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Freshman Co-ed, Happy in Nature Study Sets University Mark in Library Reading

(By Lucile Saunders)

Literally bubbling over with the joy of living is Opal Whitely, a University freshman from Cottage Grove, for Opal is a student of life, a natural scientist, you call her. She believes every moment on this earth is too precious to waste: that's why she slips into the library between classes and reads five or ten pages of a book while others are standing on the steps or leaning over the radiator gossiping. So it happens that she has the highest reading record of any student the University has kept account of.

Last semester little Miss Whitely had perused 10,582 pages of outside reading when she completed her ethics course under Dean Elizabeth Fox. Her average of 529 pages a week consisted of natural science, eugenics, biography, the Bible, and art.

Outside of that she carried a full University course, some subjects at the Bible university, research work on her own initiative, and a correspondence frequently amounting to thirty letters a day written as a part of her duties as state superintendent of the Junior Christian Endeavor. Last year she sent out 1600 letters of advice on Endeavor business and travelled 2000 miles in the state. Under her supervision are the 3400 children of eight different denominations of churches interested in the work.

Miss Whitely's life ambition is to write nature study books for children, which, she says will appeal to the child so much that he will get the same enjoyment from reading them that she gets out of the writing. To this end she is bending all her efforts and laying what she terms the "foundations". In the summer she travels in the state at the request of the school children from all over and lectures. Through this occupation, most pleasing to her, she earns her way through school.

At the age of eleven when living among

the lumber camps of the Row river valley she first began teaching the children the wonders of nature. Every year she did this, her classes becoming so popular that after children had moved away they would write and let her hear of the new things they had discovered which she might not have seen. To this day she hears from them from New York and the Middle west, California, Washington, and Oregon. Her lectures are considered so valuable that she expects to do extension work for the University in the near future.

Though very much a student, Miss Whitely is a staunch believer in the policy of "early to bed, early to rise". Her day begins at 5 o'clock in the morning when she finds it most easy to study. Long walks and days in the fields take another portion of her time. She is an ardent lover of the country and wishes always to be near her beloved rocks and lichens, and mosses, and birds and flowers. She spent three years studying the butterfly before she felt that she understood his life and the friendship of a bird is to be as highly prized as that with a person. Out-of-doors is just like an entertaining book to her. She has a most pleasing personality. Hardly taller than the children of whom she is so fond, her being fairly effervescent a joy in living. She always has an inviting smile for her acquaintances and endeavors to share her joys with everyone. During her spare moments one is sure to see her in some odd corner of the library lost among books. "You have no idea how many interesting things you can learn in a few minutes if you only concentrate your mind," she said. "The things that come hardest to you are most worth while. I never study of grades and I don't get the best but they are nearly just what I wanted in each subject."

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U. OF W. DEBATERS WINNERS

Oregon Co-eds Taken Into Camp at Seattle by Unanimous Decision.

The University of Washington co-ed debating team defeated the Oregon team in the debate held at Meany Hall, Seattle, Thursday night. The judges' decision was unanimously in favor of the northern University. The question was "Resolved, that the United States should adopt an amendment to the constitution which would insure equal suffrage to both men and women in all states of the union," Oregon upheld the negative.

The Washington team was made up of the following girls: Ruth Tewinkle, Helen Bennett and Margaret Desmond, while the University of Oregon was represented by Vivian Kellems, Amy Carson and Roberta Schuebel. With the exception of Miss Kellems, who was in the state debate with O. A. C., the Oregon girls were inexperienced. Both Miss Tewinkle and Miss Bennett of Washington have taken part in interscholastic debate for three years, and Miss Desmond was on the varsity team last year.

This is the first co-ed debate in which Oregon has participated.

Dean Elizabeth Fox accompanied the girls on their trip to Seattle and after the debate, she was entertained with the Oregon team by the Washington Tolo club, an upper class honorary society. The club gave the visiting team a reception in the Home Economics hall and a banquet at the Seattle hotel later in the evening.

The judges of the contest were: George Nash, president of Bellingham State Normal, Mrs. Alvah L. Carr, of Seattle, and Thomas R. Cole, assistant superintendent of the Seattle Schools.

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HORSE-PLAY DISAPPEARS

The representatives of the Greek fraternities at the University of Oklahoma claim the horseplay that has hitherto prevailed in the initiations of the fraternities is being rapidly abandoned. The tasks used to be that the initiates should put on dress suits and do their fraternity washing in the front yard, or to step on the campus dolled up like an end man in a minstrel.

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Y. W. SECRETARY VISITS

Miss Esther Anderson, of Missionary Fame, on Campus.

Is Guest of Honor at Functions and Receives "Lasting Impression" of Co-eds.

Miss Esther Anderson, national secretary of the Y. W. C. A. spoke to the girls at the Y. W. C. A. Bungalow Thursday about Japan and the missionary work there. Especially did Miss Anderson speak of Miss Ruth Emerson, who is working in the missionary field in Japan, and who is being supported there chiefly by the Y. W. C. A.'s of the Universities of Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon. The girls here have planned to write special letters to Miss Emerson.

Miss Anderson has spent seven and a half years in Australia, where she was engaged in Y. W. C. A. work. She left there two years ago and was in England and France after the war broke out. While here Miss Anderson held conferences with the girls who are vitally interested in foreign missionary work. She has been a guest at different of the sorority houses and has as well spoken to the high school students, townspeople, and college people. The Y. W. C. A. girls gave a breakfast in her honor at the bungalow this morning.

Miss Anderson left for Portland this afternoon where she will spend the first part of next week. From there she will go to Willamette University. "This is the first college I have visited on the coast," said Miss Anderson, "and I shall judge all girls in accordance with those

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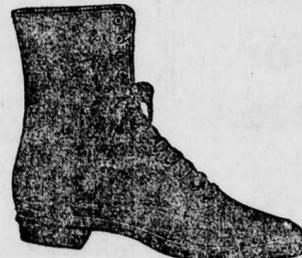
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