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### THE POLITICAL "BUG"

He is a curious type of student—the so-called political "bug". His characteristics are so pronounced we are constrained to frame them in print.

It seems politics are a "necessary evil" wherever there is a group, therefore, we have no intention to cast any aspersions upon politics. But the political "bug," though an avowed "non-politician" is as a matter of fact the most virile specimen of the soft-soap class who ever lived. He twists his lips in a sardonic sneer at the word "politics", and hisses the word "crooked." Seeing a fellow student whisper to another he says immediately, "dirty pool." He sees two fraternity men walk arm in arm, then shouts "combine." When a live issue comes up on the campus and there is a discussion with prominent students taking part he analyzes the situation at a glance and announces to his fellows, "no wonder they are talking; they're after an office." Or if the issue seems to be a losing one and the prominent students do not take part in the discussion he quickly flops to another conclusion which is, "they won't speak because they are afraid they will get beaten when they run for office."

And so on down the line this type tries to read between the lines, making white black, and truth fiction. If he is smiled at he construes the smile as an insinuation, while if someone fails to speak to

him he vows it is "rotten politics". He lives in an atmosphere of continual suspicion, and cannot even trust his brother when walking with him. He keeps one hand on his heart to prevent his friends from stealing the beats, while with the other hand he draws artful designs of "combinations" of who is lining up against who, and therefore he and his friends should line up such and such a way to "bust 'em." This is where he "greases the skids." While living in that atmosphere of pseudo-reality he is making reality of his combinations. In other words where he suspicions a so-called combination, and none exists, he is making a real "rival" combination. Then if his "machine" wins he shouts to his supposed enemies, "there goes your old combination."

Beware when talking about politics lest you tell someone of your own symptoms.

The organization of the "honor" students is all right, but what an unfortunate choice of an appellation! It reminds us of the unsophisticated visitor who attended commencement last spring. He picked up the commencement program and noted the list "Honor Students". Walking up to a student he asked, "Can you show me to one of them air honor students?" "I am one," modestly answered the student. "Well," came the ejaculation, "You don't look like a convict."

## WOMEN DRAW FOR MATCHES AT TENNIS

### Preliminary Contests to Start Good Weather; Cup Trophy Up.

### Annual O. A. C.-Oregon Tournament to Be at Corvallis; Return Games Wanted.

Adrienne Epping, Robert Killam, Caroline Alexander and Jessie Garner, members of the executive committee of the women's tennis club, announce the first drawing of match contestants for the coming tournament as follows:

Adrienne Epping vs. Helen Hair.  
Gladys Smith vs. Mary Chambers.  
Marjorie Kay vs. Jessie Garner.  
Grace Williams vs. Mary Murdock.  
Roberts Killam vs. Dorothy Wheeler.  
Echo June Zahl vs. Helen McCormack.  
Caroline Alexander vs. Helen Bracht.

Preliminary matches will start with good weather. These matches must be played within the first week in order to give plenty of time for the semifinals and finals. Arrangements have been made with Lewis Bond, captain of the men's team, for certain hours each afternoon during the tournament which will be given over entirely to the girls. The cement court is the official court where a poster will be placed on which winners of the matches are requested to sign their names and score in their correct places. This court will be reserved for the girls between 1 and 3 o'clock on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Three sets shall constitute a match, the winner of two of them being permitted to play another winner. Other posters of the drawing will be posted in the Library and in the women's gymnasium together with a list of the reserved hours.

The Laraway cup, a three year trophy now held by Adrienne Epping, together with a tennis racket to be put up by a local merchant, make up the prizes.

The women's tennis team will consist of three members this year. The annual O. A. C.-Oregon tournament is to be held this year at Corvallis but effort will be made to bring them to Eugene for a return match. Last year all matches played were won by Oregon.

## WILL DANCE MARCH 31

### Underclassmen Plan a Good Time; Everyone Invited.

### Co-eds Must Pay Own Way; Sandwiches to Be Sold at Auction.

On Saturday evening, March 31st, the Men's gymnasium will be the scene of the underclass dance. The sophomores and freshmen have agreed to bury the hatchet temporarily and unite in the giving of an informal dance for mutual financial benefit.

Informal, in this instance, means all that the significance of the word can possibly imply. Every student in the school is invited to come with the express intention of having a real "good time".

The announcement that the ladies will be required to purchase their own tickets has aroused considerable comment and misunderstanding. The entertainment is given primarily to overcome financial stringencies and, consequently, each girl will buy her own ticket so as to assume a personal share in the finances.

Concerning dress, the committee is somewhat handicapped as to suggestions for feminine attire. In fact it is limited to "hinting" middy blouses and pinafores for the sophomore and freshmen girls respectively. The upperclass girls are urged to get together and arrange something original. The following suggestions for the men are optional with the exception of the freshmen: Seniors, sombreros and canes; juniors, corduroys and soft collars; sophomores, flannel shirts; freshmen, positively no coats but sweater-coats required.

An innovation in the way of eats is planned. Each girl is requested to bring a couple of sandwiches wrapped with her own name enclosed. These packages will be distributed in the four corners of the gym, and will be auctioned off to the boys at the end of the eighth dance for sums not in excess of 15 cents. A girl with every package

### TO HOLD PLAYGROUND EXAMS

Arrangements have been made by which University men studying to become playground directors will be examined during spring vacation in Portland. Vacation this year will begin with April 7 and end with April 15. By this arrangement students will not miss any school.

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## GEOLOGISTS PLAN TRIP

### Dr. Smith and Dr. Packard Will Go to John Day Valley.

### Berkeley Professor and Six Students to Join Them in Summer Investigations.

W. D. Smith and E. L. Packard, professors of geology, accompanied by John C. Merriam, head of the department of geology at the University of California, will head a two-months expedition in the John Day river region this summer. The geologists will be accompanied by three geology students from the University of Oregon and three from the University of California. As yet these students have not been chosen.

"I feel that we are very fortunate in securing the co-operation of Professor Merriam," said Dr. Smith. "He is considered one of the best geologists on the Pacific coast, and has explored the John Day region twice before. Our expedition will be for two purposes; first, to study the stratigraphy of the country and correlate it with that of the Great Basin, and second, to give the students practical work."

Dr. Smith recently received a letter from the federal government informing him that if the geological survey has the funds, the survey may send a man on the expedition.

The expedition will count as one hour of field laboratory, says Dr. Smith. Another hour of college credit may be gained by any student who climbs Mount Jefferson with the Mazamas this year. Dr. Laura Hatch, professor of geology at Smith College, who will teach two geology courses at University summer school, wrote Dr. Smith that she will probably make the ascent with the Mazamas in connection with her work here.

### "OREGON SPIRIT" DUE SOON

The third issue of the Oregon Spirit will be published with the regular edition of the Emerald some time before spring vacation, probably by April 1.

This issue will be slightly more literary in character than the former two have been, embracing more prose and short stories and a smaller amount of verse and humor than has appeared previously.

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