

"CLIMBERS" WORTHY VEHICLE FOR '17ERS

Senior Play Is Really a Good Performance, Despite Minor Defects.

MRS. BATES IS STAR

Is a Tragedy and Most Difficult Production Yet Attempted by Oregon Students.

"The Climbers", by Clyde Fitch, was presented at the Eugene Theatre Friday night before a capacity house, as the annual performance of the Senior class. In undertaking a play of so serious a nature the class showed commendable daring. It was altogether the most difficult production that has yet been attempted by the University of Oregon students.

The play is a tragedy, and in any American audience there will always be a considerable minority too unimaginative to be able to disassociate the actors from their ordinary student personality sufficiently to take any tragedy seriously, however well it may be given.

"The Climbers", while an excellent play in its time, seems today hopelessly old-fashioned in its technique. The soliloquies and asides, the long didactic speeches, the melodramatic happenings, all of which were accepted cheerfully enough fifteen years ago, are today almost intolerable.

The cast had only two weeks for rehearsal, there were numerous changes of personnel during that time, and the leading man had to get out of a sick bed to play his part.

Despite all these difficulties, the play distinctively got over. The audience enjoyed it, and the universal comment was that it was a good performance.

Alex Bowen, as Richard Sterling, the weak-kneed husband, who drifts from debt into dishonesty and finally into suicide, had by far the most arduous role of the evening, all the harder because of his previous reputation as a comedian. Although greatly hampered by hoarseness which deprived his voice of its usual resonance, Mr. Bowen gave an effective rendering of his part. Admirably sincere, living the part every moment that he was on the stage, he surprised his audience by the emotional power he expressed. In the last act he forgot a number of his lines, due to the illness which prevented his attendance at the final rehearsals. Altogether it was a plucky piece of work, and it left one feeling that it was a shame Mr. Bowen should not have been in condition to give what would undoubtedly have been the best performance of his student career.

Much credit for the success of the play must be given to Rosalind Bates, the leading lady. She made Sterling's rather unsympathetic wife an essentially human creature, notwithstanding the wooden words with which Fitch wrote her. She rose splendidly to her emotional climaxes and held the attention of the audience to the end.

In maintaining the serious atmosphere of the piece, she was ably supported by Bernice Lucas, in the role of Ruth Hunter, the aunt. This aunt is one of those ultra-good people so often met with on the stage, but from Miss Lucas, her long, dry sermonizing speeches came with a tensiveness of conviction and depth of feeling which compelled belief. In the impression of sheer moral fibre which it gave, Miss Lucas' work was remarkable.

In the role of Ned Warden, the other highly virtuous character of the piece, Earl Fleischmann maintained his usual high standard of acting. His was a difficult part to play for there was the danger of making Warden appear priggish. But Mr. Fleischmann got the part

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Floyd Isn't Shy; Just A Mistake

Floyd Westerfield had an eleven o'clock journalism class Friday morning out in the journalism annex. So he went to the recitation room bright and early and he sat and he sat and he sat. Pretty soon a couple of girls came in and they sat. And a few more came in and they sat. But Floyd was busy with his own thoughts and he never bothered about them. It wasn't until the last bell rang that he looked up and found himself completely surrounded by fair young faces. Surrounded? Yes, the room was cram full of them.

Floyd began to feel uneasy. Most girls aren't fond of advanced journalism courses and he had never noticed so many around the building before. They made him a little suspicious, also unnecessary. He looked up to the instructor's desk to see the explanation and lo and behold, Miss Mabel Louise Cummings was just beginning a lecture on personal hygiene.

The startled senior tried to make his departure as inconspicuous as possible but the class couldn't help but notice the hasty clatter of chairs as he made for the door.

As soon as he was safely out, Westerfield pondered. He found no solution to the mystery until someone showed him a calendar. The date thereon was Thursday.

JUNIOR WEEK-END OPENS BUBBLINGLY

Soap, Millrace, Canoes, People, Spotlights, Music and Rain Make Up Water Fete.

Nevertheless, Dignified Senior Takes Hasty Leave From Personal "Hy" Class.

Bubbles—soapy ones and otherwise—were a noticeable feature of the official opening of the twentieth Junior Week-end of the University. Three soaps and an enormous colored bubble told the tale. The millrace, canoes, lanterns, spot lights, people, music, and lastly, umbrellas, formed the setting of the fifth annual water fete Thursday night. The rain, however, did not dampen the interest of the 500 people crowded in and about the "Shack"; and along the Raceway; nor did it detract from the brilliancy of the 18 entries.

A huge sea-shell of many delicate shades, with Noemi Bernard as a seaymph, the center of attraction, was the prize winning float entered by Chi Omega. The prize was the silver cup, and \$11.

The Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, commonly known as Fiji, entered a Fiji Island float which received the second prize of \$6. "Beneath the sheltering palms" two man-eating cannibals, Dow Wilson and Lyle McCroskey were boiling a white captive, Arvo Simola.

Gamma Phi Beta took the third prize of \$3, with a brilliantly colored and lighted bubble, which floated down the race apparently alone. Florence Sherman lay inside, as if on the water.

Honorable mention was given to Delta Gamma, and Mary Spiller. Delta Gamma entered a soldier camp scene. Mary Spiller represented Jap Rose Soap; Ruth Wilson and Miss Tirza Dinsdale, dressed as Japanese maidens, paddled.

A volcano, Tri Delta's float, caused the only accident of the fete. A defective sparkler set the cotton, which formed the basis of the volcano, on fire—but aside from minor burns, no one was injured.

The Junior float, decorated with apple blossoms, and a huge "IS" in electric lights, and carrying the silver cup, headed the procession. Winifred Starbuck and Vivian Kellem were in charge. This float was not entered for competition.

Patriotism formed the theme for four floats—Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi, Delta Gamma, and Alpha Tau Omega. Other entries were Friendly Hall, and Kappa Sigma, gondolas; Kappa Alpha Theta, Fairy Soap; Alpha Phi, Ivory Soap; Pi Beta Phi, a balloon float; Kappa Kappa Gamma, a Dutch float; Delta Theta Phi, Justice; and Delta Tau Delta "Salome".

Second Company Slated to Win Meet With 56 Points At Four This Afternoon

By Adrienne Epping

The events of the inter-company track meet at four o'clock this afternoon and the first three winners in order are:
50 YARD DASH—Foster, Westerfield, Mulkey.
BROAD JUMP—Mulkey, Hodson, Foster.
100 HIGH HURDLES—Knudson, McConnell, Furney.
POLE VAULT—Jensen and Watkins tied. Knudson, Furney.
75-YARD DASH—Foster, Fitzgibbons, Westerfield.
MILE—Scott, Case, Watkins.
HIGH JUMP—Jensen, Gurney, Knudson.
150-YARD DASH—Foster, Hodson, Fitzgibbons.
440-YARD DASH—Hodson, Atkinson, Belding.
180-YARD LOW HURDLES—Foster, Knudson, Masterson.
880-YARD RUN—Belding, Montague, Atkinson.

With a lead of 56 points at 4 o'clock this afternoon the Second of the University student companies bid fair to come out of the inter-company track meet on top. The Thirty-third, however, was running strong for a good second with 36 points and Belding in the quarter mile and Jensen in the high jump and Steers and lesser stars yet to be heard from.

The "Fighting First" had 30 chalked up to its credit, the "Flying Fourth" 21, the "Sickly Sixth" 18 and the "Fleeing Fifth" 5.

Foster, of company two, was easily the star of the meet, winning first in the 50-yard dash, 75 and the 100 and placing in the low hurdles and broad jump. He was ably seconded by Knudson who copped the five-point in the high hurdles and who placed in the low.

Hodson was high point winner up to

4 o'clock in company one. Making the last time of 53 flat in the 440, falling exhausted a few feet from the tape but pluckily crawling over the line before Atkinson who was a good second, could reach the line.

The only man showing up in company six was Mulkey who placed in the 50 and 75, made first in the broad jump with a leap of 20' 11".

With 31 entries the fourth, Scott and Furney were the only two point takers up to publication. Scott took first in the mile in the comparative slow time of five flat. Furney heaved the shot over 40 feet for first place and made second in the high jump.

Patterson and Brunkow grabbed two fourth places in the mile and high hurdles respectively for the fifth company.

TELLS OF GATHERING STUDENT GRADES FALL

President Campbell Attends Washington Conference.

War Secretary Advises College Men to Complete Their Studies.

President P. L. Campbell in a message of greetings to the special Woman's edition of the Emerald, sent from Washington, D. C. yesterday, described the enthusiastic reception accorded British and French war commissioners in the east.

The president has been attending a called meeting of college heads in Washington, D. C.

Thousands of students cheered wildly when Columbus University conferred degrees upon Gen. Joseph J. C. Joffre, Field Marshal and member of the French commission and Arthur J. Balfour, head of the British commission and Foreign secretary, who were sent to the United States to confer with American civil and military leaders regarding co-operation in the war.

Many students from Columbia, Harvard, and other eastern Universities including several Oregon graduates are going into military training camps to fit themselves for commissions.

"Feeling is everywhere intense in the east and the universities are badly demoralized by the depletion of their ranks.

