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What's Wrong With The Council.

A FEW years ago some of the then-progressive leaders of the campus proposed an experiment to see if student government and control would not be possible within a few years. The result was an entire recasting of the student organization then existing, and a substitution of the present mechanism in the student body politic.

Without one iota of pessimism, that experiment seems to be a failure from the present complexion of matters. It was the idea of the progenitors of the plan to make the student council a nucleus of the proposed student government. Without casting any adverse reflection on the present personnel of that body, it is evident to any observer that, as a nuclear unit of self-government, the student council is a poor argument in favor of the original idea.

What's the matter? One word will state the whole evil: There is too much "cutting," and, as a result, a small portion of that body is trying to guide the fortune of the whole organization. Such a state of affairs is dangerous to the student body politic. The student council is supposedly a body which reflects all phases of student sentiment and which meets semi-weekly to thresh out the problems of the University. Nothing is supposed to be settled without a full expression of these various segments of student opinion. But how can there be a full and free expression when there is not a full attendance. Chronic absenteeism has no excuse; it is a down-and-out negligence of pledged duties, and as such should be stopped.

But the crux of the matter is this: The campus is over-organized. Members of the student council are absent because there is too much counter-organization. Everything on the campus is over-done except the vital things, such as studies and governmental activities.

It would be out-and-out muckerism to prognosticate an evil disease without proposing a cure. The only cure, we think, is along this line:

1. Over-organization should be stopped by regulatory measures by means of establishing a standard method of permitting additional organizations to be established. Such standard should be established, and permits extended to an organization according to its character, the demand, the benefits, and the existence of like organizations.

2. A permanent board selected as a standing committee of the student council should be entrusted with the preliminary report and recommendations, which shall be passed on by the student council by secret ballot in the presence of a representative of the proposed organization, who may present his petition in person.

The question of over-organization should be settled for once and for all, and that soon. It is the predominant evil of the University, and one of its evils is that it engulfs the students in such a mire of engagements that those entrusted with the government of the student body are lax as to their attendance at meetings.

The Emerald proposes that this matter be brought up at a subsequent meeting of the student council when there is a fairly full attendance. The student council has the power in a matter of this kind; and, as an evil which threatens the efficiency of the very body that has the power of eliminating it, the disease of over-organization should receive the prompt attention of that body.

The Student-Faculty Forum Idea.

A FACULTY member after reading a recent Emerald editorial—*An Era of Bad Feeling*—wrote a valuable communication which was published on this page at the time. The idea expressed in the communication was that a student-faculty forum should be formed, and that this body thresh out problems that are of interest and affect the relations of students and faculty.

It was suggested that the proposed plan will in a way revive the spirit which formerly reposed in literary societies, the spirit of debate. This spirit would be accompanied by results. In debating societies the effort spent in preparing a question seems hardly worth the result, since the result is far from tangible. Besides the old idea of "argument for the sake of argument" is a thing of the past.

In the plan suggested there would be the benefit of effective presentation of issues by the members and at the same time there would be something tangible to be gained.

There are some features of the plan that hardly seem feasible, but the main suggestion—that a forum be established in which student and faculty sentiment would be focused in effective presentation with the practical view of influencing student and faculty legislation—seems not only plausible and practical, but also highly desirable.

Such an organization would more than justify its existence if, in the course of a few years, it could do away with the schism that at present characterizes the relationship between professor and student—not more so at Oregon than at other similar institutions.

WALTER GREBE IMPROVING

Diminutive Athlete and Musician Has Chance to Survive Illness.

Walter Grebe, last year's second baseman on the varsity baseball team and this year's president of the University band is in the hospital ill with erysipelas. Doctors declare that his condition is very serious.

Yesterday, after an injection of serum he seemed better, but late last night he suffered a relapse, and is worse today.

Grebe was a member of the University Glee Club. He is a trombone player and it is on him that the Glee Club depends for all trombone solos.

