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PUTTING IT UP TO THE REGENTS

Allen Eaton has handed his resignation to President Campbell and it is to be passed upon by the Board of Regents, who meet in special session, October 20. The whole situation has thus been put up to the regents and it is for them to decide so far as Mr. Eaton's connection with the University is concerned whether or not Mr. Eaton committed a disloyal act when he attended the Chicago meeting of the People's Council for Democracy and Terms of Peace.

In his statement to the public, issued Wednesday evening, Mr. Eaton says: "There was a time when it was the privilege and duty of every citizen to keep us out, or lead us in, as he saw the light." * * * "Finally a word about our president. No matter what we may have thought once, we must follow him now. This is the only way out. We must follow him, but not blindly. We can not and we must not shift all of the load onto him, we must bear our part." In the face of these statements how can Mr. Eaton hope to justify, with the public, his attendance at the Chicago meeting? He can hardly plead that he was not aware that the Council had been forbidden to meet by the Governor of Illinois and had been denied the privilege of meeting in two other states previously. The publicity given the whole affair leaves no room for any man to plead ignorance of these matters.

The question placed before the Regents is ticklish in the extreme. Upon them are focused the eyes of the people of Oregon and upon their decision will be judged the position of the University toward this war. Not only is it hard that the loyalty of Mr. Eaton should be doubted, it is harder that any question should arise as to the full loyalty of the University, an institution which has given liberally of both students and faculty to the fighting ranks and which has practically placed its whole course of study at the disposal of the Government, that young men of this and neighboring states may be efficiently trained for effective war service.

ONE SHINING TRIBUTE

To no man, in the opinion of The Emerald, could a greater tribute be paid than comes to Allen Eaton through the columns of The Spectator (Portland) of last week. The clipping reads:

"For the simple reason that Allen Eaton is connected with the People's Council we shall have to amend our opinion of that organization. Allen Eaton never has been, is not, and could not be, associated with anything dishonest, stealthy or seditious. His is a character too pure and elevated to harbor a thought that is not the expression of the highest patriotism. We have ever found him fighting for honesty in politics, freedom of thought, and the advancement of whatever is good and just. For years, his fellow citizens of Eugene have elected and re-elected him into the legislature, where his has been a voice crying in the wilderness for justice to the people and mercy to the tax-payer. We can be certain that whatever unpatriotic sentiments or purposes may animate any member of the People's Council are not only not shared by Mr. Eaton, but are sturdily combated by him. If a man may be judged by the company he keeps, the judgment may be wrong. It is no more possible to attribute an unpatriotic sentiment or motive to Mr. Eaton than to imagine him guilty of a financial dishonesty.

"If Mr. Eaton has found that the purposes of the People's Council are seditious, we may be quite certain that he has used all his splendid influence to purge the organization of its madness. And failing to accomplish this we may be just as certain that Mr. Eaton will abandon the council, whose one claim to decency has been his connection with it."

WAR NECESSITY AND HORSEPLAY

Today the eyes of the state are focused upon the University the state institution which has as its task during these critical days of international discord, the efficient training of nearly one thousand young men and women. That the program of University life during such times should depart from all frivolity and stick to serious business—that every student should be here for serious business—is no more than the people of the state have perfectly good reasons to expect. Horseplay and indiscriminate physical disciplining of freshmen has no place in the college life of this year, at least, not until all other measures have been tried and have failed to bring results.

This is a time when the people of the state will absolutely refuse to countenance any such occurrences, and it is a time when ninety per cent of the students insist that no room be given for doubt as to their purpose to seriously do all that they may to assist in the conflict with Germany.

FORMER EUGENE MAN ON KANSAS FACULTY

W. A. Dill, 09, Appointed Journalism Instructor at University of Kansas.

W. A. Dill, for the past six months a member of the news staff of the Portland Oregonian, and a graduate of the University of Oregon in the class of 1908, has just been appointed instructor in journalism in the University of Kansas. He will leave within a few days for his new post. Merle H. Thorpe, now editor of The Nation's Business and former head of the journalism school of the University of Kansas, is to be succeeded by Prof. L. N. Flint, who has been acting as head of the department for several months past.

