

**COMMUNICATED**

**Frenzied Finance Fiasco.**

To the Editor:  
Your editorial of last Tuesday showing the advantages received by other schools in inter-sectional football games, and bemoaning the fact that Oregon has not scheduled an eastern trip of some sort, struck an ever important phase of our present athletic relations with outside institutions. But to my mind there is an issue of greater import than that, and I feel certain that I am expressing the sentiment of the student body in decrying loudly in the manner in which our athletics have been managed in the past few years, and are being managed now.

Oregon students are forever for "old Oregon," and are not given to frequent outbursts of "crabbing." But the varsity athletes especially and the greater portion of the student body, are thoroughly disgusted with the "ten cent," "one meal a day," "squeeze the Eagle" policy of handling athletics that is now in vogue. They have been patient in the past but are ready to throw down the gauntlet and rise in arms over the instance that occurred the other day. I refer to the cancelling of the supposedly contracted tour of the baseball team into California during the Spring vacation. This action is "the straw that breaks the camel's back."

Why was it that the baseball trip was called off? We are willing to "let the dead past bury their dead," but the same answer is applicable to the above question that explains why the University of Washington was able to squirm out of playing a schedule game with Oregon last fall on the gridiron. Simply because the Oregon manager did not have a written contract in black and white.

Oregon students were led to believe that the baseball games in the south during the spring vacation had been contracted for every since the football team invaded Southern California last fall. However, after the players had toiled away every night for over a month in anticipation of the trip, the news was brought to them that the games had been called off. Is it any wonder that they are "hot under the collar" at this "no contract policy?" This verbal, gentlemen's agreement plan of scheduling athletic contests might work all right in a rural grammar school district, but it is as obsolete for college usage as are shin guards in intercollegiate football.

Oregon students would like the "whys" of the following questions answered. Why is it that O. A. C. can send her football team east and clear \$2000 during the season? Why is it

that the Washington, California and Stanford baseball teams can tour the Orient in the summer months, while Oregon has trouble in arranging games with "bush nines" in anticipation of getting a trip to Corvallis? Why was it that the baseball team sported in torn and ragged uniforms for some three years, before new ones were finally purchased? Why is it that they have not had a suitable diamond to practice on?

Why was it that men turning out for soccer this year had to be satisfied with shoes that had seen years of constant wear? Why was it that the varsity letter men in track and baseball after waiting seven months in vain for their emblems, were finally rewarded with a \$2.50 sweater, bearing "orange" stripes on the arms? Freshmen and sophomore co-eds who have made the glee club want to know why they are not entitled to a gold pin as well as a junior woman who enters college and warbles her way into the club? We could continue ad infinitum with the above but lack of space prevents it.

These are not the thunderings of the distant breakers that waltz a foreign shore, but are plain, cold facts that everyone knows and are eager to learn the why of. It is because of their existence that men turning out for athletics are dissatisfied to the utmost. It is because of these that Washington, California and O. A. C. draw the cream of the Oregon preparatory stars, and the lemon-yellow goes begging to get enough men to turn out for baseball and soccer practice.

The ever present howl and alibi of those in charge has been that of finances. "We haven't any money, we must get out of debt, then we can have these things," they say. However, we have it from good authority that the student body is now on a sound financial basis and will break even for the year. Yet we continue to hear the old wail, "no money," and the "miser's grip" still counts every nickel before it trickles through his fingers.

The spirit and principle of the thing is exasperating. What do athletics get out of sports other than a little fun and recreation. They put in at least two hours a day, rain or shine, of the hardest kind of work, and yet the very love of the game is taken away when they are deprived of a few short trips for fear that a handful of paltry dollars might be lost on the venture. An insurance against losing money in case it should rain during Junior week-end was concocted whereby the annual campus games with O. A. C. would be played in Corvallis instead of being a feature to the festivities in Eugene. The reason for this was rudely monetary, whereby O. A. C. could stand the finan-

cial loss providing it rained. Thus the Oregon team would be absent from the campus during the biggest celebration of the school year, for fear that the old rain jinx would eat into the profits. However, a man who values the interests of the students more than swelling the student body exchequer, nipped the scheme in the bud before it took root. He flatly refused to leave the campus during Junior week-end.

It is such work as this that has infuriated the Oregon student body. Such schemes that place the dollar before the man cannot last forever when some 800 students oppose them. I say it is high time that there is a radical change in the manner of managing intercollegiate athletics at Oregon.

JAMES S. SHEEHY.

Members of last year's baseball team at Columbia have been given gold baseballs, editors of student publications at Texas have been presented with gold medals and it has been suggested that delegates to the Pan-Hellenic council be given papier-mache victrolas.

**MAY FORM "HIKE" CLUB**

Meeting Held in Villard to Organize for Week-End Hikes.

W. C. Yoran addressed a group of students interested in forming a branch of the Mazama club yesterday at 4 o'clock in Villard. Plans were discussed by Mr. Yoran and A. C. Shelton, assistant in the zoology department, to organize a permanent walking club on the campus for week-end hikes. A temporary organization has already been effected. Mr. Yoran suggested that the first hike be taken to the Coburg hills.

The 1916 Mazama trip was outlined. It will be a two weeks' excursion to the Three Sisters and the whole jaunt from Eugene will cost approximately \$38. The date is set for August. A temporary executive committee will draw up a schedule of week-end hikes to be announced later.

Some very fine scenic lantern slides taken on the upper McKenzie river the meeting.

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