Secretary of War, Newton D. Baker, urged undergraduate students to go on with their college work to complete their technical preparation for service. Secretary Baker's plan was heartily endorsed by the one hundred eighty-three college presidents who met at the call of the committee on national defense to mobilize the resources of colleges and plan an avenue of work for student leaders.

All institutions represented expect to maintain a normal organization for next year, adding special courses needed for military training.

The feeling is quite universal that the war may be protracted so younger men are advised to remain in college.

President Campbell considers the meeting held Saturday to be the greatest of its kind ever held in this country.

THETA SIGMA PHI

Elects
Helen Brenton
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Last Semester Averages Show 93 Point Drop Over Preceding

Mary Spiller Leads With 2.395; Ten Out of 18 Organizations Below 2 or M Standing.

The general scholastic average of the University of Oregon students has fallen off 93 points since the last collecting and averaging of grades which was for the spring semester of 1916. The average of the grades for the season semester of the school year, 1915-16 was 2.004, while the average of the semester just preceding the present one has just been recorded at 1.911. Ten out of 18 having averages below M. The basis used for the averaging is the same used in class markings; H-4; S-3; M-2; P-1; condition .9; and F-0; showing that last semester's average was below an M grade. Neither incompletes nor gymnasium grades were used in computing this average.

The averages for the preceding semester, as just given out from the registrar's office, follow by groups:

Mary Spiller, 2.395; Pi Beta Phi, 2.349; Kappa Alpha Theta, 2.144; Friendly Hall, 2.101; Alpha Phi, 2.095; Delta Gamma, 2.088; Chi Omega, 2.046; Delta Delta Delta, 2.045; Phi Gamma Delta, 1.959; Delta Tau Delta, 1.941; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 1.868; Beta Theta, Pi, 1.773; Gamma Phi Beta, 1.728; Alpha Tau Omega, 1.623; Sigma Nu, 1.621; Kappa Sigma, 1.593; Sigma Chi, 1.536; Phi Delta Theta, 1.517; General average, first semester, 1916-17, 1.911.

Four organizations, Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Alpha Theta, Delta Tau Delta, and Phi Gamma Delta show a higher average than in the 1916 semester, while the grades are lower than the preceding semester for Mary Spiller, Friendly Hall, Alpha Phi, Delta Gamma, Chi Omega, Delta Delta Delta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Beta Theta Pi, Gamma Phi Beta, Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Nu, Kappa Sigma, Sigma Chi, and Phi Delta Theta.

EASTERN "CHAMPS" COMING

Mike Gibbons, champion middle-weight of the world, and his brother, Tommy champion light-weight, are expected to arrive in Eugene tonight. They will give an exhibition bout at the Elks club next Tuesday night. All Eugene is invited.

The men who are going up the McKenzie river on a fishing trip, were prevailed upon to appear here by William Hayward, veteran trainer at the University, and a member of the local Elks club. Hayward is an old friend of both the boys.

Wants Khaki For Girls' Ball Suits

Fat girls, slim girls, tall girls, short girls, blonde girls, and dark haired girls will all come back to the University of Oregon in the fall wearing khaki costumes if the suggestion of Bishop Walter T. Sumner of the Episcopal diocese of Oregon is carried out.

Many have sought to woo the popular maiden "Economy" but no one wants to look for her at home. Hence the proposal to modify woman's dress. If the campus generates khaki clad figures the end of created but not vital demands in dress, is foretold. Gay ties, expensively dyed sweaters and sports suits add little to the prosperity of a country but much to its extravagance. They emphasize person not personality. In the future, women will be known by their ability to wear khaki gracefully, make gardens, hoard the mottled potato and extract the most nourishment from the prolific bean.

Miss Butterfly, a pseudo-student in every University, registered marked objections to the bishop's plan. "It will destroy our individuality," she cried, fluffing up her curly hair and adjusting her new bonnet.

Here Miss Practicality smoothed her sensible middie suit and sniffed. "If the girls just showed moderation in their present garb we wouldn't have to wear uniforms."

EVEN LOWLY FROSH TOILED CAMPUS DAY

Some Worked One Place, Some Another, and Some Worked Hard Avoiding Work.

Everybody works on Campus Day. Ask Billie Morrison if they don't.

Billie had to work getting out of the fountain because he didn't work on the campus. So did Paul Spangler. Ross McKenna came to the verge of a bath in said fountain but he pleaded with the judge to let him off and was excused.

On the tennis courts a squad worked while Karl Becke bossed the job and saw to it that everything was done right. The boys hood weeds off the courts, smoothed them down and rolled them until they are in fine shape.