His father, H. Grebe, came into town Thursday at 1:15 a. m., but was not admitted to the hospital until yesterday, when he found the condition of his son to be much more promising. Grebe was not informed of the seriousness of the case until he began to recover somewhat.

Clelland and Howard Coffey of Portland are in the city and have been rendering remarkable service to the patient.

Members of his fraternity house say that his physical condition was much run down as a result of playing the heavy intra-mural basketball schedule without training, coaching or professional advice.

COMMUNICATIONS

To the Emerald—I noticed in last night's (Thursday's) Emerald, a statement credited to Superintendent J. A. Churchill, saying that he estimated the freshman class in September to be 50. This was not the statement as given to the reporter, because I happen to be responsible for this myself in the matter of general conversation. Probably the reporter misunderstood. The words used were the "second semester," not September, at all. I make this statement in fairness to Superintendent Churchill.

N. C. GRIMES,
Secretary.

CAMPUS NOTES

Friday evening Mrs. George F. Croner and Mrs. J. E. Titus entertained for Alpha Tau Omega with an informal dance at the Country club. Mr. and Mrs. Thurston and Dr. and Mrs. Titus were patrons and patronesses.

Beatrice Thurston, a Chi Omega from the University of Washington, is working in the extension department.

President Prince L. Campbell will address the Eugene Commercial club at its next luncheon, Wednesday, January 26, on "Impressions of the East."

The Oregon Teacher's Monthly for this month has a contribution by Dr. R. C. Clark, professor of history, who regularly conducts a department devoted to Oregon governmental affairs. Dr. Clark's article covers local elections, the registration of voters, certain facts on the land grant case, and the state expenditures for 1916.

Those students who wish to enter their names for the Failing and Beekman prizes should do so at once. The time limit for the registering of names has been extended from January 15 to the end of this semester, to give those who have not already done so an opportunity to enter the contest. Only two names have been sent in so far, Cloyd Dawson and E. W. Heckart.

Last Wednesday 100 colored views of Yellowstone Park were exhibited before the class in elementary geology. These were loaned by the Northern Pacific railway company. They will be shown again next semester in connection with Professor Mitchell's class in physiography.

H. B. Miller, director of the school of commerce, addressed the Portland teachers' meeting today on "Education for Modern Times."

PRESS NOTES

EMPRESS VAUDEVILLE
A varied and pleasing bill of six novel attractions will be presented at the Eugene theatre Tuesday, Jan. 25. When it comes to grace, skill and charm, the headline honors must be given to Johnny Fogarty's 1916 Dancing Review, three couples, including Mr. Fogarty, introducing some of the most modern dances. As a special feature which all patrons, youngsters and grownups will enjoy to the limit will be the offering furnished by Tchow's Cats. Directed by Madame Tchow, these educated felines perform most remarkable feats. Adams and Guhl, comedians and parodists; well known to all theatre-goers, will present a clever satire on insurance with a large assortment of parodies on the latest songs. The Helen Carlos trio, who are exponents of artistic and sensational roller skating, will introduce many figures that are new and original and executed only by them. The Misses Smith and Hunter will present a sketch entitled "Class and Culture," in which Miss Smith's anti-suffrage recitation is most interesting to the fair sex. Mlle. Emeric and company will present a sensational disrobing aerial novelty, introducing an entirely new line of aerial feats. The Melody Trio will offer a singing and piano act.

MANY STUDENTS OFF TO WAR.
McGill University, Canada, has so many students serving in the armies in Europe that the authorities have decided to discontinue intercollegiate contests for the rest of this year.

"LOST AND FOUND" ARTICLE INCREASE SPORADICALLY

Collection in Villard and Library Big Enough to Start in the Co-operative Store.

Some one on the campus is carrying around with him a watch minus the stem winder and probably hoping that another will sprout in its place when warmer weather comes.

