



Eaton Makes Statement to Chamber of Commerce

Faculty Member Says Charges Against Him Were Made Without Full Knowledge of Facts; Offers to Explain Everything

CHAMBER REFUSES REQUEST

Will Submit Evidence to Public in Statement Made to Press Some Time This Evening

Acting under the decision of President Campbell, "that it does not seem fair that his work should be interrupted before he has had an opportunity of stating the case in full," Allen H. Eaton, instructor in art appreciation, whose dismissal from the University is demanded in a resolution recently passed by the Eugene Chamber of Commerce, was in his office in the Architecture building for conference with students wishing to sign up in his course, yesterday and today.

In the resolution passed by the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Eaton is charged with having attended the meeting of the People's Council of Democracy and Terms of Peace held in Chicago, as a delegate. It is also charged that Mr. Eaton was the author of a signed account of the meeting which appeared in the Portland Journal on the day following.

Besides asking that Mr. Eaton be dismissed from the University faculty because he had attended the Chicago meeting, which they deemed was unpatriotic, to say the least, and which had been forbidden to meet in three states and met in Illinois contrary to the orders of the governor, the resolutions demanded that he be removed from the office of Representative of Lane county in the Oregon legislature. Governor Withycombe declined to take any action towards removing Mr. Eaton from his seat in the legislature and that matter has been allowed to rest pending the action of the University authorities.

When the resolution was passed Mr. Eaton was still in the east and says he knew nothing of the charges made against him except in a general way, until he reached Eugene, last Saturday. A letter, written from this city and informing him of the charges, was delayed and did not reach him until a few days ago. That, and only that, was the reason why he did not return to Eugene sooner, he says, and he states that he was in no way trying to delay facing the charges.

Following President Campbell's announcement that Mr. Eaton would continue to meet his classes for the present, as his absence during the registration days would seriously handicap the department throughout the year, Mr. Eaton prepared a statement which he submitted to the Chamber of Commerce, Monday evening. After considering the statement the Chamber refused to accede to Mr. Eaton's request that he be heard, either by the chamber as a body or by a committee appointed by it, and reiterated its demand that he be dismissed from the University.

Speaking of the action of the Chamber last night, Mr. Eaton announced that he had submitted his first statement to them, as it was in that body that the charges against him were first made. Today, he said, he would make a complete statement to the public through the press. His statement to the Chamber of Commerce was as follows:

"I find in the public press that on September 13 you adopted a resolution denouncing me for attending a meeting of the People's Council of Democracy and Terms of Peace at Chicago and for writing an account of that meeting and signing it 'Representative from Lane County in the Oregon Legislature,' and you then demanded my dismissal from the state

legislature and the University of Oregon.

Says Club Uninformed
"Since the governor has advised you that he cannot act in the case of the legislature, and the Oregonian has said that Lane county itself has a remedy—the recall—'But the further demand that Eaton be required to retire from the faculty of the University is easier'; believing that you do not seek the easier way but the right way, and knowing that many of the members of the Commercial club do not want to involve the University in issues which, settled either way, would be to the University's disadvantage, and knowing that few members of the club wish to be unfair to any other member or citizen, and knowing that most members would place the interests of our country far above any other at this time, and feeling sure that the members generally would be willing to correct a resolution if it were made plain that the action was taken without the knowledge of all the facts, and feeling personally that as a member of the club from its very beginning I would desire to have as many facts as possible before committing myself to a far-reaching and serious resolution—these and other obvious reasons have decided me to place the matter before you, rather than to discuss the resolution in the public press or take it up with the public with whom it has unfortunately been made an issue.

Says Justice Demands Hearing
"Painful as these accusations have been to my family and me, with consequences which you cannot know, and serious as has been the damage to my reputation for patriotism and loyalty as an American citizen, a damage which can be repaired in part only, even with your willing efforts, yet I am not bitter, nor do I ask any consideration for myself at your hands. But I want an opportunity to lay before you the facts which I am sure some of you desired when these resolutions were passed. Had you had all the facts, you could not, I think, have taken the course you did, and now in the interests of justice, a clear record for the club, the interests of the University and the still larger interests of our country, I offer to give you the truth which I could not give you sooner.