Mr. Dill was initiated into the Sigma Delta Chi national journalism fraternity by the local chapter. After serving as city editor of the Eugene Guard, Dill went to the Springfield News and later to the Oregonian. Mrs. Dill and three children will accompany Mr. Dill to Lawrence, Kansas, in a few days.

JOE HAMMERSLY IS FROSH PRESIDENT

Portland Youth Chosen to Lead Vexatious Band of Beginners.

At the freshman election yesterday afternoon in Villard Hall Joe Hammersly, of Portland, was elected president over Paul Robinson, by a vote of 62 to 44. For vice-president Marian Spoeri won by a two-thirds majority. The ballot for secretary resulted in a tie between Janet Frazier and Frances Kubil. On a recount a mistake of one vote was found which decided the election in favor of Miss Frazier. Miss Feenaughty was chosen for treasurer out of a field of four candidates.

"Being the largest and also the best freshman class," said Hammersly, responding to the cries of "speech," "it is for us to uphold the honor and traditions of Oregon."

Miss Spoeri, in a few words, endorsed Hammersly's opinion.

There will be another meeting in the near future for the purpose of getting more thoroughly organized for the coming frosh activities.

WALKER MAY COACH FROSH

ARRIVES IN EUGENE LAST NIGHT TO SEE TIFFANY.

Twenty-Five Freshmen Turning Out But Coach Bezdek too Busy to Work With Them.

Dean Walker, last year's coach of the freshman football team, arrived in Eugene last night and held a conference with President Campbell and Graduate Manager A. R. Tiffany, but as yet nothing definite has been done relative to the signing of Walker as the coach.

About twenty-five "frosh" have been out for practice, but without a coach very little has been accomplished, as Bezdek is too busy trying to round out the Varsity squad in the short space of time before the first conference game that he has paid little attention to the freshman squad.

No schedule has been drawn up yet, but the game with the "Rooks" from O. A. C. is certain and several other games with valley teams are possibilities.

CERTIFICATES, NOT CALLOUSES, TO TESTIFY TO SUMMER GARDENING

Faculty Committee Probably Will Be Lenient in Demands on Agriculturists.

Despite the fact that practically all the twenty-four students excused for farm work last spring have returned, there is to date but one certificate in the hands of Registrar Tiffany that the farm work was actually done.

The certificates, signed by the student's parents or employer, must be filed before the semester credits can be granted according to the faculty ruling made last April, when men were being excused with credit for a full semester's work, provided they went onto farms.

"It is my opinion that the faculty will not hold strictly to the certificate rule, but will accept any kind of real proof that farm work was done," said Dean E. W. Allen, chairman of the faculty committee which granted the permits to leave school, when asked today in regard to the granting of credits.

The one certificate that farm work was done comes from Earl Powell, who worked during the spring and summer on a Springfield ranch.

M'GUIRE ON VISIT FROM NAVY YARD

Architecture Graduate Among Those in Government Service

Johnny McGuire, 1915 Oregon graduate in architecture, who has a position as draughtsman in the ship-building department of the navy yard at Bremerton, is in Eugene on a short visit. A number of other Oregon students are or were working in the various departments of the shipyard, including Pete Jensen, Herb Heywood, Earl Heitschmidt, Simpkins and Ward.

There is a great demand for draughtsmen in the shipbuilding line and this may mean the opening of a new field for women. One or two women are already employed in the Bremerton yards.

A number of University of Washington students are working at Bremerton, but, according to McGuire, they maintained a discreet silence when asked why Coach Hunt, of Washington, cancelled the Oregon game.

Announcements

(All announcements to appear in this column of the Emerald must be in by noon of the day of publication.)

Junior meeting Monday, 3 o'clock, Villard Hall.

All men interested in high school coaching, two hours credit, are requested to see Mr. Bezdek at the men's gymnasium any time up to 4 o'clock Monday, October 8.

RECITAL AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

A recital will be given at the Christian church Tuesday evening, October 9, by Henry P. Filer, tenor, and Perry Burton Arant, pianist. Mr. Filer was formerly head of the music department of the Eugene Bible University. Mr. Arant is a graduate of the Pacific U. Conservatory of music and entered the University this fall as a senior. The recital is free and everyone is invited to attend.

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