



WAR RUMORS NOT TO HINDER TRACK WORK

Actual Declaration Is Only Thing That Will Stop Training.

KENT WILSON ALREADY CALLED TO SERVICE

Gilbert, Belding and Watkins Expect Summons Soon; Few Veterans Left.

(By William Haseltine)
Training and conditioning of Oregon's track team will go on until war is actually declared, according to Coach Bill Hayward. "We will have some kind of a team to go through with our schedule, even if some of the regulars are forced to go," said the coach. "If war is declared and the boys are called out I will go myself."

So far but one man, Kent Wilson, has left, but there are at least three others who expect to be summoned at any moment. They are Don Belding, Ernest Watkins and De Witt Gilbert. Belding and Gilbert are in the coast artillery and Watkins is a member of the militia. Wilson's departure leaves Hayward without a single old man in the middle distance save Captain Martin, Nelson Belding is Bill's standby in the mile run this year and nobody is in sight who could take his place. Watkins is a pole-vaulter and Gilbert runs the hurdles.

What the other colleges in the Coast Conference are going to do is a matter of conjecture. Graduate-manager A. R. Tiffany received a telegram from Arthur Younger, manager at Washington, inquiring as to Oregon's attitude on the plan of cancelling the schedules. Similar telegrams were sent to the other members of the conference. Tiffany wired back advising that no hasty action be taken. Washington and Stanford are both in favor of calling off all meets and games if war is declared. None of the other colleges have been heard from.

Even in the event of war athletics might be kept up to maintain the physical condition of the students. This was the plan followed by England during the first two years of the war and resulted in many soldiers being recruited from the universities.

Washington has suffered the loss of three men from her track team already, Captain McDonald, the two-miler who defeated Bonwick last year at Seattle and Murphy and McKechnie—weight men. From the number of men in the third Oregon on O. A. C., the chances are that Coach Pipal will also have some places to fill.

After a week's absence due to the illness of his wife, Coach Hayward again put in an appearance at the covered track Monday. Even with the limited space at his disposal Bill kept his squad on the jump every minute, and followed up the work with a similar program the last two nights. The cramped conditions of the track makes it virtually impossible to do any running. Starts and slow jogs up and down the enclosure comprise the menu. What with the weather and the war Oregon's track season doesn't promise to be as successful as in years past.

NEW TROPHY IS OFFERED

Women Tennis Players Will Compete for Cup; Other Prizes Up.

Another diadem, the most brilliant of all, except of course, the personal honor and satisfaction of accomplishment, has been added to the crown of victory that will go to the winner of the annual women's tennis tournament this spring. The new incentive is a beautiful cup, to be given by Luckey's jewelry store to the girl who wins the tournament.

The cup is a one-year prize and the successful contestant will be allowed to keep it. A consolation prize, consisting of tennis shoes or other paraphernalia is to be offered.

Tennis raquettes will gleam on the court as soon as the weather gives signs of continual sunshine for a reasonable period. The date of the beginning of the tournament has not been decided.

Besides the Luckey cup a tennis raquette, to be offered by a local merchant will add to the list of prizes.

Senior Exams Dealt Blow Staggering Punch Given

By Drs. Robbins and Bates

Editor Emerald:

Replying to your recent inquiry concerning my attitude on the proposed abolition of Senior examinations, permit me to say that I would favor such a change. By means of such a modification in our present regulations the seniors would be enabled to distribute their work more equitably throughout the year, thus relieving them of unusually heavy burdens during the commencement season.

Personally, I could make the alteration without detracting from the present standard of work. The chief result of the adoption of such a change, so far

as teaching is concerned, would be to throw added work upon the instructor, but in this case I think the benefits derived would more than offset the additional duties.

Cordially yours,
E. C. ROBBINS.

Editor Emerald:

As far as the department of rhetoric is concerned it would be entirely feasible for us to excuse seniors from examinations as we are thoroughly acquainted with their work before the end of the senior year.

ERNEST S. BATES.

TO GIVE PLAY FRIDAY UPHOLD SENIOR PLAN

"Admirable Crichton," Once Postponed, Now Ready.

Special Scenery, Decorations and Lighting Effects to Be Featured.

Everything is in readiness for the production of "Admirable Crichton" in Guild Hall Friday evening. Special scenery has been constructed, under the supervision of Prof. A. F. Reddie, and many new lighting effects are to be used.