"What information I have I will be glad to submit to the Eugene Commercial club as a body or to a committee selected by you for that purpose. I will present the matter in person, or in a written statement, or both.

Some Facts Semi-Confidential
"There are some things growing out of my visit to Washington that I could only lay before a committee, on account of some of the semi-confidential matter entrusted to me by officers of the administration. I believe that the circumstances would justify the appointment by the club of such a committee, and I shall be glad to appear before it at the committee's convenience.

But One Accusation True
"That you may not doubt the quality of my request, let me refer to the resolutions which have gone forth with your indorsement. Of all the serious accusations in the resolutions, only one of them is really true, that one being the statement that I attended this meeting in Chicago. But that I represented myself as a delegate from Lane county or Oregon is wholly a mistake, and that I signed a communication as representative from Lane county in the Oregon Legislature, is equally a mistake. There were no representatives from Oregon

in the conference. Washington, California, Idaho, Montana, Colorado—in fact, all the Western states—but Oregon, South Carolina, Alabama, and Florida were not represented. I was asked to go as a delegate from a local

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Welcome! Let's Go!

The University of Oregon extends a whole-souled and hearty welcome, a warm handclasp, a cheery "hello" to every student that walks her campus.

We who are here at Oregon today are fortunate—fortunate in that we can continue our education, with the determination and knowledge that our preparation is one that will fit us for future service and activity in any line that we may be called. "The war will be long," says the government—let the youth of the country continue their education.

To the incoming freshmen our welcome is doubly significant—we welcome you into our midst with the full knowledge that you come prepared for four years of earnest endeavor and study. Oregon has no room for a "slacker"—she can offer much to the man or woman who comes ready and anxious to offer his or her every effort for the betterment of Oregon.

Our opening charge to you is that you "catch" the spirit of the institution, that you drink in and breathe the atmosphere of democracy, of freedom, and friendliness. Learn to know your fellow students—feel that in them you have friends that will last through life. "It is a little college but there are those who love it." You will not be here long ere you realize what it means to "fight for this institution at Eugene." Oregon stands for constructive endeavor, she builds unalloyed men—she asks nothing but an equal return from her students, measured in willingness and desire to aid her.

Again let me extend a warm welcome to the old and new students alike. Upon the former will fall the governing and guiding power—the latter's lot should be one of eagerness to learn and desire to work. Let us all start the year with a community-co-operativeness—let us ever keep alive the real, the Oregon Spirit, and let us build anew and strengthen the ties that bind us together.

JAMES S. SHEEHY,
President Associated Students.

SHY HUNTINGTON IS CENTER OF INTEREST

OREGON'S STANDING ON DOPSHEET DEPENDS IN A MEASURE ON HIS RETURN

No Definite Word Has Reached Here from The Dalles, Where Shy Is

(Jimmy Sheehy.)

"Off again, on agin, Finnegan" has nothing on "Shy" Huntington, Oregon's premier quarterback, when it comes to keeping the public in suspense concerning his next movement.

College fandom, instead of asking the eternal pre-season question, "What are the football prospects for the year?" are quizzing each other as to when Shy will arrive. If the Dalles Boy drops off the train one of these fine nights, shares in Oregon's war-fitted football machine ought to mount to the near-normal stage. At present he is in The Dalles, undecided, undetermined, yet anxious to get back to Oregon.

"Shy" is "The Last of the Mohicans"—the one and only regular member of the Coast championship football eleven not wearing the "olive" or "blue" of Uncle Sam. If "Shy" had his way he would no doubt be directing the wonderful football machine assembled by the marines at Mare Island. Only an athletic heart kept him from enlisting with the "soldiers of the sea," or the Eugene Ambulance Corps.

