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ALUMNI IN POLITICS

MANY Alumni of Oregon colleges are candidates in the primary election to be held Friday, May 19. Without exception, so far as the alumni editor knows, these men and women are well qualified for the offices that they seek. In many cases, the opposing candidates are likewise well qualified. When such is the case, the voter will cast his ballot with the pleasing expectation that, whoever wins, the trust of public office will be safely bestowed and its duties well administered.

People generally have come to appreciate the practical worthlessness of a degree gained by a man or a woman who is without ambition to use his knowledge and his training in the service of his fellows. That competent men with college training are willing to stand for public office is an encouraging fact. That Oregon is finding it possible to pick leaders bred and trained within the state for many positions of honor and trust seems a hopeful sign to those who believe that the Oregon system of popular government is never safer than when administered by officials whose sympathies with the ideals and tendencies of western democracy have been nurtured in educational institutions that know and reflect that democracy, and in considerable measure inspire it to new achievement.

Many Oregon college alumni will doubtless vote against fellow alumni with the conviction that the opposing candidates have superior qualifications. But where qualifications otherwise do not turn the balance, the thinking citizen will realize that training in an Oregon college is a potent help in giving to an official the necessary basis for understanding Oregon conditions, needs and possibilities.

'82 ALUMNA PLEADS FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Mary E. McCornack Calls on University's 500 Alumnae to Aid the Girls.

To the Alumnae of Oregon:

Every true woman wishes to serve wherever there is the largest opportunity for usefulness. The graduate women of Oregon think that our state university should give the broadening vision of service, the sense of responsibility, the power to think clearly, and the executive ability which the best colleges in America give to their graduates.

Many young women in the state can not attend the University because of lack of funds. The State Association of Oregon Alumnae was organized June 25, 1907, to meet this need, to unite the alumnae throughout the state for practical educational work.

In July, 1912, it was possible to establish the Mary Spiller scholarship. It consists of room and board at Mary Spiller hall and has been maintained for four years. The five hundred women who have graduated from the University of Oregon will be interested to know that they can be of service to other young women in the state and to our University by joining this association and paying the annual fee of one dollar. As we receive assistance from the state during four or more years, there should grow up in us a sense of obligation, a desire to be of service to other young women in Oregon. As a kindness has been shown to us by the state we should pass it on.

This scholarship has been made possible by the annual dues paid by a small number of the alumnae and by an annual gift of \$25.00 from the Portland Alumnae association. We need have no fear that any banquet, dinner dance, parade or fireworks will be financed from this fund as the work of this association is specific. All dues have been applied directly to the scholarship fund. Any girl graduate of an accredited high school of Oregon, outside of Lane county, is eligible to receive this scholarship. This does not preclude the granting of it to a woman already enrolled in the University. The award for next year will be made June 1.

All scholarship bills are paid to date, but this has taken heroic efforts on the part of the executive committee. The scholarship is protected by a one hundred dollar emergency fund which is invested in a local bank at 4 per cent. This sinking fund should be kept intact and some more dollars are needed now to pay bills for the remaining weeks of this year and for next year. The few who have been in close touch with the work will again pay their annual dues in June but we wish that all may become interested in this work.

The annual home coming and business meeting of the association will be held Saturday morning of commencement week. There are about 500 of us scattered over the world. Let all who can attend come with the glad right-hands free to greet friends, old and new, and the left-hands, each clasping a big dollar to be used for the Oregon girls who wish to study at the University and can not without our assistance.

Helped by us these girls may be able to carry on work we would like to see

done, but can not ourselves accomplish. All dues should be sent to Mrs. J. F. Bovard, Fisk flats, 11th avenue East, Eugene, Oregon. MARY E. McCORNACK.

ALUMNI NOTES

The annual musical meeting of the Eugene Alumnae association will be held at the home of Mrs. H. F. Hollenbeck, 265 Eight Avenue East, May 20, at 2:30 o'clock.

The program will be as follows: Duo Dramatique.....Renaud de Vilbac Mrs. Hollenbeck and Miss Ruth Davis Berceuse from Jocelyn.....Godard Martha Tinker

Violin Obligato Melba Williams Selected piano solo Jessie Fariss

The Sweetest Flower that Blooms..... Hawley The Cuckoo Brown A University quartette composed of Mamie Gilette, Martha Tinker, Leah Perkins and Iva Wood.

The State Alumnae will hold its annual meeting at the University at nine o'clock Saturday morning June 3. Election of officers for next year will be held, and plans will be made for an effective way of collecting money for Mary Spiller scholarship fund and for obtaining life memberships. The Alumnae will have charge of the Flower and Fern procession on the evening of June 5.

Verena Black, '13, is a republican candidate for nomination for Lane county treasurer. For the past two years Miss Black has been principal of the union high school at Crow, Or. She received her clerical training at Garden City commercial college, Missoula, Mont., before entering the University. She plans to do all the clerical work in the treasury office if elected.

