

2:00 p. m.—Commerce Lecture—Architecture Building.

4:00 p. m.—Four o'clock lecture—Dr. Rebec.

4:00 p. m.—"The Student Volunteer Movement." Physics lecture room. Deady—J. Lovell Murray.

Thursday, Jan. 20. 8:00 p. m.—Reading "Hannele," Prof. Reddie. Guild Hall.

Friday, Jan. 21. 8 p. m.—"Sacred Ground."—Reading by Prof. Reddie.

Wednesday, Jan. 26. 10 a. m.—"Wonder-color Pictures."—Assembly.

Friday, Jan. 28. 8 p. m.—"Miss Forbes' students' recital. Villard.

## DRAMATIC NOTES

(MARTHA BEER)  
At a meeting of the senior play committee at the Kappa Alpha Theta house yesterday, a selection for the annual dramatic performance was discussed. Several productions were considered and the choice was finally narrowed down to the following four: "Green Stocking," "Seven Days," "The Friend From India" and "The Gallopers." These plays have been ordered and will be carefully read by the committee before a final decision is made.

Rehearsals for "The Taming of the Shrew," which is to be given by the Guild Players, February 25 and 26, begin today. Steady drilling has been planned and the cast will endeavor to give a letter-perfect production.

"What the Public Wants," which was given by the Drama Guild last week, has been highly praised by all who attended. The guild has been especially successful in its choice of stage settings. The scene of the third act (the interior of an English home in a small town), has been particularly commented upon by many for its beautiful color effects.

## INTRA-MURAL SPORT IS POPULAR WITH FANS

### Basketball, Initial Experiment, Well Attended and Game Is Played Cleanly.

With eight natty attired quintets striving earnestly for victory each night before two or three hundred wildly enthusiastic student fans, intra-mural basketball approaches big league stuff.

**Good Material Developed**  
Coach Bezdek says: "Some mighty good material is being developed for varsity teams by this doughnut series. The play is getting cleaner, too; every night the number of fouls called decreases; they are getting the 'hang' on the wall' idea of their heads and playing real basketball."

Instead of eliminating a team with the first defeat, as in past years, each team plays every other and the one with the best percentage at the end is winner of the cup. The new arrangement is a success, as is evidenced by the present situation. Delta Tau Delta and Phi Delta Thetas are tied for the leadership, with one defeat each and the Oregon club, Sigma Chi, Kappa Sigma and the Dormitory are all tied for second, with two unfortunate affairs to their discredit. Every one of the six teams is on edge and pulling for somebody to drag down one of the leaders from the perch.

And the crowds, about equally divided between the boys and the girls, share the keen interest. In fact, the crowd more closely resembles an intercollegiate game audience than a doughnut following.

**Faculty Is Behind Innovation**  
This increased interest and emphasis on intra-mural sports came through the suggestion of the special athletic committee of the faculty, which is trying:

1. To provide an incentive and an opportunity for every student to secure at least one hour's physical activity daily as a balance to the sedentary demands of university life;
2. To conserve the social and moral values of games and sports and to secure to every student the fullest opportunity for their practice;
3. To develop the habit of exercise.

**Tennis and Golf Encouraged**  
Twelve new tennis courts, a golf course, a new permanent baseball diamond and a women's pavilion will come up before the board of regents for ratification at their meeting Tuesday.

Professor DeCou, chairman of the faculty committee on intra-mural sports, is very confident that the board of regents will provide for all of the above and thinks the women's pavilion will be in use within a month.

### Women's Pavilion Is Assured

The plan is for a frame building 50x80 feet, roofed over and open at the sides above the first three feet, to be built at once on the south side of the women's gymnasium. The pavilion would double the present floor space, make possible a much better schedule of required gymnasium work, especially for the sophomore girls, provide outdoor exercises during the rainy season in basketball, tennis, volleyball, indoor baseball and be in constant use at all seasons. Miss Cummings says: "This school can, at comparatively small cost, relieve the congestion in lower class work, offer opportunities for continuing exercise to upperclass women, and obtain the benefits of outdoor exercise at a season when most colleges are offering only indoor work."

### Will Add Diamond in Year

The committee, with President Campbell, definitely plan to get one new baseball diamond for next year. It will be on the new field southeast of the campus and will be used by the varsity this spring leaving the old diamond on the campus for the use of the doughnut league and class games. If the permanent field cannot be gotten into condition in time, another temporary field may be provided, according to Professor DeCou.

### 12 Tennis Courts for 400 Players

The old "duck pond" and campus just north of the women's tennis courts, will be modeled into 12 dirt tennis courts, surfaced with rock dust. The surface will then be treated with crude oil, which will keep the grass down and provide a resilient footing, besides shedding water. "There is every indication that these courts will be ready for use this spring, and that one or more permanent cement courts will be added each year," say the committee. A dozen courts will accommodate for play three times a week about 400 men and women.

### Golf Day Is After Exams.

A golf course is an extensive thing and will be installed the first Saturday after examinations, which will be golf day. Professor Prescott hopes to have at least a hundred men at work in the morning; at noon the women will serve a picnic luncheon and in the afternoon those skilled in the art of wielding golf clubs will endeavor to wise up the ignorant on golf terms and utensils and how to use them.

The course will be nine holes, and will give opportunity for sufficient exercise throughout the year for 200 persons. It will be possible with a little practice to play around in one hour.

The committee consists of Professor DeCou, chairman; Professors Howe, Dymond and Prescott; Mr. Hayward, Mr. Bezdek, Miss Cummings and President Campbell, ex-officio.

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