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OUR SOCIAL RULES—THEIR FAILURE.

When the foreman of the Emerald print shop shunted the form containing the editorials last Saturday night to the stereotyper he put in print the editorials without corrections and as a result placed the editor somewhat in the position of the German, who with his faithful and favorite hunting dog went out after game. But in the melee of shooting the German shot his dog.

The German was very much put out as he returned and when he met a friend who asked if he had been hunting he replied briefly, "Yah." But the friend persisted in his questions and asked further, "Well, did you kill anything?"

"I shot mine dawg," replied the German.

"Why, what was the matter—was he mad?" asked the friend.

"Well, he wasn't so very tam pleased," gruffly replied the German.

The important paragraph of the editorial was lost to the readers and we will repeat it—corrected—and then continue with the specific remedy as was stated Saturday would be given this issue. The paragraph followed the statement of the Emerald that the social rules as adopted by the faculty and passed last year were all right in their purpose but failed to meet the problem as presented this year, for,

"As President Campbell so aptly put it—this year sees the transition from the little university to the big. And with this transition the problem of conserving and intensifying the Oregon Spirit in democracy and cohesion gains importance. For this year sees the balance of the majority of the students swung from the fraternity to the non-fraternity. And unless there is a mixing of the two and an assembling for a common purpose,

factions will arise and with them the accompanying evils to the student body and the University."

THE REMEDY.

Oregon has an interesting problem all its own. Throughout its past history its democracy has been unparalleled. The "Oregon Spirit"—that spirit of democracy—is famed wherever the name of Oregon is known. Yet this spirit has never been maintained at the expense of scholarship. Scholarship and democracy have gone hand in hand at Oregon always. That was why when two years ago the social affairs seemed to be usurping the attention of students more than was wholesome, the social rules were adopted and passed.

The social rules found the right sphere for their restrictions last year for then the University was the "little university." The balance of the majority of the students was in fraternity life—and legislation against the majority is always good law.

But the transition this year sees this balance of the majority thrown from the fraternity to the non-fraternity. And as a result the problem this year is altogether different than that of last. And of course to fit conditions new legislation is needed.

What then shall the legislation be?

The answer lies in recasting the social rules to fit the new conditions. These rules must be drafted now to fit the majority and in the drafting preserve to the University the greatest of all the University's assets—Oregon Spirit and classroom efficiency.

The trend of society today is toward the dance. The dance is the popular institution. But as the rules now stand the students are sent down town to frequent the public dance halls. And they are not sent down as a student body—but singly and in groups. Can any democracy be maintained in such practice? Is there cohesion of the students when they separate, each to go as will o' the wisp? How well will the students come to know each other when taken from the campus

in this way? And furthermore what is the moral influence of this sort of life?

As the rules now apply, practically the entire social life of the campus is thrown into the fraternity life. This is legislation against the non-fraternity student. And since the non-fraternity students are now in the majority this is also legislation against the masses. Factionalism is bound to arise. And as soon as it does then it is goodbye Oregon democracy—and the University will see more "flunkers."

Since, then, the dance is the popular institution toward which both fraternity and non-fraternity students are attracted; since, then, assembling of students upon the campus means the mixing and cohering of the members of the student body; then let the dance be brought to the campus.

As it is now there are no student body dances. The dances to which the student body is invited are produced by the classes—and are usually formal in character. And who wears the dress suit? The non-fraternity student? You answer well when you say "No." Then if the student body dances are still confined to the formals it is still legislation against the non-fraternity students. And what is the value educationally, aesthetically or otherwise in a formal?

Then let there be student body dances, informal and for all. This will not guarantee the prevention of students going down town but it will at least place the non-fraternity students on a plane with the fraternity. And it will bring the students together. And it will prevent the dissemination of the Oregon Spirit in the public dance hall.

The Emerald suggests one or two student body dances a month to be given in the gymnasium. A time limit should be placed, and furthermore the occasional band informal afternoon matinee could be well mixed in to take the place of the evening dance. These dances could be for students and faculty alike.

The Emerald has now suggested the remedy for the problem presented Saturday. The details can easily be worked out. Tomorrow the faculty social rules committee meets. The following day the faculty meet. Have the faculty the best interests of Oregon at heart?

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◆ Delta Tau Delta announces the ◆
◆ pledging of ◆
◆ **CLAIRE HOLDRIDGE** ◆
◆ **DWIGHT PARR** ◆
◆ **RAYMOND KINNEY** ◆
◆ **BRUCE YERGEN** ◆
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◆ **NOTICE.** ◆
◆ All interested in the formation ◆
◆ of a German club meet at the ◆
◆ Bungalow on Wednesday, Octo- ◆
◆ ber 4, at 7 p. m. ◆
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◆ Delta Theta Pi announces the ◆
◆ election of, Creston Maddock, C. ◆
◆ C. Clark, Harold Wells. ◆
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TELLS VOTING RULES

County Clerk Explains Oregon Law on Registering.

Student Voters Must Register at Place of Permanent Residence.

A University student, unless he is an actual resident of Eugene, has no right to register as a voter here, according to county clerk, Stacy M. Russell. Regarding the residence of a voter, Lord's Oregon Laws says:

"The place shall be considered and held to be the residence of a person in which his habitation is fixed, and to which, whenever he is absent, he has the intention of returning."

The constitution of the state of Oregon says:

"For the purpose of voting, no person shall be deemed to have gained or lost a residence by reason of his presence while employed in the service of the United States, or of this state; nor while engaged in the navigation of the States, or of the high seas; nor while a waters of this state, or of the United States, or of any territory, or while kept at any almshouse, or other asylum, at public expense; nor while confined in any public prison."

Every person who registers must make affidavit that he is a qualified elector, and to be a qualified elector his residence must be in the city permanently. One who makes a false affidavit is guilty of perjury.

It is possible however, for a student to vote on national and state officers. One who cares to do so should have been registered in the city where he resides permanently. He should write to the county clerk of his county and secure a certificate showing that he is a registered voter. This he can present at the voting place next November. Upon the presentation of such a certificate the election officers will permit him to vote on state and national officers only, and his ballot will be placed in a separate box reserved for such electors.

Heretofore, many of the students have registered here, but the practise has been illegal, and if any election should be contested the names of the student voters could easily be secured.

BIOLOGICAL CLUB.

A biological seminary club composed of the students of the department of botany and zoology was organized Thursday afternoon. The purpose of the club is to stimulate interest in some of the practical problems of the biological field.

Meetings will be held in Deady hall each Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. All who may be interested are invited to attend.

NOTICE.

There will be a meeting of the Newman club Thursday at 7 o'clock at the K. of P. hall. All Catholic students are invited to attend.

HIS CHANCES GOOD.

Sapleigh—I like a girl who can take a joke.

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CAUSES.

Bix—A physician says that yawning is caused by a lack of oxygen in the blood.

Dix—Or a lack of pep in the conversation.

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