Another republican who is a candidate for nomination is Ella Moulton, '12, who is running for school superintendent of Baker county. Miss Moulton is now teaching German and mathematics at Halfway, Or.

Fay Clark, '12, is a candidate for county school superintendent of Baker, subject to the democratic nominations.

The following committee for Lane County Alumni association entertainment during commencement week has been appointed by Wendell Barbour, president of the organization: Mrs. Datson, chairman; Mrs. L. H. Lewis, Mary McCornack; Earl Kilpatrick and Wilshire Bristow. A committee composed of Russel Calkins, Wendell Barbour and Leon Roy was appointed to confer with the Portland and state alumni in regard to the reorganization of the alumni in June.

The grading system now used by the University of Missouri originated with Prof. Max F. Meyer of the psychology department of that school. The system gives extra credit for exceptional ability and work and negative credit for inefficiency. Many other universities have asked for an explanation of the system and others have already adopted it.

Members of the home economics classes in the University of Washington, have the opportunity of occupying a practical cottage, where they may work out various problems in connection with the arrangement of a home. Their ability to solve these problems determines their fitness for graduation.

ALUMNI APPOINT COMMITTEE The Lane county alumni association has appointed as a committee for arrangements for commencement entertainment, Mrs. Edna T. Datson, Mr. W. W. Bristow, Miss Mary McCormick, Mrs. L. H. Johnson and Mr. Earl Kilpatrick. Mr. Walter C. Winslow, president of the state alumni association has confirmed this committee as a committee of the general association. Suggestions sent to the chairman of the committee at Eugene will receive prompt attention.

ELECTS EYLA WALKER NEW ATHLETIC HEAD

Women's Athletic Association Holds Annual Election; Plans for Big Field Day, May 27.

The Woman's Athletic association held its annual election of officers yesterday afternoon in the commerce building. The following officers were elected. President, Eylal Walker; Vice-President, Margaret Crosby; Treasurer, Gladys Conklin; Secretary, Dorothy Childs.

The student body has given the Athletic association \$25 with which to buy trophies for the girls' field day which will be held Saturday, May 27.

The girls plan to make field day, which will include, gold tennis archery, and waiving contests, as well as a track meet, one of the biggest events of the school year. Any girl in the University may enter the events whether she be a member of the athletic association or not. The final baseball games of the season between the majors in physical training and the winners of the inter-sorority and club games, will be played off.

The trophies offered so far are, a yew wood archery bow to the girl winning the highest score in that sport, two paddles for the best canoeist a steel golf club to the person winning first place in golf, and a wooden one to the person winning second. A racquet will be given to the best tennis player and a cup to the winning baseball team. Medals will be given the winners in the track meet. There will be trophies for walking but those have not been decided upon as yet.

The program for field day is as follows:

8 a. m., canoe contest. 8:30 a. m., tennis, golf and archery contests.

9:30 a. m., final baseball games. 11:00 a. m., track meet which will probably be composed of events including a 100 yard dash, broad and high jump, shot put walking contests and short distance race.

At the present time swimming is not one of the recognized sports in the athletic association. However girls in the University who are interested on that sport are planning to stage some swimming contests sometime soon in an effort to have the sport recognized by the association. Ethel Murray has charge of the swimming and says that there will be relay races, endurance races, and short distance races. It is hoped that Mrs. Ed Shockey and Marion Coffee can be secured to give some exhibition diving during the contests.

California Girls Better Slangsters.

The girls of the University of California and of Stanford University can use better slang than their sisters in northern and eastern colleges, according to Dean Ethel Hunley Coldwell of the University of Washington. We quote from the University of Washington news letter:

"I am not so much of a purist in this matter of the use of slang as some people are," Miss Coldwell said in an expression of this distinguishing characteristic of the English language as it is spoken by Americans, including American college girls.

"I consider," she further explained, "that a certain amount of slang lends picturesqueness and charm to the college girl's speech, or anyone's, in fact. But it must have freshness and originality, and it is in these qualities that the southern college girls' expressions are superior to ours up here.

"When, however, I say that I do not object to slang, I do not mean the street gamin variety. Such expressions as 'peev'd' and 'sore' for cross and angry, have no place in the college-bred girl's vocabulary."

SEATTLE ALUMNI TO COME

Twelve Graduates Accept Dr. Straub's Invitation to Commencement.

About twelve or fourteen enthusiastic alumni will attend Commencement at the University this year, from Seattle. Dan Bass who runs the Hotel Fry recently held a little get-together banquet at his hotel at which this decision was made.

Among those who will probably constitute the party are: Dan Bass, Walter McClure, Horace McClure, Caspar Judge Chadwick, William Reuter, J. D. Bowles, Henry McClure and J. D. Didemer.

At the banquet meeting, a letter from Mr. Stroub was read, urging the alumni to come down for commencement and the action favoring the trip immediately followed.

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