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Reward The Yell Leader.

IT IS interesting to note that the movement inaugurated last week by the student council to reward the yell leader with a symbol of honor is by no means new with Oregon, as some antagonists think.

There is a movement at the University of Washington with the same aim and purpose. The Owl club of the northern institution has broached the matter and is preparing to introduce the plan to the student body in the form of an amendment to the constitution. If this amendment passes, the "yell king" will receive his "W" at Washington the same as does the debater or other aspirants for letters.

One thing must be taken into consideration and that is whether the awarding of a letter to the yell leader will in any way tend to lower the value of these symbols.

Letters are awarded to some of the participants in minor sports who do not work nearly as hard as does the yell leader. Moreover athletic victories are due to some extent to the yell leader. We have yet to see the football player who cannot feel the power that a rooting squad puts into him, even though he may not hear the war-cry in the excitement of battle.

A college to be victorious in athletics must have an organized "pepful" rooting section which is impossible without the organizing force which rests in the yell leader. For the past few years there has been a noticeable lack of candidates for the position of yell leader. The position seems to have lost its former glory and power, not to mention its forceful personalities. In the past there was a scramble for the position, but last year the student council had to select a temporary leader and then prevail on him to take the position for the season, which he did. But the question is how can the position be raised to higher appreciation; how can the office—one of the most difficult to fill properly—be made worth while to candidates who have the ability?

Any student who has crammed late at night for an economic quizz knows the answer. Increase the reward. The highest possible reward in college is the coveted letter. Reward the yell-leader with a letter, different, of course, from other letters, and the incentive is provided, and the job will no longer have to go begging for a candidate.

At the same time the Emerald recommends that a permanent advisory committee be placed under the chairmanship of the yell leader, who is elected by the student council. This committee will assist and confer with the yell leader on all questions of stunts, decorations, practices and the numerous other duties that are far too numerous for a single person to attend to efficiently.

Under such a system each season will bring out a number of prospective yell leaders, who will try-out for the position. Appointments will be made by the student council on a kind of civil service basis. The right man will get the job, others will prepare for the position in advance by tutoring under the appointee for a year, and the job will automatically take care of itself as far as candidates are concerned.

What's In a Kiss?

THE GRIP is still in the air, which reminds us of an interesting article by Woods Hutchinson, M. D., who writes very interestingly from personal experience.

The perils of osculation, like the Perils of Elaine, are overhauled in the press, says this popular medical writer. Like any other form of direct personal contact, it is quite capable of spreading the grip, but the actual per cent played by the kiss in spreading the infection is little more than trivial.

Then the doctor goes on to say that there is very little of it, except within the family, where it creates about as much havoc as the bayonet does in modern warfare. But continues the learned doctor, it would be well to abolish the foolish and frivolous pecking that girls engage in when they meet each other.

The article goes on with—and we will end this with—a very salient statement; to wit,

"With the sneeze killing at twenty feet and everybody doing it and the kiss only an occasional luxury, it seems a pity to denounce one of the few pleasures of life on account of the infinitesimal part which it may play in spreading infection."

Isn't it a sad but nevertheless true statement of the professorial temperament that they all seem to act in perfect harmony; a few months ago the assignments were short and easy. Immediately before examinations, everybody has a baker's dozen of themes to write, 200 pages to read, outside readings galore and what-not. How can a student live on 24 hours a day without flunking. Huh?

WASHINGTON MAY GIVE "W" TO YELL KINGS

Oval Club of Northern University Proposes Constitutional Amendment to Provide Incentive

A movement with the purpose of awarding a "W" to the yell king at the University of Washington is being forwarded by the Oval club. The letter which would be given is a gold one and is the same design as that formerly given in minor sports.

The Oval club intends to present its plan to the student body in the form of an amendment to article 7 of the by-laws of the associated students. This amendment being passed, the yell king would receive his letter through service just the same as a debater or other "W" aspirant.

Too Much for Nothing
"The yell king has to work too hard for nothing," said George Mathieu, chairman of the committee which has the work in charge. "He does as much and more than the debaters and several of the athletic position. Because of the work accomplished by the king we feel that he should be rewarded and we hope that the student body will aid us."

"I doubt if this work should be considered enough to be rewarded by a 'W,'" said King Herrick this morning. "If the students think that it would be lowering the present standard of the letter to award one to this position they do not want to be backward about turning the resolution down. We certainly want to put a high standard for obtaining one."

