



## ARISTOCRACY ABSENT

Democratic Condition Found in Oregon Fraternities.

## EXTRAVAGANCE NOT SEEN

Standard of Living Economical, Says Dr. J. F. Bovard.

Fraternity houses where several of the members pay part of their expenses by waiting at table for the others evidence a lack of the aristocracy that is sometimes charged against these college organizations, in the opinion of Dr. John F. Bovard, chairman of the committee on student living.

Dr. Bovard's committee is soon to file with the faculty a report on its investigations of the student living expenses at the University.

"There may be extravagance in the fraternity houses of this University," said Dr. Bovard, "but we have found that it is simply in individual cases. The standard of living in general in the fraternities is not conducive to extravagance."

The committee has been busy for the last month and especially so during the last ten days, compiling statistics for the use of the ways and means committee of the Oregon legislature. It has made an exhaustive study of conditions in the fraternities, dormitories and private houses in Eugene. The committee's findings will be filed with the faculty at its first meeting in March.

"We found that the average cost of board and room, outside of the dormitory was \$25 a month," said Dr. Bovard. "Of course the dormitory is cheaper than that, but the accommodations are limited. Taken on a whole, that can be said to represent the cost of board and room at the University."

"The rate at which the houses are rented to the fraternities has been discussed a great deal more than the conditions would justify," says Dr. Bovard. "We found that in most cases not more than eight per cent was realized on the investment," he said, "and when the length of the life of a fraternity house and the short-time leases usually given by the clubs are considered it is little wonder that the owners raise the rent to as much as \$1000 a year."

That fraternities are injurious to democracy is an impression which has gained a wide circulation, Dr. Bovard found in his investigations. But his inquiry disproved the statement, he says.

"When I went into several fraternity houses and found as many as five of the members earning a portion of their living expenses by waiting upon the other members of their own house, this talk of aristocracy was absolutely disproved," said Dr. Bovard. "If that is not democracy I do not know what is."

## STUDENTS GET BACK

Sixteen Out of Seventeen Who Petition Reinstated.

Net Total of Flunkers Now Stands at 25.

Of the 41 students who were dropped from the University at the end of the first semester on account of poor work, only 17 petitioned for reinstatement. Of these all but one was accepted, and one was referred back to the committee on re-instatement.

The granting of such a large percentage of the petitions for re-instatement," said Professor H. C. Howe, chairman of the committee on re-instatement "is quite without precedent. Usually a large number of the petitions are rejected without loss of time. The committee on the re-instatements, however, recommended the acceptance of all petitions submitted to them as they were unable to find any difference in their merit. This was accordingly done by the faculty with one exception, and that one was referred to the committee."

The percentage of flunkers this year is greater than usual. This is probably due to the fact that the scholarship requirements this year are much higher than ever before. Only one athlete, a football player, was among those flunked.

## DRESS SUIT—

How Hyde Got His Raiment Is Cruelly Disclosed by His Heartless Fellow-Neophytes—It Was Real Enterprise.

Friday morning when the time came for Maurie Hyde to climb into his dress suit and get ready to shine on the campus with the two other Sigma Delta Chi initiates in formal garb, he found he didn't have an "evening dress" that would fit him. Maurie was supposed to be on the campus at 8 o'clock and here he was—somewhere to go, not "dressed up".

Not to be beaten he jumped into a Ford, which he perhaps bought with the fifty cents he carries for such emergencies, and ran over to the Phi Delta house, where Walt Church lives. Yes, gentle reader, Walt Church owns a dress suit.

Walt, you know, is somewhat elongated, and so is Maurie Hyde. Well, two and two make four. If one longlegged fellow owns a dress suit and another long legged fellow needs a dress suit, what's the answer? They come to terms. Maurie and Walt came to terms.

So Maurie appeared on the campus at 9 o'clock in the morning fully clad in the regalia befitting such an occasion, and only an hour late. He swears and declares that he will never get another dress suit until he is sure it will be the right size for him. He says he must cover up those legs of his, or else he might get "strung"—just the same as a telephone wire is strung on a telephone pole.

## 23 MEN WOULD FIGHT

Oregon Boys Enlisted in O. N. G. May Go.

If War Is Declared They May Not Finish Year.

If the United States should soon become involved in war with Germany twenty-three men of the University of Oregon will probably discontinue their studies to give military service. These twenty-three student-soldiers are enrolled in the second company of the coast artillery corps of the Oregon National Guard, and spend one evening of every week drilling and studying the science of modern warfare.