Particular attention has been paid to the decorations of the play. Cleome Carroll and her assistants have been busy for two weeks working out the details for this part of the performance. The cast includes some of the dramatic stars of the campus. Ernest Watkins will be seen in the title role, that of the butler, and Margaret Crosby will play his "opposite", Lady Mary. Al. X. Bowen will handle the chief comedy role, Lord Loam, the democratic peer. Roberta Killam will take the part of Lady Agatha.

The first and fourth scenes are laid in the drawing room of Lord Loam the second on a desert island, and the third in a hut, which has been constructed on this island by the shipwrecked party.

The cast is:
Crichton, the butler... Ernest Watkins
Lord Loam... Alex. Bowen
Ernest Woolley... Warren Edwards
Tweeny, a "between maid"... Lillian Bancroft
Lady Brocklehurst... Hester Hurd
Rev. Treherne... Burt Thompson
Lord Brocklehurst... Kenneth Shetterly
Lady Agatha... Roberta Killam
Mrs. Perkins, housekeeper... Lourene Taylor
Fisher, first maid... Grayce Sage
The Chef... Arlo Brislow
Jane, housemaid... Harriet Polhemus
Second Maid... Claire Gazley
Third Maid... Frances Fraley
Thompson, coachman... Harold Hargreaves
First Footman... Russell Fox
Second Footman... Harry Phillips
Stable Boy... Donald Prairie
Page Boy... Conrad Stevens

OREGON SONG MAKES HIT

"Drifting," Written by Students, Well Received at Mu Phi Assembly.

"Drifting," a song with music and words by two Oregon students, was sung for the first time at the assembly Wednesday morning. This song, to be published soon, is part of a comic opera recently completed by Hazel Radabaugh and Leslie Blades. The song, which was given by Mrs. Daise Beckett Middleton, was received with much applause.

The regular assembly was devoted to a program by Mu Phi Epsilon, a women's national musical fraternity. It has been suggested that this program be made an annual event, according to Mrs. Middleton.

Others contributing musical numbers were Alice Vander Sluis, Genevieve Rowley, Viola Crawford and Miss Winifred Forbes, violin duets; Gladys Van Auda and Irene Strowbridge, vocal solos; Ada Mathews and Marian Neil, piano; and Charlotte Banfield, a reading.

Commerce Faculty Favor Optional Fourth-Year Exams.

Petition to Be Presented to Faculty at Meeting Next Thursday.

The entire teaching faculty of the school of commerce has declared itself in favor of making the giving of senior examinations optional with the heads of the various departments. Dean D. W. Morton, Prof. G. P. McAuslan, Prof. J. Hugh Jackson and Director H. B. Miller, of this school, believe that the plan proposed by the senior class is a canvassing of the faculty and of the worthy one.

The committee which has charge of presentation of the petition to the faculty at its meeting a week from today is carrying on its work of interviewing the voting professors and also reports that Prof. R. W. Prescott supports their side of the question. Their work will continue until all professors have been visited and the matter talked over with them before the meeting next Thursday.

The results obtained so far seem to be distinctly encouraging and indicate a very favorable attitude toward the matter and that a careful consideration will be given to it at the meeting. Added hope is given because many professors who have not been interviewed have formerly voluntarily voiced their opinion that examinations in their particular subjects are unnecessary. In several departments, then, the examinations given to all students, not only seniors, are really largely nominal, only being compliances with the ruling of the faculty which requires strict adherence to the scheme of giving final examinations in all courses regardless of their nature or the necessary content of the quizzes.

While official returns reported by the committee only show that the commerce faculty and Professor Prescott have so far subscribed to the movement, Prof. George Turnbull, Prof. J. F. Bovard, and Prof. H. C. Howe all have expressed themselves as supporting the change.

HUGHES TO SPEAK TWICE

Bishop Will Talk at Vespers Sunday and to Y. W. C. A. Saturday.

Bishop Mathew S. Hughes of Portland, will speak at the University vesper services Sunday at 4:30 in Villard, on "Human Progress and Religious Doubt".

At a special address to the women, Saturday night in Guild hall, he will talk on "The Challenge of the times to the Christian Young Woman". This speech was arranged for through the Y. W. C. A.

Bishop Hughes is one of the best known pulpits speakers in America, and according to K. W. Onthank, and has held some very important pastorates, among which are the Chestnut Street Church, Portland, Maine, the oldest Methodist Church in America; Wesley Church, Minneapolis; Independence Avenue Church, Kansas City, Missouri; and First Church, Pasadena, California.

FORTY-SIX GUESTS EXPECTED ON CAMPUS

Annual Y. W. C. A. Cabinet Conference to Be Held in Eugene This Week-End.

Six Colleges Represented; Bishop Hughes and Miss Hopkins on Program.

