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WHY SENIOR EXAMINATIONS? Why senior examinations? Reasonable question. From the faculty point of view, and in fact from the point of view year. The same reason is not so emphatic during the other seven semesters of the senior's University life. For from the beginning semester to the eighth he is urged on by the desire to graduate, and that he may get the most good out of his work examinations are an aid to him in keeping his finger tips on all the work he has gone over. No one will deny that examinations cause review, and a refreshening of the memory of the work passed over. . it is really doubtful if any method might be found whereby this result could aminations.

On the other hand the refreshening of the senior's memory the last semester is utterly valueless for its practical value. the commencement day comes he is through-through to enter the industrial and professional life and thereupon sift out to his best use the material he has absorbed in his four years in the University. The why of senior examinations is purely then the expedient for making the seniors maintain a prescribed standard of work.

It is unfortunate that examinations have been used as the only means of ing his last semester. To do that the keeping the seniors "up to snuff." Customs of course have their origin in a beginning. But there is much fault-and fault built upon reason-to be found with the present system (custom is better) of senior examinations. Let us look for a moment at the result under the present system. Commencement comes a week before the undergraduate examinations. The senior examinations precede commencement. This necessitates two sets of examinations. Three collective parties suffer from this arrangement. First the faculty, secondly the students, and thirdly the registrar, suffer from the congestion of work. But would this even be a valid excuse for

urging the abolition of senior examinations? Hardly, we think. There are

more potent reasons. Under the conditions existing in all of the really serious-minded student, the colleges and universities the last semessenior examinations are a useful custom ter of a senior's year is the most trying for the maintenance of a prescribed and demanding. The senior is under a standard of work. This is particularly stress that Heaven alone appreciates true of the last semester of the senior how exacting-and the senior himself. No wonder he "sluffs" when he can get the chance. This sums up just one great result-he knows that if he can get by the exams all is O. K., so he passes up all the work he can depending on the final. Finals come and he burns the midnight oil and ere the examinations are over he is as though he had been wrung through a wringer. What kind of condition is this for the commencement be accomplished without the aid of ex- tives and must be the debonair gentleman? That is he must if he can. But

can he can't! To make commencement week a success; a success for themselves and the University is one great reason He has no more semesters to go. When the seniors are asking for the abolition of senior examinations. But to the Emerald there is still another big reason, of many reasons.

> As we understand the senior plan it is to make the senior examinations optional Alden of Willamette University. with the schools and departments of the work a senior must do his senior year

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must be distributed over the entire semester rather than allowing it to congest the last week or so. Devise and make practical such a system means a most progressive step. And such a step should be taken in this progressive age!

Washington won a clean-cut victory over Oregon in debate last night. Our sister institution to the north should be proud of her Matthew Hill and Wendell Black. They were splendid winners and we doubt not they would have been just as good losers.

************** BAND MEN-ATTENTION



Washington Negative Gets Unanimous Decision Here at Triangular Meet.

Oregon Men Win From Stanford; Jaureguy and Fleischmann Carry Victory.

Oregon won the annual debate at Stanford last night and lost here to Washington. The successful debaters at Palo Alto were Nicholas Jaureguy and Earl Fleischmann. Mr. Jaureguy captained the Oregon negative and lead the varsity events; where he has to do his social duty to victory with a plea based on the as' the graduate and alumni-to-be, where rights of the American working man. he must entertain his friends and rela- Both Mr. Jaureguy and Mr. Fleischmann have taken part in the coast state contest before.

> The Oregon affirmative debaters who spoke last night here in Guild hall against Wendell Black and Matthew Hill, of Washington, were Walter Myers and Lewis Beebe.

The judges here were A. E. Clark, a Portland attorney, Plowden Stott, also a Portland attorney and a member of the legislature, and Dean George H.

In speaking of the debate last night University. The Emerald would urge Coach Prescott sa.u, "Both our boys the compulsory abolition of senior ex- put up a good fight but we can't expect aminations for the purpose of raising the to win decisions when the other schools scholarship standard of the senior dur- are prepared to make such tremendous sacrifices. Mr. Hill of Washington has had eight years experience in debate, and both Mr. Hill and Mr. Black have spent eight hours daily for four months preparation for this debate. But despite our defeat here I am very optimistic about the future. The establishment of an inter-fraternity league will put debate on a different basis in Oregon. We will be compelled to go into BIBLE CLASS TO MEET SUNDAY the high schools and encourage high won at Stanford, Washington's nega-| and religion led by Paul Spangler. tive won here, and the Stanford negative team yon at Washington. The question was too one-sided." Last night's contest marked the sixth riangular coast state meet between the universities of Washington, Oregon, and Stanford. So far the honors have been even. All three universities have received an equal number of decisions. The question debated last night was: Resolved, That the method of settling industrial disputes by compulsory investigation, with compulsory acceptance of award, should be applied to all industrial disputes involving one hundred or more persons.



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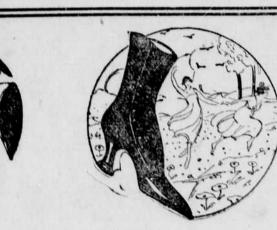
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inning of the next semester, a system of grading pupils from their daily class work, thus abolishing all examinations. One of the provisions, however, is that there shall be no "snap" courses.



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A Bible class and discussion group school debaters to ...ttend college; then will be held in the training table room through t's inter-"aternity league the of Friendly hall Sunday evening at 5 students can see to it that good debat- o'clock. The meeting will be led by W. ing material is not neglected. I re- M. Case, minister f the Presbyterian peat, the decision last night was a just church. The first half of the meeting decision. Every nogative team in the will be Bible study and the second half contest was successful. Our negative a discussion on the conflict of biology

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OREGON MAN FOR DIPLOMAT A telegram, recommending William D. Wheelwright of Portland as ambassador to Japan was sent to President Woodrow Wilson Thursday night. The recommendation was signed by 50 members of the faculty, as many as could be reached, and spoke highly of Mr. Wheelwright's character.

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