The University men stand high in the company, as is shown by the number of important offices held by them on the staff. Paul G. Bond, captain of Company 2, is a graduate of the University. Other Oregon men on the staff are Second Lieutenant, Chas. L. Beebe; Sergeant, Don Belding; Corporal, Floyd Hart; Corporal, J. D. Foster; Mechanic, Edwin Cox; Sergeant, Miles McKey; and Company Clerk, Hubert Schenck.

An effort is being made by recruiting officers to enlist more college men. The readiness with which college men learn military manners and customs is commended by officers of the guard. They are in demand because of their intelligence and willingness to co-operate.

At Thursday evening's drill, all the militiamen were compelled to give in their names, addresses, and phone numbers as a measure of expediency in mustering the guard in case of a declaration of war. Lieutenant Shippam of the United States army was present and took the men through some stiff maneuvers. Everything possible is being done to put the Eugene companies of the national guard on a fighting basis.

If war is declared by the United States within a few weeks, it is likely that the University of Oregon men enlisted in the militia will not finish the semester. Whether they will be sent to the war zone or not cannot be prophesied, but it is certain that every militiaman in the country will be mustered in case of war.

Being strictly coast artillery, the local companies will probably be stationed on the Pacific to protect the western seaboard of the United States from invasion. University men in the Second Company are Nicholas Jauregui, John De Witt Gilbert, Ray Kinney, Ellis Williamson, Lewis Bond, Paul Downard, Ralph Boyd, Dell Hinson, Floyd Hart, Max Schaffer, Rodney Smith, Clifford Seville, Leland Haines, George Wilcox, Ben Fleischman, J. D. Foster, Don Belding, Wily Knighten, Edwin Cox, Hubert Schenck, Miles McKey, Chas. Beebe and Blair Paul.

## U. BAND IN DEMAND

Invited to Portland for Three Weeks' Engagement.

Southern Oregon Tour Likely; New Players Added.

The University band has been offered a three weeks concert engagement at the Oaks park in Portland next summer, according to a letter just received by Director Albert Perfect. This is only one of the contemplated important activities of the organization. The band is also planning a tour of southern Oregon for the early part of March. Campus concerts and a big musical evening in either Villard hall or the armory are next on the program.

Concerts in Portland will mean a big boost for the band. In a letter Manager John F. Cordray of the Oaks Amusement park said: "I have a warm spot in my heart for the University boys and wish to assure you it will afford me great pleasure to play the band and I shall do everything in my power to make the concerts a success. The band will need a repertoire of 100 standard selections in order to fill a three weeks' engagement."

The tour of southern Oregon depends only on guarantees lacking from several towns which when received will assure the trip. This will be the first time the musicians have left the campus except for football games. The occasion will compare with the glee club tour and will mean much more recognition for the band in other parts of the state.

Two new players have been added to the organization, Roy Scheisler, cornet, and James Richardson, drum. Both are freshmen. The band is well balanced, with all the players and equipment needed to perfect the organization. Work has begun on the "Jubilee Overture" by Bach, the sextette from "Lucia", the quartette from "Rigoletto," and other operatic selections.

Next year twenty new band members are expected, in which case two bands will be maintained, one for concerts and one for rallies and campus affairs. The work at the football games during the first semester was not good for the players on account of too much "boola" music according to Mr. Perfect. In order that the student body may be accommodated a second band will be used. Practically enough players for this are already assured. If the band continues to improve as during the last year and a half the director predicts that the University will have before long a music organization ranking among the finest college bands. "The boys," he says, "have shown much enthusiasm and spirit in their practice and are now in a position to make a place in the band well worth striving for."

## TENNIS STAR TURNS OUT

But Not for 'Varsity—He's Mortimer Brown, Crack Material for Next Year.

Oregon's chances in tennis for at least one year in advance took a jump when Mortimer Brown turned out for practice Thursday. Brown is ranked as sixth best in the state and is the Portland interscholastic champion and city double champion. He registered in the University as a freshman and is therefore not eligible for the varsity, but a freshman match is arranged to take place with O. A. C. this spring.

Lewis Bond, tennis captain, says that the big trouble is the lack of material. Hurd, Downard and Herschner are making the best showing of the possible candidates. Last year Hurd was first alternate varsity and Downard and Herschner were members of the freshman team.

## ONLY FOUR IN HOSPITAL

Only four students in the University have been reported this season to the English "hospital", where extra work is given to correct their grammar. Whether this is due to a higher grade of English among the students or to the negligence of the members of the faculty in reporting them can not be decided, according to Dr. E. S. Bates, head of the rhetoric work.

Thirty-four new freshmen and seven who flunked in the work first semester are registered in beginning work in composition under Dr. Geo. F. Richardson, instructor in the English department.

## OPEN HOUSE PUT OFF

Postponed One Week on Account of Goodrich Funeral.

