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The Emerald Quits—For a While.

THE EMERALD, at the first of the college year, had visions of martyrdom; in fact we looked up a lot of mouldy history and found that away back in the days when printing was a dream, there lived a king by the name of Sapor, who lived happily ever after—after he had beheaded a miserable scribe for wielding too vitriolic a pen. After the elapse of one semester, we too, have decided that the job is not as sanguinary and romantic as we first anticipated.

It has been the policy of the Emerald in the past half year to refrain from publishing letters that it has received concerning itself. Now is the time to reveal the general character of these letters. Some have been unfit for printing. Certain alumni and others have persistently lambasted the staff for its policy. On the other hand letters of commendation have been received—letters that spread it a little too thick. We have published neither kind of communication for obvious reasons. But we take the opportunity at this time to thank these critics, and the spirit is not one of mockery. We feel that we have accomplished our purpose to some extent if we have been praised and blamed.

At the same time we have received a few letters—letters from recent students—saying that since leaving school their ideals had become loftier on the matter of what a college paper should and should not do. And appended to these letters were lists of "thou shalt" and "thou shalt not." Some were of the opinion that the editorial column should contain a series of baccalaureate sermons on the value of a college education, on the value of studying and doing nothing else, on the value of abolishing intercollegiate sports. Others have been of the opinion that a college paper should be nothing but a bulletin board, showing where so and so was to lecture next week, and all of that sort of stuff.

We will not try to justify our policy to these individuals, only to say that we hope that the majority of graduates do not change so easily. We can see the good of everything that exists on the campus, but we could see no possible good in turning the University of Oregon into a monastery.

Before examinations, we wish to express our gratitude to the staff for its efficient work throughout the first of the year. Well might it be said without exaggeration that the staff is one of the best that has ever worked on the Emerald, and the spirit is not one of flattery. The reporters, especially, have shown remarkable capacity for continued enthusiasm. Since the beginning of the year, some reporters have shown such a marked improvement that they are deserving of higher positions. Some few have shown a tendency to lose their "pep." During the first month of next semester a few shifts will be made in the staff. It has been a regrettable circumstance that some of the staff members are dead-heads. Their names will be removed unless more "pep" is shown in the first month of publication during the second semester.

It probably has been noticed that the Emerald this year is carrying more news per inch than ever before on account of the smaller seven point type, which has been in use since November 20—that most memorable of days. It has been a struggle to fill this space in the past month. Next semester the space will have to be filled, and in order not to put the additional work on the same staff, we will be glad to enlist any new reporters for tryout.

Communications to the Emerald have been a little scarce. We invite readers to write their views on current matters. If the Emerald is "wrong" on any stand, write it to us. A letter is the same as an editorial, and the editorial page of a college paper should be a forum for the students to express their opinions. Above all, the Emerald stands for freedom of speech.

Recreation After Examinations.

AFTER THE grind and worry of pre-examination days are over, after the blue books have been handed in, there will be a huge sigh of relief from the student body. There will be a few days of vacation until the grind of the second semester begins. During that short time, we know of no better method for recuperation than to forsake old haunts and take to the open road—take "her" with you. The snow is fast disappearing and the sun is warming up for spring. Students, who have come out of examinations with the wherewithal to continue their college education, are a little stiff in the cerebellum from too much mental exercise. To get the "kinks" out of a person's head, there is no better method than to take a long jaunt with the I-don't-care-if-I-ever-come-back-spirit. It's a long time from now until Spring vacation, and a "hike" away from the old associations will fit one mentally and physically for the long siege.

One of the most enterprising of Emerald reporters—a freshman with the "go-get 'em" spirit—asked for an additional assignment the other day. So he was assigned to ask certain professors what they were going to ask in examinations. He hasn't handed in the story yet, but if he does, there will be a special red edition of the Emerald at seven o'clock Monday morning.

TWO MARRIAGES AMONG GRADS. HELD LATELY

Anne Taylor and Ormond Rankin and Grace Lindburg and Dean Goodman Wed

Miss Anne Marie Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Taylor, of Portland, was married Thursday to Ormond Rankin, son of Mrs. C. N. Rankin, at the home of the bride's parents. Rev. John H. Boyd performed the ceremony. Both are former students of the University.

The affair was marked by charming simplicity, the young couple unattended and with only the immediate friends present.

The bride wore a blue messaline gown trimmed with silver, and her bouquet was of violets and lilies of the valley.

After the wedding supper the couple left for a short wedding trip. Mr. and Mrs. Rankin will be at home to their friends at 595 Lovejoy street, Portland, after February.

When Mrs. Rankin was a student at the University of Oregon, she was a member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

Mr. Rankin was graduated from Oregon with the class of 1910 and is now associated with the Fire Underwriters in Portland. He is a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

The marriage of Miss Grace Ruth Lindburg and Dean Trueman Goodman, ex '10, was solemnized Tuesday night at the White Temple in Portland. Rev. W. O. Shank officiating.

The church was thronged with guests and was decorated with countless palms. The bride was attended by Miss Mabel Frances Sheagreen as maid of honor and Miss Edna May Lindburg as bridesmaid. Little Marjorie McGinn was flowergirl. Harold Broughton, Harold Warner and Lloyd Harding, ushered the guests. Carl Gabrielson of Salem was the best man. A reception for the relatives and a few friends of the couple was held at the F. P. Sheagreen club after the ceremony.

