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BROADENING UNIVERSITY SCOPE

To those who are so unfortunately situated that they cannot attend an institution of higher learning, the advantages of education are not denied. The tremendous growth of extension and correspondence divisions of the colleges and universities of the United States testifies to the increased scope of these institutions as factors in the sociological development of the nation.

That provincialism of catering only to those who are able to afford the time and money in equipping themselves with an education is broadening into a democratization of higher education. The alacrity with which the laymen are co-operating in the movement for their benefit is also significant. While at present a degree is not granted in extension and correspondence work, yet the students are accomplishing the same end and who knows but what in time a degree will be granted.

The old percentage that showed such a scanty few receiving the benefits of the educational schools of the United States is indicative of nothing. Take a percentage now based on a census of resident, extension and correspondence students and it would show a marvelous leap, even with the growth of population.

What may then be gleaned from this trend? Before answering let us see who are affected.

There are the teachers in public and private schools who are desirous of improving their professional equipment, men and women in non-professional occupations anxious for self-improvement, young men in clerical positions looking forward to professional careers, women engaged as clerks and stenographers whose ambitions lead them to advanced training, farmers upon whom the demand is made for scientific training to enable them to keep up with the times, professional men and women who would keep in touch with advanced thought, homemakers who want the stimulus of a college or university atmosphere to broaden their interests, mothers who are interested in the bringing up of their children and women's clubs that demand information enabling them to tackle their community problems with some degree of preparation.

In other words, higher education is entering into all walks of life. No harm can result unless there is harm to be seen in the raising of the nation's ideals, which is an inevitable consequence.

No young man now can in the future chant that time-worn plaintive plea, "I didn't have a chance." Now is his acceptable time. If no use is made of it, it will be nobody's funeral but his own.

TRADITIONS.

The memories, the traditions, the customs that hover and cling about an old campus where the youth of a state for decades has come seeking and finding the cultivation of their mental and moral natures are some of the most priceless

heritages passed down from those who have gone before and open to those who are to come.

Oregon has traditions—a few. She is not an old University and does not have many, but the day will come when she should have more. To that end we must by custom be laying the foundation for the future. In the stirring times of a college year, one finds the formative periods for such traditions.

Stand when we yell the oskie, carry the team from the field, gather beneath the tree that fronts Deady, stage rallies on Kincaid, all these are but the little things that, fostered, will offer the precious memories to the returning alumni in years to come.

J. D. G.

At the student council meeting of Wednesday night the case of the orchestra members for student body recognition was ably set forth by Miss Winifred Forbes. The Emerald regrets very much that in reporting the meeting the name of Miss Forbes was confused with Mrs. Rose Powell, also of the school of music.

COMMUNICATION

To Emerald:

In the student council's meeting last Wednesday night the University orchestra asked for recognition as a student activity and with the right to enjoy the privileges already granted the band and glee clubs. As a result of this suggestion a committee was appointed to prepare an amendment to the constitution which was to be considered at the next council meeting and then submitted to the student body meeting in December.

As a result of this action on the part of the council the Emerald printed in its editorial columns Thursday: "The University orchestra now comes forward with the plea for recognition as a student activity and the members to be rewarded for service with a gold block 'O.' Next!"

To justify the orchestra's stand it is only necessary to consider the organization itself and the kind of work done by it. The University not only gives valuable training to its members but is also a medium through which the University can advertise her merits to the state. The places in the orchestra are secured through competitive try-outs, making it representative of the best musical talent in the University.

Those students who express their Oregon spirit in getting out and trying for places in campus activities and make good are entitled to recognition for their hard and faithful work at the end of the year. If the student body desires to encourage a high type of student endeavor it will not hesitate to grant the altogether reasonable request made by the University orchestra.

CURTIS L. BEACH.

THACHER RECOVERING

Professor W. F. G. Thacher is recovering from an attack of pneumonia from which he has been suffering. Thursday his temperature was down to normal and his appetite returned. Dr. E. L. Zimmerman has been in charge of the case.

Professor Thacher will probably resume charge of his classes in a month.

DATE GIVEN FOR DANCE

Formal Concession for Student Body Party Given by Fraternity.

One fraternity dance has been definitely surrendered to the student council, to be used as a date for a student body dance. It was given by Kappa Kappa Gamma. Two more dates are in prospect.

This formal concession of dates is necessary before more all-University dances can be planned by the council, since this was the means provided by faculty action at the regular November meeting. A student council committee composed of Harold Tregilgas, Leura Jerard, and Floyd Westerfield met with a faculty committee consisting of Colin V. Dymont, Dean John Straub, Dean Elizabeth Fox, Mrs. Mabel Holmes Parsons. Upon the basis of an agreement between the two committees the faculty committee submitted a recommendation to the November faculty meeting. The report was passed without discussion.

The committee recommended that the student council be empowered to call upon the nineteen organizations officially recognized by the faculty as having the right to ask for dance dates, and ask that some of their dates be relinquished to the student body. The number of all-University dances given, however, shall not exceed two a month. In case the date surrendered by any organization is not used by the student body, it reverts to the organization to which it originally belonged.

The organizations which are granted dance dates are the various fraternities and sororities, the dormitories, and the Oregon club.

BLIND STUDENT TEACHES

Leslie Blades, '16, Meets Prof. Thacher's Classes in English Department.

Leslie Blades, a blind student of the University, is teaching in the English department, filling the vacancy caused by the sickness of Professor Thacher. Mr. Thacher has been unable to meet his classes for the past week on account of an attack of pneumonia.

Blades seems to have no great difficulty in teaching the classes and calling the roll. He uses the raised letter system for the few notes and the necessary class roll.

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elect
Ruth Montgomery.

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