Custom Will Remain, Says Dean Fox; May Change Time

Open-house day has been postponed from Sunday, February 10, to the following Sunday, by mutual consent of the sorority house heads. The postponement is made out of respect to the memory of Ray Goodrich, graduate of the University and member of the Board of Regents, who died in Boston last Sunday.

Starting from the postponement of the open-house day, a rumor has spread over the campus that the sororities were considering abolishing the custom for the alleged reason that the men of the University did not enjoy the open house day. It was apparent, however, that the majority of the girls thought that the boys did enjoy it.

"The matter of discontinuing the custom was given little consideration. It would not have come up but for my announcement that I would introduce, some time before the close of the present semester, a motion that open house days be held, in the future, on Saturday nights instead of on Sunday afternoons."

"I am advocating this change because freshmen's ideals of Sunday are shattered the first Sunday they are in college under the present custom. Freshmen come here from homes where they have been taught to observe Sunday by attending church and in quiet rest. The first Sunday they are in college the entire afternoon is turned over in the making of calls on sororities. The freshmen, both boys and girls, from this get the idea that making social calls is the proper way to observe Sunday in college. The teachings of their parents are shattered the first day."

"I do not know what percentage of college men and women attend church, but it should be more than it is at Oregon. I will introduce the motion sometime before the close of the present semester so that the change can be made beginning next fall. Sunday then will be free for religious observance. I believe that every student in the University of Oregon should go to church services every Sunday."

There is some objection to the proposed shifting of the date, according to Miss Fox. The objection comes from girls who fear that fewer men would come to open house Saturday night than on Sunday afternoon.

"Personally, I can see no reason why Oregon men would not come in as great numbers at night as on Sunday afternoon," says Miss Fox. "Of course the would do away with the dance usually given by sorority houses the first Saturday in each semester in honor of the entering freshmen. But many of the girls tell me that they are tired from their work during rushing week and do not enjoy the dances anyway."

"I am not at all in favor of the abolishment of the custom, but believe that it should be extended to girls' boarding houses as well. New girls are often lonesome their first Sunday in college seeing group after of group of men passing by to call on sororities, and feel that they are barred from the social life of the University."

## GOODRICH FUNERAL SUNDAY

Students Urged to March With Procession to Masonic Cemetery; Service 2:30.

The funeral of Ray Goodrich late regent of the University, who died in Boston last Sunday will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30. Eight faculty members of the University and eight students will attend the services at the chapel.

The procession will reach Thirteenth and Alder about 3 o'clock. All University students are urged to join at this point and proceed to the Masonic cemetery.

## DYMENT—

Former Oregon Professor Upsets Tradition in University of Washington Department of Journalism.

Students at the University of Washington do not recognize the old office of the head of the department of journalism. It has undergone many great transformations recently, according to a late issue of the University of Washington Daily.

Instead of a murky atmosphere of tobacco smoke, the office is now filled with sweet, fresh air. It has been completely clarified. Even variegated cigar stubs and old pipes and tobacco cans, sacred to all real newspaper offices, have been thrown into the discard. The whole place has been cleared of junk in the form of papers, magazines and every other commodity that naturally finds its place in the office of a typical newspaper man.

Now, when students enter the office of the professor of journalism they need not use a periscope to observe the man at the desk. He sits calmly in his shirt sleeves and smiles a pleasant welcome. He is Professor Colin V. Dymont.

## WRESTLERS CHOSEN

Hill, Wilson, Flegal, Get Decisions on Mat.

Jensen - Taylor, Rutherford - Grey Matches Tie.

Close to 50 spectators crowded the little room off the gymnasium balcony yesterday afternoon and witnessed the try-outs which decided the varsity wrestling team that meets O. A. C. on the night of February 16, at Corvallis.

In all six bouts were pulled off. Fight and aggressiveness stood out in all the matches. Coach Ed Shockley refereed, and rendered his decisions with an impartial hand.

Claude Hill won the right to represent the varsity in the 125-pound class by pinning Jenkins' shoulders to the mat in two straight falls. The opening fall came after five minutes and 36 seconds of the toughest kind of mauling. Hill had the upper hand throughout but it was with difficulty that he downed the wiry Jenkins. Hill used a half Nelson in each case, the second fall coming in 40 seconds.

Dwight Wilson gained a decision and a fall in one minute and five seconds over Chuck Dundore in the 135-pound class. Dundore was game to the core but Wilson was the stronger, and more experienced. Dundore was worn out after the first six minutes and fell an easy victim to a head chancery.

The 115-pound division saw some lively milling between Bruce Flegal and Shorty Phillips. The former won the title on aggressiveness and the ability to retain the upper hand. Flegal meets Barnett, a varsity wrestler of two years ago, on Monday afternoon for the right to represent the lemon yellow in the bantamweight class.