CAMPUS NOTES

With only one week before semester exams, little time is left for dinners and dances. Instead the library receives first choice in the "Where to Go" list. However, the first weeks of the second semester will make amends with a large number of gaieties. Arrangements are being perfected for the Freshmen Glee and a number of other formal are scheduled.

James Huggins, of Portland, was a Saturday dinner guest at the Delta Gamma house.

Sunday evening Louise Allen entertained at her home the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. delegation which toured Southern Oregon during the Christmas holidays. Those present were: Mr. J. D. Foster, Professor R. P. Reader, James McCallum, Walter Dimm, Ralph Allen, Dolph Phipps, Gerry Watkins, Lynn McCready, Clyde Hall, Ruth Wilson, Ruth Nye, Agnes Dunlap, Frances Prater, Margaret Crosby, Miss Mary Gillies, and Louise Allen.

Sunday dinner guests at the Delta Gamma house were Louise Bailey, Irene Rugh, Genevieve Shaver, Grace Reed, Beatrice Smith and Miss Griffin.

Dinner guests at Sigma Chi Sunday were Mrs. Watson, Dorothy Bennett, Bernice Lucas, Beatrice Thurston, Esther Fenton, Erna Petzold, Helen Purington, Sylvia Lloyd, Mona Dougherty and Eulalie Crosby.

Henry Howe was a Monday luncheon guest at the Delta Tau Delta house.

Karl Becke and Morgan Watson were Sunday dinner guests at the Kappa Alpha Theta house.

Alene Phillips spent the week-end at Monmouth.

Frances Adams and Alice Cornwall of Corvallis spent the week-end at the Kappa Alpha Theta house.

Mary Spiller Sunday dinner guests were Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Schafer, Professor and Mrs. A. R. Sweetser, and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Dixon.

Delta Tau Delta Sunday dinner guests were Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Morton, Claire Raley, Marian Springer, Mary Dunn and Mildred Brown.

Margaret Casey was called home Monday noon by the death of her aunt, Mrs. Deller of Portland.

Beta Theta Pi Sunday dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Gillette, Mamie Gillette, Professor and Mrs. Dunn, Dorothy Dunn and Barriam Dunn.

Gerry Watkins was a luncheon guest Monday noon of Beta Theta Pi.

FACULTY DOINGS

Upon the call of the president of the Oregon Irrigation congress recently held in Portland, President P. L. Campbell has selected the following persons to serve on a committee representing the University, at an Irrigation, Drainage, and Rural Credits congress: Hon. W. K. Newell, H. B. Miller, F. G. Young, and J. W. McArthur. It is the plan of this congress to draft certain constitutional amendments, providing for state guarantee of principal and interest on irrigation and drainage district bonds and to devise a system of rural credits.

Dr. John J. Landsbury, head of the piano department of the school of Music, will give the second lecture in his series on "Musical Thought", Wednesday afternoon at 4 p. m. in Dean Straub's classroom. The subject will be "The Career of the Motive."

The last number of the Oregon Voter devoted over four pages to a favorable

criticism of Dr. James D. Barnett's new book.

The executive committee of the board of Regents will meet with President Campbell in his office Wednesday night January 26.

Colin V. Dymont, Earl Kilpatrick and James H. Gilbert will spend Friday, January 28, in Portland, representing the University at the Safety Forum held under the auspices of the public safety committee of the Portland chamber of commerce.

Wednesday, January 26, at 2 p. m. Dr. Don C. Sowers, will lecture to the commerce students and others interested in Architectural hall on "The Work of the Carnegie Institute."

ALUMNAE ENTERTAINED

Eugene Branch of Collegiate Alumnae Holds Business and Social Meeting

The Eugene branch of the association of collegiate alumnae was entertained by Miss M. Ruth Guppy, Miss Harriet Thomson, and Mrs. E. L. Knapp in the tea room of the Hotel Osburn, Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Warren Du Pre Smith presided over the business meeting.

Mrs. Roswell Dusch, of the art department of the University gave a talk on "The Art That is Around Us," which was followed by an informal discussion of Japanese art.

Miss Guppy was appointed chairman of a committee to arrange for securing the \$500 pledged for the women's building at the University.

Those of the Alumnae present were: Mrs. Warren Du Pre Smith, Mrs. George Rebec, Mrs. L. H. Johnson, Mrs. E. C. Robbins, Mrs. R. W. Winger, Mrs. S. D. Allen, Mrs. Percy Collier, Mrs. A. M. Spangler, Mrs. L. R. Edmunson, Mrs. W. F. Osburn, Miss M. Ruth Guppy, Miss Harriet Thomson, Miss Beatrice Baker, Miss Amy Dunn, Miss Ida Patterson, Miss I. Louise Fitch, Miss Harriet Patterson, Miss Mary Perkins and Mrs. E. L. Knapp.

