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THE FALLACY OF OPEN DEBATE.

When King Arthur and his knights of the Round Table were the warriors bold, friend fought friend at the flutter of a woman's handkerchief. That was the chivalry of the age. And on the breeze of custom they cast the precedent of man's religious regard of woman that was wafed down to Sir Walter Raleigh as he cast his coat upon the mud puddle that Queen Elizabeth might tread and ne'er soil her daintily clad foot.

Then, woman's sphere was far removed from that of man's. A man's sacred honor was in his oath to protect woman's virtues. Her pleasure was his bidding.

But alas! where is the chivalry of the men today? The custom bred of knights of old has still a queer and fascinating hold. But it simply absorbs the rougher shocks of rudeness as its tenacious hold is gradually loosening with the advent of women into the open fields of competition with men.

But that sense of women first, women right or wrong, will find its last nesting place in the cloistres of learning; in the fields where refinement and culture should have their birth in the hearts of men, if ever at all. And women in debate, in open competition with men, can never expect man to stand up and in the forensic battle fight with the fiery ardor he would were he contending man against man. Woman in debate stifles a man's best fighting qualities. It is man's heritage of chivalry from King Arthur and his knights of the Round Table.

Don't ride on the high tide of prosperity and imagine the student body can stand another little gift of debt. Don't break the camel's back.

MILITARY TRAINING

One of the problems confronting the educators and regents of America's colleges and universities today is that of military training in connection with the curricula. While the system is not a new one in land grant colleges and many institutions, it is today present to our

country with a sterner interrogation than ever before.

Arms and ammunition can be supplied, but the most delicate, intricate and complicated mechanism demanded by defense or offense is a mind and body trained in military science. These cannot be provided in a few weeks, nor months.

The enlisted portion of the United States army has been brought into disrepute—and wrongly—by the voluntary nature of service and the poorness of pay offered. What would do more to elevate the military in the eyes of the country and the world than the fact that great numbers of college-bred citizens were giving their time, attention and effort to such service?

Such drill in colleges has a powerful influence in disciplining the young man in a way that modern universities often fail to do. It instills in the young men of foreign parentage a love and respect for the United States that has been neglected in a home which still adheres in thought to the country from which it fled. It teaches a reverence for democracy, free institutions and the flag which is their symbol. J. D. G.

COMMUNICATIONS

THE EMERALD AMENDMENT

To the Editor:
In your editorial on Thursday you set forth some entertaining statements regarding the proposed amendment to be voted on next Wednesday. However, I believe some facts will be of interest to the student body. Thursday the editor of the Emerald said, "...it must not be forgotten that earlier this year the student body assumed a \$10,000 bonded indebtedness. Furthermore, it has a Co-op, store on its hands in which \$2,000 is sunk. And still further, it has hired a football coach at a \$1,000 advance in salary. Also, it must not be forgotten that the coach is hired for the football season alone and that a coach for the baseball season must be secured. Add up another \$1,000. Here is a straight-from-the-shoulder \$14,000." And then is added with an air of finality, "What are you going to do about it?"

First, the \$10,000 indebtedness has not been assumed and, according to an editorial in the Emerald on December 16, "The amount of \$10,000 is a maximum sum. It may not be necessary to bond the student body so heavily." And from the issue of December 12 we find that "Mr. Tiffany thinks the expense of a new field would be justified by the receipts of the games played on it." Also this, "Nicholas Jaureguay stated that the board of regents will probably furnish \$7,000 or \$8,000 toward a new field, but

nothing definite has been done at present. This money would cover the cost of the field, but about \$8,000 more will be needed for the grandstands." In the issue of December 14, "Ernest Watkins, when speaking in defense of the proposed bond issue, declared that if there were 8,000 at the O. A. C. game in 1915 and only 5,000 at the Washington game this year, Oregon's bad accommodations caused a loss of \$3,000. This gain each year will pay off the debt inside of five years, said Watkins."

Now these bonds are to be issued in series and will not all come due in one year. If these bonds are issued in the usual denominations, only \$500, or \$1,000 will be due each year, and not the whole \$10,000. It is provided in the resolution authorizing the bond issue, "that the grand stand privileges shall be held in trust by two trustees as security for the payment of the interest at any time to become due on said obligations of the student body, and of such proportion of the principal as may be agreed to be paid from time to time."

It will be seen from these facts that the bonds are to be regarded as investments and should not be treated as an expense.

It is also stated that the student body has "sunk" \$2,000 in the Co-op. This \$2,000 is a demand note, loaned by the student body to the Co-op, and is backed by bankable security. It is an investment in every sense of the word.

It is right that we have increased the salary of the coach \$1,000 and that it will be necessary to get a coach for the baseball season.

One more fact is to be considered. The student body increased in numbers this year 27 per cent. If the gain next year is only 20 per cent we will have about 1,200 enrolled students. The student tax from the 200 increase will amount to \$1,600. Thus the normal gain in the student body will more than provide Emeralds for all of the students in the University.

To summarize. Only one of the bonds will be due next fall and not the whole \$10,000. The \$2,000 loaned the Co-op, is just a transfer of working capital from one pocket to another. The additional cost of the Emeralds will be more than met by the increase in the student taxes received next year.

FLOYD C. WESTERFIELD

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OF SIGMA Upsilon
elects
EARL MURPHY,
DALE MELROSE.

POST-ADAM MEETING SUNDAY

The third of a series of post-Adam meetings will be held in the Y. W. C. A. Bungalow Sunday at 5 o'clock. The meeting will be informal and the subject brought up in Dr. Adam's talks will be discussed. W. M. Case and secretary J. D. Foster will preside. All members of the Y. M. C. A. are invited to be present.

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Affirmative Wins 59 to 39; Washington and Oregon to Meet Here Friday.

The first community debate of the year was held last night at Cottage Grove. The regular varsity squad composed of Lewis Beebe, and Walter Myers on the affirmative and Earl Fleischmann and Nicholas Jaureguay on the negative debated the same question on which they will meet Stanford and Washington next Friday.

The affirmative was victorious by a vote of 59 to 39. The question read, "Resolved, That disputes in public service corporations affecting 100 or more men should be settled by compulsory investigation with a compulsory acceptance of award." The affirmative developed an entirely new case and the negative was hardly prepared to handle it.

In speaking of the new plan of giving the debaters experience through these community debates, Coach Robert Prescott said: "Last night puts us into much better shape for the interstate debates next Friday. The audience was enthusiastic and forced the speakers to adapt themselves to real conditions. One community debate is worth a whole week of workouts and if we can only secure enough of these debates through the year they will accomplish the double purpose of bringing the University nearer the people and at the same time give our debaters all the experience they need."

Washington will meet Oregon here next Friday and the University negative will debate Stanford in Palo Alto the same night. The Washington debaters are Wendell Black and Mathew Hill. Lewis Beebe and Walter Myers will represent Oregon here, and Earl Fleischmann and Nicholas Jaureguay will make the trip to Palo Alto.

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