Over on the walk between Deady and the library the force was large but inclined to have a little sport by throwing some one of their number into the senior fountain. Every now and then the laborers would take a standing vote (or rather a sitting vote) as to whether they should rest, and the vote was always in the affirmative. Bert Breeding toiled ceaselessly getting his crew to business and "Scoop Rathbun, Henry Foster, Ernest Watkins and "Mike" Harris responded nobly. Over on the library steps watching the toilers Ralph Tourtelotte and "Doc" Medley were seen. Ralph went home around the other side of the library and Dot went in to study.

Over on the road in front of Friendly Hall, Martin Nelson and Roscoe Hurd held sway over a willing band of workers who spaded and shoveled like old timers at the job.

Up on Skinner's Butte, the "O" was getting a new coat of paint under the direction of "Shy" Huntington who said he knew how to paint the "O" from old days. Bert Woods and Ernest Boylen worked like Trojans and as a reward were given their "O's." Other deserving frosh also received their letters.

Martin Nelson was going to raise the first bridge beyond the Raceway but after looking the proposition over decided that it would take too much time and trouble to do it so called off the party. Superintendent H. M. Fisher said it seemed to him that more work was accomplished this year than usual.

SCROLL AND SCRIPT

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FJIS CAPTURE CUP AFTER 11-1 BATTLE

Fourth Inning Is Jubilee for Victors; Score Nine Runs on Four Hits.

FURNEY PLAYS WILD

Trophy Now Has Permanent Owners; Crowd Out in Spite of Showers.

Phi Gamma Delta walked away with the doughnut baseball championship yesterday afternoon when it met Delta Tau Delta on Cemetery Ridge and delivered the latter an 11 to 1 defeat. This game gives the Fijis permanent possession of the trophy won by them two successive years.

A good crowd filled the grandstand despite cloudy skies and occasional showers. The University band livened up the scene with frequent intervals of music.

The Delts loss was mostly due to wildness on the part of Fournery, who couldn't get the balls over the plate. The game was even up to the fourth inning when the Delts began to weaken and permitted the Fijis to score nine runs on four hits, the largest number made in any one inning. Lefty Furney was very unsteady and issued eight walks during the contest.

The landslide commenced when Nelson fumbled Knudson's grounder and heaved wild to first. Knudson continued to second thence to third on a pass. Next came one of the brilliant plays of the game. Tuerck delivered a high fly to Montague and the latter cut Knudson off at the plate by a perfect peg. Furney led off for the Delts with a three sacker down to third base line. He waited for the batmen to perish then made a desperate attempt to steal home.

In the fourth the Delts grew dangerous again. Holdridge got on through Grebe's error. Nelson fanned. Madden fanned but reached first when the third strike got away from Riskey. Tuerck tied and made Medley pop to Grebe. Ralston fanned. Brown walked, stole second, then got too ambitious and was put out on third. Another drop third strike put Holdridge on first. Tuerck played in on Nelson and scored Holdridge.

The play that put the Fiji score on the upline occurred in the fourth. Knudson singled, Tuerck and Hedges walked, Riskey hit to Holdridge who threw late to the plate and Knudson was over the platter. Rathbun singled and chased in a couple more. Grebe was safe on a fielder's choice. Lind walked. Wilson fanned but Sheehy singled, cleaning bases. Knudson got a fast one on an elbow. Tuerck hit one to Furney who threw the ball into the back stop trying to head Lind off at home. Two more runs were scored. Hedges fanned, Riskey walked, Knudson scored on a wild pitch, Rathbun fanned and brought the inning to a close. In addition to Furney's weakness, the Delts infield went to pieces during the Fiji celebration.

Linn tripled a three bagger and Wilson singled in the fifth. The Fijis scored in the seventh on Grebe's two bagger and Wilson's single. Tuerck led off with a triple in the eighth but Furney caught him flat-footed five feet from base.

Knudson relieved Tuerck at the box in the beginning of the sixth. Both pitchers got one hit off of each man. Tuerck fanned eight and his successor, six. Furney struck out nine men.

The lineup was as follows:
Fiji—Grebe, ss; Lind, lf; Wilson, 3b; Sheehy, cf; Knudson and Tuerck, p; Knudson and Tuerck, rf; Hedges, 2b; Riskey, c; Rathbun, 1b.

Delts—Holdridge, ss; Madden, lf; Nelson, 3b; Montague, cf; Furney, p; Atkinson, rf; Brown, 2b; Medley, c; Ralston, 1b.

RECOUNT IS ASKED

The sponsors of Harold Newton have asked for a recount of the votes cast for the editorship of the Oregonian. The executive committee decided that it was necessary to have a petition to make a recount possible, so as a result of such a petition the recount will take place on Monday. The outcome of the voting last Wednesday gave the election to Helen Brenton by one vote.

FRIARS
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James Sheehy
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