"FEWER PAPERS, MORE SECTION WORK," EDICT

Doctor Bates Discusses Future Policy of the English Teachers' Association.

Hereafter fewer papers will be read and more time will be devoted to the sections, as far as the work of the Oregon conference of English teachers is concerned. This is the policy laid down for the coming year by Dr. E. S. Bates, newly-elected president of that branch of the state teachers' association.

Emphasizes Section Work

"I hope to have at least one day given over to the special sections next year," said Dr. Bates. "As it is now the meetings take the form of talks to the high school and grade teachers and sectional discussions. At least two full meetings should be given over to the sections, which was not done at the Medford meeting. I have planned for not more than four papers, so that ample time may be given to the discussion of vital problems. I consider the work in the sections more important than the papers because there questions of policies and definite working plans can be considered and carried out. The sections are really doing something."

Predicts Use of Simplified Spelling.

"There were several fine papers read at the last conference, however. The one that I consider the most important was on 'Simplified Spelling,' read by Professor George A. Danton, of Reed College, before a joint meeting of the Foreign Language and English conference.

"Simplified spelling will come into the schools as surely as women's suffrage will become nation-wide. It is only a question of time with both. I am thoroughly in sympathy with its use—in moderation.

"The first twelve words to be adopted by the National Educational association, about 15 years ago, are already being used in the English department of the University. These include altho, thro, thurofare, thoro, thoro,ly, catalog, and decalog. The adoption here will go much further, but the change will be gradual. There has been a great change in public attitude toward the question since 1905. At that date, when I was a student at Columbia university, I remember that the press and the professors in that part of the country merely laughed at the idea of adopting such a foolish system. Now they are considering it seriously."

COMPOSER OF SLOGAN IS GRADUATE OF '99

Mrs. Bertha Slater Smith, who recently won a \$25 cash prize for composing the best rose festival slogan, was graduated from the University of Oregon in 1899 and was instructor in English at the University for several years during the professorship of Luella Clay Carson.

Mrs. Slater is the aunt of May Neill who is now attending University, and of James Neill, '10, and Will Neill, '12. She is the daughter of James H. Slater, pioneer U. S. Senator from Oregon, and the sister of Woodson T. Slater, '83, former member of supreme court of Oregon and alumni president from 1911-13. James D. Slater another brother, is an attorney and mayor of La Grande.

Mrs. Slater's slogan which was chosen from 12,000 reads:
For you a rose
In Portland grows."

BEN DORRIS EMPLOYED IN ST. HELENS PLANT

Ben F. Dorris, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Dorris, left Eugene January 18 to accept a position with the St. Helens Shipbuilding company of St. Helens, Oregon.

Mr. Dorris had been employed for two and a half years in the engineering department of the Willamette Pacific company, building the railroad from Eugene to Marshfield. During two years of this time Mr. Dorris attended the University graduating in 1914. In his senior year he was manager of the Oregon and the following year was president of the senior class. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

He was recommended for this position by J. J. Delaney, chief clerk in the offices of the Willamette Pacific.

3 OF FACULTY TO ATTEND PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING

The University will be represented at the public safety meeting in Portland, Friday, January 28, by Earl Kilpatrick, of the school of extension and Professor C. V. Dymont and Dr. J. H. Gilbert.

During the reorganization of the Portland chamber of commerce a committee on

public safety was appointed. Representatives of various organizations and institutions will meet with this committee next Friday in a safety forum to discuss ways and means of accident prevention.

Accidents Due to Carelessness

Three fourths of the accidents in Oregon industry are due to carelessness or ignorance, according to Mr. Kilpatrick.

The accident commission provides a compensation for men injured in industry but it would be more economical to the state to spend money educating the people in accident prevention. The public safety meeting will take steps in this direction.

Will Educate People

The public safety committee will educate both those people who are working in dangerous places and may be injured, and those who may injure other people through carelessness. In factories and mills a campaign will be waged against improper clothing, such as loose coats which could be easily caught in machinery. Warning posters will be placed in factories and instruction will be given all new employees concerning the dangers of the machinery. Public safety education will be carried on in the schools and by means of exhibits.

The University of Oregon will cooperate in this work through promoting careful study of conditions and by furnishing to different organizations lantern slides showing how accidents occur and how they may be prevented.

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