Forty-six guests will arrive in Eugene tomorrow night to take part in the Y. W. C. A. Cabinet Conference to be held on the campus Saturday and Sunday. Miss Eleanor Hopkins, national student secretary of the northwest field, who is to have charge of the conference, will arrive tonight.

O. A. C. is sending 15 delegates as is Willamette university, Albany college sends 6, Philomath college 2, Chemawa Indian School 6. Two girls from the Corvallis high school will also attend. The delegates are members of the Y. W. C. A. cabinets at the institutions which they represent, the cabinets being an organization of officers and chairman of committees.

The big theme of the conference is "The Challenge of the Present to College Christian Women" and the meeting is being held with the hope that discussion of the different problems of the work at the different colleges by the delegates may result in plans for betterment of conditions and help to secure greater results. It is also held to enable the leaders of the organizations to a better acquaintance. A similar conference attended by delegates of other colleges and schools not represented in this meeting was held at Monmouth Normal three weeks ago.

An informal reception will be held for the arriving delegates at the Bungalow tomorrow night at which Dean Elizabeth Fox and Ruth Wilson, president of the Y. W. C. A., will give addresses of welcome. Tea and sandwiches will be served and at 8 o'clock the delegates will be guests of Professor A. F. Reddie at the campus production of the "Admirable Crichton".

The conference opens at 9 a. m. at the Bungalow with a Bible hour conducted by Miss Mary Watson and a discussion of student membership basis by Dean Elizabeth Fox at 10. At 11 a. m. meetings of a number of the technical councils will be conducted by Miss Hopkins, Miss Lillian Francis, Corvallis, Mrs. C. H. Edmundson, Eugene, Miss Fox, Tirza Dinsdale, and Miss Jane Scott, national executive secretary for the Northwest.

"Laboratory Method in the Solution of Doubt," an illustrated lecture, by Professor A. R. Sweetser, will begin the afternoon program at 2:15. Mrs. A. E. Caswell will speak on "Our National Movement" and Mrs. Daise A. Middleton, of the school of music, will sing. At 4 o'clock there will be a model cabinet meeting in charge of Miss Hopkins. "The meeting which will probably be of the greatest interest to the public," said Miss Tirza Dinsdale, Y. W. C. A. secretary, "will be the address by Bishop Mathew Hughes, of Portland, at Guild hall at 7:15. President Campbell will preside and the Girls' glee club will sing.

The delegates will depart Sunday evening. During their stay here arrangements have been made for their care at the different sororities.

Among those other than cabinet mem-

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CHEMIST TAKES POSITION

William J. Montgomery, '16, Will Test Explosives for Government.

William J. Montgomery, '16, left yesterday for Pittsburg where he will take a position in the United States Bureau of Mines as a chemist. He will test explosives for government munitions.

This position comes as the result of a civil service examination he took last December in a competition entered by hundreds of men from all over the United States. Montgomery took second place. He is a resident of Portland.

MERCURY TAKES BIG DROP WEATHER GETTING COLDER NO, ONLY A BROKEN TUBE

There is a song containing something to the effect that it was a "chilly day for Willy when the mercury went down" but it has nothing on F. L. Shinn, professor of chemistry. Tuesday night he had about twenty pounds of quicksilver in two glass vessels connected by a rubber tube up in a room in the front part of McClure hall.

Wednesday morning the dishes were empty and \$60 worth of the metal had unaccountably disappeared. There were no footprints, fingermarks, nor other signs of violence by which the night marauder could be traced. The dishes were intact and the door locked. The crime seemed as impossible as any dime novel mystery. Where was the mercury?

Meanwhile Mr. Tracy, the janitor in McClure hall, was puzzling over a curious silver puddle spreading over the floor of the Emerald office in the basement. It appeared to have come from nowhere in particular. About the same time he thought to communicate with the chemistry department the professors saw fit to speak to him about the loss of the mercury. The puddle was identified as such and Professor Shinn and Howard Wagner, who cares for the chemicals, came with brushes and shovels and dust pans and spent some time collecting the elusive drops of mercury, which filled the cracks in the cement floor.

Further examinations of the glass vessels proved that the tube connecting them had broken, permitting the metal to escape and find its way through the floor into the room below. Had it not been for the cement in the basement \$60 might have still been on its way.

1500 STUDENTS IN 1918

Dean Straub Predicts Big Increase in Enrollment Next Year.

Fifteen hundred students by February, 1918, and a greater University of Oregon is the slogan Dean John Straub suggests for the coming year. "I feel safe in predicting that the University will have an enrollment of 1300 in September and that this will increase to 1500 by the spring semester," he said.

