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## The University Y. M. C. A. as a Statewide Influence.

THAT THE University Y. M. C. A. can be the source of great power for good in the state needs but a moment's thought to realize. Its particular field of service lies, of course, within the walls of the University, but its activities should become state-wide.

The new student leaving home to enter college, severs all former religious ties, and, if left to his own devices, may not form new ones. He is just at the age when freedom and independent thought makes a strong appeal, and he is apt to regard it as mature and manly to appear indifferent to religious matters. But if there is a strong Y. M. C. A., with an active secretary, and he is looked after, and invited to join, he can in most cases be enlisted in the ranks.

If the Y. M. C. A. numbers among its active members a goodly proportion of the leaders of student activities, athletic, and social as well as literary, the appeal to the new student becomes very strong.

It is to this splendid work of developing leaders in religious thought, unselfish service, and moral backbone, that the University Y. M. C. A. is devoted, and no other, or outside influence can accomplish the same work. As part of its work outside the University the association sends gospel teams, or deputations to many towns to stimulate the boys of the town in their interest in more education, in morality, and in religion. It also plans a social service survey of the counties of the state, which may develop to be of great service.

The people of the state ought to recognize the association as a power in the University and give it their moral and financial support.  
W. K. NEWELL.

## A Debt to Mother.

WHEN A young man comes to college it is usually at the cost of considerable sacrifice and possible hardship on the part of his parents. It is an added burden to those to whom he already owes more than can be repaid with labor or check book. How many of us appreciate that which is done for us by the "folks back home?" We take all that comes our way and seldom stop to think what our education may be costing in things denied to mother and father. Do we often reflect that our insight into knowledge and the world is an expensive gift?

Most of us come to college with injunctions to do only that which is best and worthiest. We come with excellent resolutions. How long do they last under the unrestrained freedom of college life? It is not usually long before we begin to backslide. We grow negligent, not only in religion but in other matters in which we have been trained most of our lives. How many of us have not taken up smoking during the first months of our freshman year? In college our habits, from our church attendance to our table manners, suffer a sudden and decided slump.

Do we not—all of us—owe more than we are giving to ourselves, friends, University—to the parents through whose sacrifices we are happy? Do we not owe a closer and more earnest attention to those ideals and duties in which we have been trained—to those things, perhaps, for which the University Y. M. C. A. stands. Are we not leaving a debt to Mother unpaid?

JOHN DeWITT GILBERT.

## The Faculty and the Association.

NOW THAT a suitable time has come for those who support the work of the Y. M. C. A. upon the University campus to take stock of the results achieved, it is well to consider the purposes for which the organization exists. Through the employment bureau, the book exchange and similar activities the association aims to make a college education a possibility to young men who would otherwise find themselves financially handicapped.

Through its social departments it aims to promote such conditions in the student body as shall yield the best returns in manhood for the time and money expended. As an institution, non-sectarian, yet not irreligious, it aims to develop in each student that fine spirit of unselfishness which is the distinguishing characteristic of the best type of college man. It is this spirit which makes a college education for a single individual a thing of value to a whole state. By it one is impelled to make some contribution to economic progress, to improve living conditions, to right social wrongs and otherwise work for the development of a real Utopia.

That the Y. M. C. A. is making real progress toward the realization of these aims is shown by the fact that the faculty to an unusually generous degree, and to an increasing extent, is contributing to its support. Indeed, the support of the faculty is a barometer of the usefulness of the association's work.

A. E. CASWELL.

## CAMPUS NOTES

For the first time, the fraternities set apart one week end for initiation; last Friday and Saturday night being devoted to such forms of entertainment. In most cases the festivities occupied both nights, ending with a banquet Saturday night. Among the new "Greeks" are: Phi Delta Theta: Roger Holcomb, Dolph Phipps, Dale Butt, Dorsey Howard, Henry Proctor, H. Wayne Barbour, H. Borden Wood, Paul Smith.

Kappa Sigma: I. B. Bowen, Allen Bowles, Harold Brock, Frank Hunt, Jay Fox, Laurence Hershner, Claud Hill, Paul Reaney, Frederick Deckelbach, Charles Johns.

Sigma Chi: Maynard Harris, Carol Welden, Bert Clubb, Virgil Alexander, Graham McConnell, Ross Giger, Dorman Leonard, Lynn McCreedy, Charles McDonald, Roy Brown, Estley Farley, Fred Cate, Charles Crimm.

Phi Gamma Delta: Oscar McMillain, Dwight Wilson, Wyville Sheehy, Robert McNary, Francis Yoran, Howard Bowles.

Kappa Alpha Theta held initiation this week end for Merle Hamilton of Roseburg; Ruth Trowbridge, of Portland; Marion Coffey, of Portland; Ruth Montgomery of Eugene; Lillian Porter, of Portland; Iva McMillin, of Wasco, and Ethel Waite, of Sutherlin, Laura Miller, of Wasco.

Alpha Phi held initiation Saturday for Bess Coleman of Portland; Ruth Pearson, of Portland; Alene Phillips, of Oregon City and Roberta Schuebel, of Oregon City.

Alpha Tau Omega held initiation this week for Harold Sexton of Eugene; Charles Croner, of Eugene; Raymond Burns, of Coquille; William Blackaby, of Ontario; Sprague Adams, of Ontario; Joe Skelton, of Klamath Falls; Ralph Hurn, of Klamath Falls; Nellis Hamlin, of Roseburg, and Harry Messner of Klamath Falls.

Iota Chi held initiation this week end for Henry Callison, of Eugene; Norman Phillips, of The Dalles; Ernest Wilkins, of Bandon; Otto Pfahl, of Oregon City; Alvin Wiewiesiek, of Oregon City; Lyle Harpole, of Amity, and Clayton M. Baldwin, of Portland.

Initiates of Beta Theta Pi during this week end were: Jay Gore, Medford; Warren Edwards, Cottage Grove; Carl Nelson, Chicago; Percy Boatman, Spokane; Ward McKinney, Olympia; and Ralph Tourtelotte Portland.

Dexter Club entertained with an informal colonial dance Friday evening. Decorations were in red, white and blue. Many of the dances were old fashioned such as the minuet, rye waltz and the ginia reel. Those present were Gerry Watkins, Lyle Harpole, Adolph Yourdeau, Everett George, Forrest Peil, Walter Dimm, Nicholas Jaureguy, Floyd Westerfield, Alvin Wiewiesiek, Algie Weinheimer, Fred Tansen, Burlie Bramhall, Ralph Service.

Dean Collins, '10, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Schafer, Professor and Mrs. G. H. R. O'Donnell, Professor and Mrs. E. W. Allen and Professor Colin V. Dymont were Thursday evening dinner guests at Friendly hall.

Guests of Beta Theta Pi over this week end were: Harold Warner, '12, of Portland; Gordon Billings, ex. '17, of Olympia; Grover Kestley '08, of Portland; George Hug, '08, of McMinnville; Del McCarty, of Portland, George Stevenson, of Klamath Falls; Boyce Fenton, '15, McMinnville; Mr. A. C. Nelson, principal of the Salem high school; B. E. McCullough, of Portland and Carl Fenton of Dallas.

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