The 165-pound class was the one disappointing feature of the afternoon. Jensen met Taylor and neither showed any real grappling ability. It was a case of two evenly matched men, neither of whom could get at the other. They fought three successive draws without as much as falling to the mat. They will stage a return match on Monday.

The liveliest go of the program was the match between Captain "Rudy" Rutherford and challenger, "Bearcat" Grey. Grey had previously disposed of Boyd in two straight falls and was somewhat tired. Both men felt each other out and before three minutes had elapsed they were going at it hammer and tongs. Rutherford finally gained the upper hand on a tumble at the edge of the mat. He held it the remaining two minutes and was awarded the bout. Grey was given a big hand for the battle he made against such overwhelming odds. They took up Monday night in the final bout to decide supremacy at 148 pounds.

The small mat and lack of space marred what was otherwise an interesting and lively performance.

## HOWE MAY LEAVE YALE.

Henry Howe, one of Oregon's 1916 graduates, who is now attending Yale, may be forced to return home at the conclusion of the present semester. According to his father, Prof. H. C. Howe, his eyes have troubled him so much for the last month that study was practically impossible. Howe was graduated last June, winning highest honors in rhetoric.

## TRACK OUTLOOK DARK

Hayward, Minus Old Stars, Has First Turnout.

## WEAK IN FIELD EVENTS

Coach Sees Chance for Hustlers to Make Team.

With the final in Oregon's most disastrous basketball season but two weeks off and the advent of the present warm weather, varsity fans are ready to turn their attention to track and field athletics.

Close to 20 candidates, including the varsity and freshmen, answered Bill Hayward's opening call last Wednesday afternoon. The veteran track coach, who has an uncanny habit of developing winning teams, was well pleased with the turnout. After giving out the initial instructions and admonitions to the athletes, Hayward sent the entire squad on a slow, four-lap jog around the track. Hayward watched his future point-winners with a critical eye as they loosened their long-kinked muscles on the soft dirt.

Never before has the outlook been so gloomy for winning the conference championship. Bill Hayward has issued his annual bear story, and for the first time in years the students are prone to believe it is a real wail. Let's year at this time Captain Chet Fee, Moose Muirhead and Lee Bostwick formed a nucleus around which was built what later proved to be the lemon-yellow's foremost track and field team. Today the three stars are missing. Fee, who earned the title of the third best all-around athlete in the United States in 1915, has graduated and is working on his father's ranch at Pendleton. He and Muirhead, who has gone to Nebraska, represented a track team in themselves. Seldom did these sterling track luminaries fail to annex from 25 to 30 points in any meet. Bostwick won his letter in the two-mile last year, but failed to return this semester.

A close canvass of the varsity material shows some strength in the sprints and distances, with a woeful weakness in the field events. Captain Martin Nelson of Astoria, holder of the conference record in the half mile, ought to show a clean pair of heels to rival middle-distance men. He will, no doubt, be used in the 440 and 880 yard runs as well as the relay. Kent Wilson and Ascar Goresky, last year's letter men in the century and 220 are on hand to handle the sprints. Bob Atkinson is expected to come through in the quarter and half-mile runs. Ken Bartlett, the Estacada discus-thrower, is a sure point-winner in his event. He threw the Grecian platter 137 feet last year.

Upon Belding's plugging ability, coupled with the aid of Bob Case's long legs, rest the varsity's chances in the distance events. Belding failed to make the required nine points to win a letter last year although he placed in both dual meets with Washington and O. A. C. Case has the making of a good man with a little more experience.

Skinny Hargreaves and Bill Blackaby appear the only likely looking timber in the jumps and pole vault. The former has been out for the squad for two years but has failed to win his "O". George Gates, of Medford, providing he develops as rapidly as he did last year, ought to be a first place man in the pole vault.

Pete Jensen is over weight and is too heavy for the pole vault. He expects to specialize on the javelin this year. Harold Brock, of Pendleton, a sprint man on the freshman team last year, rounds out the list of the most likely-looking material. Hayward hopes to pick a dark horse out of his big squad.

## GERMAN CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS.

The German club held its annual election of officers on Wednesday, February 7. The new officers follow: President, Agnes Basler; vice-president, Vivian Kellems; secretary, Mary Hislop; treasurer, Gladys Conklin; critic, Prof. Schwartz; sergeant-at-arms, Herman Giffilan.

Max Riegard gave a report on the last performance of "Der Meisterschaft." He said: "The play was a decided success, both financially and artistically. All the characters in the play were exception well taken and the large audience was notably responsive."