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THE OREGON EMERALD as the official organ of the Associated Student Body of the University of Oregon, aims to serve the student body politic in the following way: to diffuse correct and authentic news; to protect and conserve the highest ideals of the University; to consistently avoid all secret affiliations and alliances; to play the game squarely with no favoritism; to be optimistic and courageous in fulfilling its functions; to comment on, and receive comment on the problems concerning the University and its welfare; to pursue a constructive editorial policy which necessarily implies a destructive policy; in short, to pursue militantly a policy of proper publicity in regard to all problems that confront the Student Body—all of this, based on the truism that a democracy can be effective and efficient only so long as it maintains a free and militant press.

Canoe Regulations.

AFTER THE river tragedy of a few weeks ago, the Student Council considered it a duty to take the initiative in providing some way of safe-guarding the lives of those who love the aquatic sport. Some action would have been taken by the faculty as a matter of course but here was an opportunity for the Council to take its first lesson in self-government. So at the solicitation of the Council a faculty committee met with a Council committee. The Council committee made all of the recommendations, we understand, and these had been discussed before in regular session.

The result is that the Council has passed and has recommended to the faculty committee that students must show a certificate attesting to aquatic ability of sufficient degree to insure safety before they should be allowed to canoe. Canoeing after dark on the river was condemned, as was also the shooting of the rapids.

At first glance these proposed regulations seem overstringent, but the matter of fact is that no set of rules if observed could be too stringent if they operated to save one life every ten years. Until a tragedy comes home to a person in a rather cruel way, there is a tendency to overlook the dangers. The tragedy of several weeks ago could have just as well happened to other parties. In fact there are hardly any students in the University who might not have had the same thing happen to them had they been there that fateful night. Too often people have too much confidence in their own luck, or their in fallibility, and think that such things could never happen to them. In fact this belief in luck is an all-too-common thing.

If this matter is looked at in the right way, there is no doubt but that student sentiment will react favorably—and such a sentiment is needed for the success of any code—to any regulations proposed.

Fewer But Stronger Organizations.

OVERORGANIZATION, A recognized evil on the campus, is the object of attack by the Student Council. At yesterday afternoon's session the final report of the committee has heard and adopted with few alterations from the original report. It was made perfectly obvious that any regulations which might be adopted should concern themselves with the future alone.

If the amendment to empower the student council to consider and grant petitions of prospective organizations, passes, the council may this year have to consider organizations.

The rules provide that any prospective organization must petition the student council, written and orally, for official recognition as a full-fledged University organization; such petitions should contain the purpose, personnel, time and place of meeting, endorsers, and if possible, the constitution and by-laws of the proposed society. The representative of the group desiring such a society will then present the case as to why the organization merits the approval of the council. In all probability the council will later consider itself as the official custodian of a register of the meetings of all organizations, to the end that conflicts be avoided.

Organizations, persisting in coming into existence without the official approval of the council, will virtually be boycotted by the student body. Only to official societies will be granted the privilege of appearing in student publications, using University premises for meetings, using the name of the University for prestige or patronage, using campus bulletin boards, and appearing in organization lists to be printed in the future.

In this way it is hoped that only organizations of intrinsic merit and worth will invade the campus hereafter. It will tend to create a kind of rating of organizations on the campus, which will help the University as well as the societies. Cluttering the campus up with parasitic organizations will be brought to an end if this measure passes.

Even after a permit is granted to any organization and the organization, by a change of policy or practice, becomes an odium

to the campus, the permit can be withdrawn by the council.

Also in the case of total and public insolvency the Council will be empowered to annul any official status accorded to the organization previously.

Such a rule means fewer and stronger organizations.

CAMPUS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sawyer of Portland and Mrs. Mabel Holmes Parsons were Sunday dinner guests at the Alpha Phi house.

Miss Mary Perkins was a Wednesday luncheon guest of Alpha Phi.

Alpha Tau Omega announces the pledging of Tyrrell Carner, '17, from Grants Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Hayward, Clyde Dawson and Cris Maddock were Wednesday evening dinner guests of Alpha Tau Omega.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffin of the Eugene Episcopal church are Thursday dinner guests at the Chi Omega house.

Father O'Hara, President P. L. Campbell, Professor O'Hara and Father Thompson were Wednesday luncheon guests of Delta Tau Delta.

Mrs. W. W. Downard of Portland, Dorothy Downard, Mary Packwood of Portland and Mary Alice Hill were Monday luncheon guests of Delta Tau Delta.

Bill Hayward was a Monday luncheon guest at the Delta Tau Delta house.

Mrs. C. Dyer of Salem; Constance Taylor, ex-'17, Arvilla Beckwith, ex-'16, and Naomi Beckwith all of Portland are spending the week at the Chi Omega house.

Chester Walcott, ex-'17, of Silverton is spending a few days at the Beta House.

Edison Marshall, ex-'17, was a dinner

guest of Beta Theta Pi on Monday.

Milton Stoddard and Edison Marshall were Wednesday evening dinner guests of Professor Thacher.

8000 BOOKLETS ARE OUT

Life at Oregon Described in Booklets Now Being Sent.

8000 copies of the Oregon booklet, "Shall I Be An Educated Man?", are being distributed broadcast over the state by the school administration.

These booklets describing life at Oregon will be sent to all high school graduates, libraries, hotels, Commercial clubs, and newspapers. A good many requests for them have come from the East and middle west according to Registrar, A. R. Tiffany, who says that they will be sent wherever it is thought they will do any good.

Any student desiring to send one to a friend or who can place one advantageously can do so by leaving the name and address with Mr. Tiffany.

OUT FOR CITY'S CANDIDATE

Theatres and Band Endeavor to Elect Miss Fraasch Queen.

Will Eugene furnish the queen for the Portland Rose Festival?

This is the question of the day. Every effort is being made to make possible the election of Edal Fraasch, Eugene's candidate. Both the Rex and the Savoy are to give benefit shows this week.

The Eugene Municipal Band has announced its intention to give a concert and dance in the armory next Friday night, May 19, the proceeds of which will be used to buy votes.

It is expected that a large crowd will attend for the dances have proved pop-

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ARTISTIC MAY ROBSON COMING.

That successful and favorite comedienne, May Robson, in a comedy said to be funny, clean and sentimental, entitled "The Making Over of Mrs. Matt," is to be the attraction at the Eugene theatre May 20th. This play, we are promised, will contain humor of the May Robsonian order, mingled with pathos

that will be chased away with delightful laughter, ere the well-springs of emotion have ceased to respond to Miss Robson's sparkling rednition of its witty lines. Everything pertaining to the successful staging of "The Making Over of Mrs. Matt," will be brought along by the company.

Mrs. Ada Snodgrass Lane, ex-'85, is at home at Harrisburg, Oregon.

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