Just what part Shy plays in Oregon's offense may be gathered from the fact that he scored unaided last year some 130 markers, kicked field goals, threw forward passes, reeled off numerous forty-yard runs, and above all directed the attack of one of the best teams developed in the country in 1917.

The enlistment of "Shy" with Bezdek's 1917 forces means that Oregon can place a war-time team on the field, able to cope with the best in the conferences. If he does not come, the way of Hugo Bezdek will be hard.

LESLIE IS FOOTBALL CAPTAIN

Earl Leslie, a member of the freshman football team last fall, has been elected to captain the Vancouver soldiers' football team for the year. A game has been arranged with Multnomah Club and an effort will be made to get games with Oregon and O. A. C.

Leslie is in the Medical Corps which is stationed at Vancouver Barracks.

REGISTRATION ABOVE HIGHEST ESTIMATES

TOTAL OF 773 ARE ENROLLED, WITH LARGE NUMBER OF FRESHMEN

Military Drill Attracts Many Men, Is Belief of President Campbell

With a total registration of 773 this afternoon, the University begins real work tomorrow for the first year of "war" college.

This registration far exceeds an estimate made by the President's office ten days ago that there would be about 700 in attendance at the University for the first semester of the 1917-18 year. President Campbell now expects a student body fully as large as in the 1916-17 semesters. Registration of freshmen alone reached 400 Monday night, and about 50 more entered today.

In only one way is the war affecting the Oregon student body—there are now registered approximately the same number of girls as boys. Previously the percentage had run about 60 per cent boys to 40 per cent women.

Despite the registration of many of the older college men as well as the older high school graduates throughout the state, the age of the college men has not been materially changed as was expected.

But to this rule there is one exception. He is Robert E. Lees, 15 years old, a 1917 graduate of the Ontario High School in Malheur County. Lees wears knee-pants and will be something of a novelty in Oregon freshman circles. He has been in Eugene waiting for the opening of the fall semester for nearly a week according to the Registrar's office.

An evidence of the growth of the University's reputation is shown in the registration of Dong Kiang Chu, of Kiang-Su China, and Tao Sun, of Sze-Chuan. Both prepared for University work in Chinese schools, but their registration cards, already completely filled out and signed by the faculty, show no trace of Chinese monogram art. Their writing compares favorably with that on the registration cards of their American-trained fellow-students. There are two Chinese registering this year.

"College work this year will be made much more intense and serious by the Oregon students, I believe," said President Campbell Monday. "War seems

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STAG MIX TO BE HELD IN VILLARD ON FRIDAY

President Campbell and Coach Bezdek Are to be Among Speakers at Annual Y. M. C. A. Affair

The annual stag mix, for every man in the University, will be held under the auspices of the campus Y. M. C. A. next Friday evening in Villard Hall. Secretary McPherson of the Y. M. C. A. is especially anxious that every freshman be among those present, as it is expected that many of the college traditions and time honored customs will be revived for their special benefit.

"Thirsty" Laraway has charge of the social committee, and although he is tighter than the proverbial clam relative to his plans, an evening never to be forgotten is in order, as "Thirsty" never started anything that he could not finish.

President Campbell is expected to be present and give a few words of advice to the frosh, Hugo Bezdek will outline the fall athletic program and probably will give us a few of his experiences as a big league manager.

A musical program has also been arranged and several members of the reorganized cabinet will give short talks on the work of the campus Y. M. C. A.

At present the organization is devoting most of its time to securing work for the new students as well as conducting an information desk in the administration building.

ALLEN DELAY TO LEAVE SOON

Resignation Effective at Once; Robert Hall His Successor

The resignation of Allan J. Delay, for the past two years in charge of the printing plant of the University and an instructor in the School of Journalism, has been accepted, is the announcement made last night by Dean Eric W. Allen. Mr. Delay's resignation is effective at once.