Dean Straub has accurately predicted the registrations for several years. When he estimated that the registration for this semester would pass the thousand mark, the professors smiled, he said, as if they thought that he was far too optimistic. He was right, however, for the registration is now 1050.

He bases his prediction on the number of seniors in the high schools of the state who have signified their intentions of coming to the University. Dean Straub has visited about thirty high schools during this school year and wherever he has gone, he has found a splendid sentiment for the University.

The estimate of 1500 is based on the understanding that war will not be declared, which Dean Straub thinks will be the case. "Of course if war is declared," he said, "that will throw the prediction out for I think that two thirds of the boys in the University will enlist if they are called for. I would go myself if I hadn't passed the age limit."

APRIL FROLIC CLEARS \$84

Approximately \$84 was cleared by the Women's League on the annual April Frolic, all of which sum goes to the Woman's building. The total door receipts amounted to \$102, from which \$18 was deducted to cover expenses.

Alpha Phi was awarded the Larroway cup given for the best stunt, and Ethel Murray received a prize of \$2.50 for the most original costume, which in this case was made to represent a huge bunch of violets. Miss Murray also received honorable mention last year when she came to the Frolic as a wood nymph.

Honorable mention in the stunts went to Eutaxian, Gamma Phi Beta, Delta Gamma, Mary Spiller hall and Kappa Kappa Gamma. The group composed of Jeannette Calkins, Emma Stevenson, and Midge Calkins as a "rube" family, and the costume of Adah Hall, which represented a fire extinguisher, were also mentioned. The judges were Mrs. P. L. Campbell, Mrs. W. F. Osburn, and Mrs. Julius Goldsmith.

VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS RECEIVE INSTRUCTION

Learn Fundamental Elements of Drill and Squad Movements.

CLASS IN FIRST AID HELD WEDNESDAY, 7 P. M.

Advanced Course in Sanitation Given on Thursday by Dr. G. E. Darrow.

Military drill, though only voluntary, is an actuality at the University. Tuesday evening, when for two hours over 50 men marched and counter-marched under the direction of H. K. Kingsbury and a half score of volunteer corporals, the first actual steps were taken. The gymnasium rang with the orders of those in command, and the rhythmic cadence of marching filled the large room.

Members of the administration force of the school rubbed elbows with students, and former members of the United States army with true military subordination followed young fellows from the National Guard in elementary instructions.

Ten days from today, according to Dr. Warren D. Smith, the members of the corps must have paid their bond fee of \$2.50 if they wish to retain membership in the body. This fee is payable to the comptroller of the University and will be refunded at the end of the semester, with 25 cents subtracted for each absence.

The work on Tuesday evening was almost entirely in the very fundamental elements of drilling, the position of a soldier, file, column and squad movements and individual and squad instruction in marching.

Last night at 7 o'clock the class in bandaging met in Hayward hall to receive instruction from Bill Hayward. Several of the more common and valuable methods of dressing wounds were explained to the 50 men present. Tonight Dr. E. E. Darrow is to give instruction to the advanced class in sanitation and hygiene.

"I will make every effort possible" said H. K. Kingsbury who is in charge of the drilling, "to obtain guns at an early date. While they are not necessary for some time yet, they will soon be needed, in our drill work. Where they will come from I do not know."

Enlisting in the Eugene company of the Oregon National Guard continues among the University students. Nine members of the student body enlisted yesterday.

ACTIVITY EXPENSES FEW

Approximate Amount Paid Out for Women \$81.30.

Very little money has been spent thus far this year for University women's activities, although with the coming of spring more will probably be required. The business office cannot give an exact report of every cent expended for women, because the books are not kept in a way to make it possible.

An approximate amount paid out so far for women alone is \$81.30. There are other amounts which have been expended but are not recorded for either men or women, and are as much for one as for the other. An example of this is the \$75 paid from the student body treasury for homecoming week.

The other amounts of money paid out for women were comparatively small and were for women's athletics and the Woman's League. A statement follows: \$7.50 for Miss Rothchild's transportation from Portland to Eugene when she came before to speak to the Woman's League; \$40.80 for the Woman's League due to the State Federation of Women's Clubs; \$33 was spent for the University hockey team when it made its trip to Corvallis.

E. W. ALLEN RECOVERING

Eric W. Allen, dean of the school of journalism, has been confined to his bed for the last week with a very severe attack of grippe. It is not known how soon he will be able to meet his classes. Mr. DeLay and Mr. Turnbull have taken charge of Mr. Allen's work during his absence.