If that person would call on the janitor in Villard hall his lost property will be returned to him and if the owners of the various other specimens in the case museum there will also claim their belongings they will save the necessity of adding an annex to house the rapidly increasing collection.

This now consists of one cuff link, two pair of gloves (mates) one odd glove, one pair of glasses, one check book, one earring (owner may identify by producing mate), two keys, one watch fob, one collar clasp, one fancy pin, and four bar pins of varying sizes.

The library also conducts a lost and found bureau which just now is in possession of one pocket dictionary, one fleur-de-lis pin, and one handkerchief, the corner knotted into a container for small change.

In the Woman's gymnasium lost articles seem to predominate. One slip of paper posted on the bulletin board announces that a small black purse containing 81 cents is missing while another written by a modern successor to Cinderella, reads, "Lost, a pair of black, ballet slippers, nearly new, about size four, Friday afternoon in or near Men's gymnasium. Please return."

Fountain pens figure largely among the lost articles. One of the librarians says no sooner does she post "Found, a fountain pen. Enquire at desk" than a regular procession comes to claim it. When pens are lost during assemblies and placed in the case in Villard hall they seldom remain there many hours.

Text books are often found in the Library on the tables but, in spite of their unpopularity, they are claimed promptly. But they are quite unlike the articles of adornment reposing in Villard hall for some of them have remained there several months and the watch fob even for even since last year.

HOME SCIENCE CLUB

Prehistoric man buried his meat and nuts and roots in the ashes. Medieval man cooked by the slow heat of the open fire place, understanding well that flavor juices, and digestibility were improved by long slow cooking. Today, the good cook is the one who lets time have a hand in the process.

The fireless cooker, simplest of household articles, once you have used it, is the modern embodiment of this process. I am sure that the single student or small group, who prepare either a part or all of their meals, would find a simple, home made fireless cooker, the greatest of time savers. To eat just one of the good concoctions possible to achieve with meat, rice, beans, vegetables, dried fruits, simple puddings and soups would convert the stoniest skeptic. Either a patent cooker, or the home-made one, is as easy to handle as a Brownie kodak.

How to Make Fireless Cooker

A covered box full of saw dust, or similar non-conducting substance, with a lining of burlap that leaves a cavity the size of a cooker kettle, all covered with a feather pillow, is the sum of the directions for making. The kettle containing the food must be boiling rapidly when stored, after having boiled from ten to twenty minutes, according to the food. After from two to six hours, according to the kind of food, meat comes out tender, juicy, full of delightful odors. Rice is as whole and unbroken as before cooking, but very tender and well flavored. Stews of meat and vegetables, boiled dinners, after the old style fashion, and cereals that taste like some new and strange food of the Gods, come out of your homely box, with the minimum of effort on your part.

A kettle with a loose lid, boiling rapidly on top of the stove, may cook your food, but much that you pay for is lost in the air of the kitchen. This loss is very important, as it is chiefly the very elements are needed most, and they are actually "gone up in smoke" and you have them not.

Fireless cooked food does not shrink as it does in open cooking. I have adopted some recipes, stolen some, and invented others, that are the joys of our lives. I will gladly write out and mail any of these dishes to any one desiring them, and further information will be given freely to any one calling 1200R at any time.

SUGGESTS DEBATE CHANGE.

Miami University has suggested a new idea in regard to intercollegiate debating. The debaters of each college or university are to select their question and then travel from one town to another, giving the same topic at each place.

VALE ATHLETICS PAY.

With a losing team this fall the Vale Athletic Association was still able to take in approximately \$115,000, of which over \$100,000 was taken at the Princeton and Harvard games.

HARVARD GETS NEW POOL.

Harvard is to have a new swimming pool. The alumni and the undergraduates have already subscribed \$10,000 toward the fund for building the pool.

WOMEN WANT BUILDING, TOO.

The Women at the University of Missouri have started a campaign for a woman's building.

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