Mrs. Goodman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lindburg and the bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Goodman.

The couple will make their home in The Dalles, where Mr. Goodman is in business.

Mr. Goodman was graduated from the University of Oregon with the class of 1910 and was a member of Beta Theta Pi.

NEW BOOKS FOR SECOND SEMESTER LISTED BY PROFS

Following is the list given out by the heads of the different departments of the University concerning the personnel of texts to be used in the February semester.

The Y. M. C. A. book-exchange advises all those who already have these books and wish to turn them into cash to bring them in as soon as possible.

Hawke—Advanced Algebra; Rothbrock—Trigonometry; Smith and Granville—Elementary Analysis and Calculus; Skinnert; Vida Scudder—Prometheus Unbound (Shelby); Kingsley—Yeast (Everyman's Ed); Butler—Ehewhon; W. H. Stone—Sound; Coriat—Abnormal Psychology; P. Janet—Major Symptoms of Hysteria; Murno—Government of European Cities, Governments of Europe; Ogg Harper and Wallace—Xenophon's Anabasis; Homer's Iliad; Blackmore and Gillin's—Outlines of Sociology; Honey—Business Organizations and Combinations; Hobson—Work and Wealth; Martin—Text Book of Mechanics; Hegner—College Zoology; Howell—Text Book of Physiology (6th Ed.); Boileau—Hand Book of Birds of Western United States; Williston—Cases on Contracts (Vol. 11); Gary—Cases on Property (Vol. 11); Ames and Smith—Cases on Torts (Ed. of 1909-1910, Vol. II.); Beals—Cases on Damages; Ames—Cases on Trusts, (2nd Ed.); First Year German: Storm's "Immensee"; Second Year German: Schiller's "Wilhelm Tell"; Second Year German: "Scheffel's "Ikkehard"; Gearhart's "Course in German." and Collin's "Bagster."

"KONTEMT KLIPPINGS"

THE TEMPTATION FOR MARKS

Professor Hamilton voiced a very vital problem last Sunday night when he declared that the greatest temptation of the college student was to sacrifice the solution of his own intellectual problem for marks in individual courses. That students do yield to this temptation is lamentably true, but is the fault entirely their own or are there other extenuating factors in the case?

Three distinct influences have more or less forced the student to yield, and the correction of these influences is not in the power of the student. The first factor is the marking system. The emphasis placed on marks, such a percentage being required to pass a course, and the exactness with which the varying abilities of the student are graded, push the undergraduate into the placing of undue importance on them. Secondly, examinations are usually of such a nature as to be mere tests of memory rather than tests of intelligence and ability. In the third place, the attitude of the professors often demands catering to marks, memory and facts, to the detriment of clear, original thinking.

Obviously we cannot remedy these faults at one full sweep; it would be too revolutionary to abolish all marks except merely the "passed-or-failed" system; it would be too demoralizing to cut out examinations and substitute original theses all at once; while the attitude of the professors is a thing which only the professors themselves can change, but this professional attitude is the one thing which can be changed at once with impunity. If the professor who insists so emphatically on the remembrance of facts, and all the facts, would consider for a moment that the educated man is not necessarily a walking book of facts, but a clear, logical, forceful thinker and would modify his teaching and requirements accordingly, it would go a long way to solve the temptation of college students.—Amherst College.

MUSIC STUDENTS TO GIVE FREE RECITAL SATURDAY

A public practice recital by the pupils in the school of music will be given in Recital hall Saturday, January 29th, at 3 o'clock. The following is the program:

1. Meadow Lark's Morning Song ... Frothingham
2. (a) Nela Garrison
- (b) Grandmother's Ghost Story—Kullak
- (b) Birds in the Wood ... Hollaender
- Elizabeth Bean.
3. (a) Lullaby ... Martin
- (b) Brownies' Dance ... Martin
- Orma Slattery
4. Winter Holiday ... Grant-Schaefer
- Orlando Hollis
5. (a) Dancing Song ... Wing
- (b) The Wind ... Wing
- Helen Gilbert
6. Jack and the Beanstalk ... Maxim
- Lilah McMurry
7. March of the Scouts ... Sharpe
- Alfonse Korn
8. A Winter Lullaby ... DeKoven
- Mildred Woodruff
9. Curious Story ... Heller
- Gertrude Livermore
10. Daisies ... Hawley
- Beatrice Yorlan
11. Romance ... Schumann
- Hazel Radabaugh
12. When Song is Sweet ... Welch
- Weltha Trafer
13. Of Thee I'm Thinking, Margaretha ... Meyer-Helmund
- Curtiss Peterson
14. March Mignonne ... Poldini
- Pearl Craine
15. (a) Like Melting Tones It Rises ... Brahms
- (b) On Sunday Morning ... Brahms
- (c) Within My Heart a Song I Found ... Bungert
- Mary Alice Gillette

Princeton recently won from Yale at hockey by a score of 2-1 in a sensational game at the St. Nicholas rink in New York City.

Another Year of the Panama-California Exposition at San Diego

This beautiful exposition will continue all the year 1916—bigger and better than ever. Many of the best exhibits from San Francisco have been transferred to San Diego. If you neglected to see San Diego in 1915 do not fail to see this beautiful city this year. The winter is the logical time too. Six months round trip tickets are on sale daily from all Pacific Northwest points to Southern California.

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