For the present no courses in printing will be offered and the shop and its work will be in charge of Robert C. Hall, secretary of the Eugene local of the International Typographical union, who takes up the work Monday morning. Mr. Hall formerly conducted a print shop in Eugene and has recently been employed in the composing room of the Register.

Mr. Delay is undecided as to what he will do for the present.

CO-OP STARTS ON ITS SECOND SEASON

Lower Prices on Paper Announced Despite Heavy Advances in Market Cost

Attention, students! The University of Oregon Co-operative store opened yesterday for its second year, with a rush of business. M. F. McClain, manager of the "Co-op," says that the store is better fitted than ever to carry out its motto, "Service and lower prices to all students," in spite of the prevalent cry of higher prices on account of the war.

Nearly all of the text books have arrived. A few English, German and mathematics books which have been delayed by congestion of freight are on their way and will reach the store soon. "Book prices have advanced from 10 to 25 per cent, on account of the increased cost of paper and other materials," said Mr. McClain yesterday, "but our policy will be to sell them below list price."

Notwithstanding that the price of paper has increased as much as 50 per cent, the Co-op is able to furnish paper this year at the old prices or less. For instance, the notebook fillers are less than last year.

ONLY ONE VETERAN IS READY FOR FOOTBALL

ARMY AND NAVY TEAMS HAVE CREAM OF THE PACIFIC COAST PLAYERS

"SHY" HUNTINGTON IS EXPECTED BACK

Bezdek Faces the Huge Task of Making a New Football Machine in Two Weeks

With but one veteran out of last year's Coast champions on hand to start the season, Coach Hugo Bezdek will have the hardest row to hoe of any coach in the conference when he steps off the train next Thursday morning. Bas Williams, sub-tackle and letter man, is the sole survivor of the "greatest team that ever wore the lemon-yellow," although Shy Huntington may possibly return. Rumors have been flying thick and fast all summer concerning the star quarterback, but the college will not breathe easy until Shy has paid over his six plunks to Registrar Tiffany and had his name entered on the books.

Trainer Bill Hayward issued the first call for candidates this afternoon merely to get a line on what material there actually is on hand. Hard work will start with the coach's arrival. Not a day can be lost because the first game is due in three weeks at the latest.

Bez will have several members of last year's frosh team to work on in addition to the "syrals." Bill Steers, who caused such a sensation by his all-around work last season, hit town Monday looking fit as a fiddle for a strenuous campaign. Bill has a strangle hold on a backfield job and will probably do the punting and drop-kicking as well. George Cook and the two freshman ends—Stan Anderson and Dow Wilson—will fight it out for the extremity positions. In the line Carl Nelson, Keith Leslie and Berg are all experienced men. No real dope can be obtained until after the first week or more of practice.

Football gives all indications of being played throughout the colleges of the land to an even greater degree than in past years, despite the war, and the serious international affairs. In line with preparedness along military lines every university and school of any note is urging a big turnout of men to keep them in the best possible physical condition for the call to the colors.

Football machines of the coast have been riddled by enlistments in the army and navy. The marines at Mare Island are in the field with a wonderful team, composed mostly of last year's Oregon varsity and stars of other western colleges. Hollis Huntington, Johnny Beckett, Brick Mitchell, of Bezdek's 1916 eleven, along with Elmer Hall and Ed Bailey, are holding down five places with the "soldiers of the sea." To date they have trimmed California on two occasions and may possibly play Oregon in Portland in late November.

Word from eastern gridiron centers shows a remarkable interest in football. Any fears that the big colleges would give up the gridiron sport have been dispelled by the fact that Harvard, Princeton, Yale, Syracuse, and both the army and navy have large turnouts. Syracuse has more men out for football at present than in any other year, and over 200 candidates are striving for places on the West coast team.

Football will no doubt suffer the country over in the class of game put up, but there promises to be far more interest from the students in general. Conditions are such that many men who have been unable, through keen competition, to make the squad will have ample opportunity to show their worth in the 1917 training and playing season.