

TOOZE WOULD FORM POLITY CLUB HERE

Student President Advances Reasons for Establishment of Organization.

Along lines of improvement in the University of Oregon, Lamar Tooze is enthusiastically in favor of establishing a branch of the "International Polity Club," here. The club originated in England some years ago, but was not introduced to the United States until three years ago, according to Mr. Tooze.

"These branch clubs consider international affairs from every standpoint," says Tooze. "They are backed financially by Andrew Carnegie. The finest lecturers in the world are sent out without a cent of costs to the clubs. Such men as Norman Angel, editor of the "Paris Mail," can be obtained. The only cost would be that for the mailing of literature, and it would not amount to over twenty-five cents a month from each member of the club.

"Each year delegates from the different branches of the 'International Polity Club' meet in some city. This year the convention will take place at Madison, Wisconsin. Every branch club is allowed one or two delegates, whose expenses are all paid out of the Carnegie fund. No particular propaganda for or against war, suffrage, etc., is taken up; but a thorough study is made of each side of every question.

"The government of these local organizations is left entirely to the members. The only connection between them and the central body, is through the literature and lecturers. I think that by all means we should form a branch here at the University of Oregon. They are scattered all over the East but out here in the West there are none.

"Another thing that I think we should do to make the University of Oregon known throughout the East, is to send an athletic team on an eastern tour. They do not realize back East what Oregon really is. The Michigan-O. A. C. game caused the colleges and people back there to realize that there was somebody out here; and I think that a tour of our football team would wake them up. If the idea is congenial to the faculty, there is nothing that I would like to see done, greater than this."

Regarding his observations of European students and universities Mr. Tooze says, "The European students are far less conservative than we Americans. In our talks—they all speak good English—the foreign students would say just exactly what they thought without a thought of hesitating. They were far more radical in their ideas than we.

"One thing that impressed me, was the wish on the part of the college men to come over to the United States in order to finish up their education. Especially, did the students of engineering seem to desire that they might be able to attend American universities as soon as they had finished the work at their own schools.

"A strange sight to me, was that of seeing only one large building in both the University of Stockholm and Copenhagen. At each of these institutions the majority of the students are women. Two thirds of the student body at Copenhagen is composed of women.

"The European colleges do not have fraternities, but they have secret clubs. Their education is more of a classical nature and less practical than ours."

In order to form a bond between the 42 students who went on the Ford peace expedition, these members organized a society on the homeward trip with Miss Ora Guesford of the University of Iowa as secretary. The organization will publish a magazine called "The Challenge" monthly. The first issue will appear next month.

Among the other western students who went to Europe with Henry Ford were: A. J. Hettinger, Stanford; Paul Fuschell, University of California; and Emil Hurja, University of Washington. No other schools west of Nebraska were represented.

TRIPLE A TO DONATE TO BUILDING

Triple A met at the Chi Omega house Thursday afternoon, where it was voted to pledge something to the Women's building and to raise that amount by candy sales on the campus or at assembly.

The society will not meet again until the second week after exams, when the Kappa Kappa Gamma freshmen will be hostesses.

Adoption Simplified Spelling

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was put up to the faculty for vote at the present time, I would vote no," said Dr. James D. Barnett, professor of political science.

"I believe we could well adopt the 12 words first listed by the national commission," said Dr. D. W. Morton, dean of the school of commerce. "This would save time and labor in the commercial world and any economy along those lines is worth while. I do not think a wholesale change could be made at once—it must be a gradual process. I am doubtful how I shall vote if the University faculty ballots on the matter of adopting the Reed college system of spelling. I am open to argument."

Dr. E. S. Bates, head of the department of rhetoric, said: "The question is a far-reaching one, which I cannot go into without taking it up in detail. I can only say in a general way that I favor the plan."

"I am not at all radical on simplified spelling," said M. H. Douglass, University librarian. "I would not be in favor of adopting completely the phonetic system of spelling at Oregon, but I approve of certain modified forms. A complete change in the spelling forms should begin in the grades."

"I think that the modern style of spelling is barbarous and that no teacher thinks otherwise," said H. C. Howe, professor of modern English literature. "If the newspapers would use the simplified spelling, its success would be assured. Students in my courses are privileged to use simplified spelling if they will be consistent in its use."

The adoption of simplified spelling at this time would be forcing the matter, in the opinion of Mrs. Mable H. Parsons. She says she is very conservative in the matter of a change in spelling.

Dr. E. S. Conklin, head of the department of psychology, says he has used simplified spelling for years and allows his students to use it. If it were a question of adopting some form of simplified spelling for the University as a whole, the nature of his vote would depend largely upon the way in which the measure were worded—upon the exact nature of the proposition. Such an issue could be made ridiculous, he says, and he cannot say that he would vote either a definite yes or no, without knowing how it would be stated.

E. E. DeCou, head of the department of mathematics, favors gradual modification of spelling, but would strenuously oppose too many at once.

Colin V. Dymont, professor of journalism: "No."

"I think simplified spelling is a good thing, and were this subject to come to an issue before the faculty, I should certainly vote for it," said M. Ruth Guppy, dean of women.

R. W. Prescott, of the department of public speaking, favors a modification in spelling, although he said he was not acquainted with the system advanced by Dr. George Danton.

A. F. Reddie, professor of public speaking, is not in favor of the adoption of simplified spelling either in the University or in general. He does not believe that the system is any less arbitrary than the present way of spelling. He also fears that the roots of words will eventually be lost sight of by the proposed spelling.

"I believe it would be a good thing to introduce, providing it is done in a sane manner," said A. R. Sweetser, professor of botany. "The place to take it up is in the grades. 'If the University faculty votes on the introduction of 'simplified spelling' in the University, I shall oppose it. Students now have too much work to complete in their four years, without being bothered with learning to spell by new methods. Spelling is only a vehicle for carrying thought and expression."

"I am in favor of the adoption of some form of simplified spelling," said Eric W. Allen, dean of the school of journalism. "It would cost the universities nothing to start this thing, while it might cost publishers a great deal. I had personal experience with it some ten years ago as telegraph editor of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. That paper used it for several months, but finally yielded to economic pressure and restored the old system. People were more opposed to simplified spelling then than they are today."

"The history of our language has been one of evolution, and simplified spelling is but a simple extension of this evolution," said F. S. Dunn, head of the Latin department. "It seems inevitable, whether it comes in its most violent form or not. My compunctions are those of a linguist. Certainly, for the average person, simplified spelling is more comfortable, and were the matter to come to an issue, I should vote for it."

Dr. John Straub is in favor of the new form of spelling.

"I do not agree with Dr. Danton's plan entirely, but do believe that some of the more flagrant abuses of our language should be removed and that simplified spelling be adopted gradually," said Dr. R. C. Clark, professor of history.

O. F. Stafford favors a reasonable reform in spelling. He sees the practicability of such a reform, but has a sentimental desire to retain many of the old words.

"The crust of convention would be broken by using the simplified spelling methods," Dr. George Rebec, professor of philosophy, said. He himself is very much in favor of the methods being introduced into the University.

N. C. Grimes: I have a child now



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