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### SCHOLARSHIP GRADES REFORM.

The keen rivalry being developed by fraternity and non-fraternity students in the race for first rank in the comparative scholarship grades of each semester is having its evil results.

Following each semester a list is issued from the registrar's office which tabulates comparatively the scholarship achievements of the fraternities, clubs and non-fraternity students.

It is human nature to want to stand at the head of this list; but "flashing in the pan" does not gain the cherished end always, and the group winning is usually the group that deserves the place according to the amount and kind of work they have put in. But the final rush after the grades are in to alibi to change the result has begotten evils and the very purpose for which the list is issued has been thwarted.

The original intention of the list was to show first, how houses ranked against each other, second, how houses ranked with clubs and non-fraternity students, and, thirdly, to determine whether or not studious application were possible within a fraternity house and if so were the better average in favor of those who carried on their studying within a house better than those who did not.

This, the Emerald reiterates, was the original intention in the issuance of the list. But the system was never perfected to gain that result. Each fraternity was allowed to secure the advantages (or disadvantages) of their members living both in and out of the house, and if perchance there was someone living within not a member of the fraternity that person could be discriminated against and his grades thrown out of the fraternity's general average. No list based thusly could possibly show the true status of

studying within or without a fraternity house.

In the light of past misunderstanding and the liability of future difficulties the Emerald suggests a change. This would be for each house's grades to be based upon just those who lived within. This would bar all fraternity students living on the out side who would then go in the non-fraternity category. This would also include pledges and non-fraternity people living within. This change would be fair and equitable, do away with misunderstandings and the list would then be a real criterion of comparative scholarship between fraternity and non-fraternity students.

### A GRATIFYING TREND.

A dean of one of the schools in the University recently remarked in discussing scholastic matters and the relation of students to their work and the faculty, "The readiness with which the students have entered into their work this year and the willingness with which they have taken up the heavier burdens imposed by a rising standard of scholarship has delighted the faculty."

This tendency is alike gratifying to faculty and students. It comes in a year when both sides have made some important concessions and when the experiment of a more liberal policy was being tried by the faculty. The possession of a winning football team is not without its diverting influences and the freer and less restrained life which the students have been privileged to enjoy might have resulted in a different issue. The students, however, given inches, have not tried to take yards, and have responded to the re-instatement of basketball with the increased efficiency in the matter of scholarship mentioned by the dean. The attempt begun some years ago to elevate the scholastic standing of the University was met with a spirit of cooperation on the part of the students and their response is thus indicated by

the stimulated activity along the line of studious application. J. D. G.

Students of the University of Oregon are beginning to see that there must be something done in regard to a playing field if they want more championship battles at Eugene. The Washington-Oregon game two weeks ago was played in a quagmire and many former students of the college announced that they "would never attend another game there unless something was done."

The first step in the direction of a campaign for a better gridiron and athletic field at Eugene was launched when the Oregon Emerald, the official organ of the school, printed a scathing editorial.—Sunday Oregonian.

### COMMUNICATION

#### Anent the Field.

Nov. 19, 1916.

Oregon Emerald:  
I want to congratulate you on the letter I read in this a. m. Oregonian in regard to your grounds for football games, and I think if the parties concerned do not look at this matter as you do they will regret it, for I know there are hundreds that took the same view as I did when Oregon and U. of W. played, that owing to the rain the grounds would be in no condition to play on and would not come the distance to see a game played on such a field, and again is it not a disgrace to see the stands that are on the ground? I made it a point to be here yesterday to see the freshman game and even with the slight rain of one night look at the condition the grounds were in, also the stands. During the game a slight rain came up and every one began to get uneasy that the rain would come in your fine grand stand. I want to say up to this season I have never missed a game of any consequence on this ground, but I have decided to do like hundreds of others, until the grounds and grandstands were put in condition, to say away from the games here. I am glad to see your paper take up this fight and hope you can convince them that something should be done, and done at once so that when the annual game between Oregon and O. A. C. is played next year we can all come knowing we can see a football field and decent stands.

I remain respectfully,  
MAX FRIEDENTHAL.

### ALUMNI MAY JOIN A. C. A.

Would Have to Be Associate Members as Oregon Standard Not High as Required

The advisability of joining the Associated Collegiate Alumnae as associate members was discussed at the meeting of the Oregon alumni association Thursday. Since the University standard is not as high as the A. C. A. requires the Oregon alumni would only be eligible for associate membership. This will be voted on at the next meeting. A standing committee chosen from among the members of the Oregon alumnae would transact the business which is now done by the entire association.

Mrs. J. O. Holt resigned her office of president at this meeting. Dean Elizabeth Fox gave a talk on her observations of the women upon the University campus and what she hoped the various campus organizations would accomplish.

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