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### WHERE NO MITE IS TOO SMALL.

Since the first days of the war the cry of the American college man and woman has been for some means of their being of material aid in the prosecution of the war. Great numbers of the men have given up their studies to enlist and many of the women have volunteered for war work with the Y. W. C. A., the Red Cross, or have taken the positions left vacant in the various branches of the government's home service by the enlistment of men.

The part played by the college students of the country in the home work has been of the 100 per cent type throughout. Their co-operation in the food saving campaign has been willingly and wholehearted. Their answer to the plea for funds for the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. and for the Red Cross was complete and prompt. But each of those causes fell short of their mark in one respect—they did not leave the impression with the giver that he or she was really participating in the actual conduct of the war. Their feeling was that, through providing food, they were preparing the fighting men for battle and, through contributing to the Red Cross and Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. funds, they were providing for the comfort and well being of the men during their leisure hours, or when they were wounded. But the opportunity of which the college students felt the lack was the feeling that something of theirs was being actively used in the actual fighting—they wanted to feel that they were doing something directly to provide the men in the trenches with weapons of defense and offense.

To a small percentage of the American college men and women the Liberty Loan campaign offered the opportunity they sought. Those few who had the money necessary to purchase the bonds could feel that they were buying guns, ammunition and other varieties of ordnance for the boys who were fighting the battles. But Liberty Bonds are not within the financial reach of the majority of college students and, because of this, they have been unable to participate in the conduct of the war in the way they would have liked to. Nor has this defect in the system of popular financing of the war been confined to college students. The fact that the bonds were issued in no denomination smaller than \$50 kept them out of the hands of the mass of the American people. To meet this defect come the War Savings Stamps, issued in the two denominations of 25 cents and five dollars.

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The University's record in the W. S. S. campaign now under way should surpass even the records established on the campus in the previous war and relief fund campaigns. When you are approached on the subject make your subscription as large as you think you can afford and add two stamps to that. There is not a student on the campus that cannot manage to buy at least one stamp a month.

### DON'T FORGET TO VOTE.

Next Wednesday, between the hours of ten in the morning and two in the afternoon, the students are to decide the fate of a constitutional amendment that is progressive and sound if ever an amendment to the student body constitution did possess those qualities.

Briefly, the amendment is to provide a personnel for the Executive Committee that will insure the presence at all times of at least one member who is familiar with the routine of business of the committee, by providing that one member-at-large shall be elected each year for a two-year term. This member is to be elected at the regular spring election from the sophomore class, but he will not take office until the beginning of his junior year, the following Fall.

Under the present system an entire new Executive Committee is elected each year, a system not satisfactory, nor scientific,

in that it does not permit the establishment of a permanent and efficient method of handling the finances of the student body. In the past, when a new committee came into office there was nobody on it familiar with the duties it is supposed to perform. The result has been unavoidable delay and inefficiency during a large part of the year.

While the amendment to be voted on Wednesday provides for the election of only one member-at-large, the size of the Executive Committee will not thereby be diminished, due to the two year term of office feature. If it passes, two members-at-large will have to be elected this spring, one for the regular two year term and one to serve for next year only, in order to complete the cycle which, in future years, will automatically care for itself.

It is not reasonable to suspect that a measure possessing the merits that this one does will meet with any active opposition at the polls, but the very fact that it has no opposition may prevent it from becoming an amendment to the student body constitution. To become operative it must receive the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the students. Therefore, see to it that your failure to cast your ballot next Wednesday is not responsible for the defeat of legislation so badly needed by the student body.

## ON WAR AND FUTURE MASEFIELD TO SPEAK

Famous English Poet Will Tell of Experiences at Gallipoli in Villard April 3.

Supports Field Hospital in France From Writings; Has Had Interesting Life.

John Masefield, famous English poet, will lecture under the auspices of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, at Villard hall, April 3. His lecture "War and the Future" will be based on his experience at Gallipoli and at the front in France. Those who have heard his lecture praise it highly, saying that he gives a vivid picture of the war, and a remarkably clear idea of life at the front.

Besides giving his own services to the war, Mr. Masefield has done a great deal towards helping the Red Cross. At the beginning of the war he equipped a Red Cross unit, and he is supporting a field hospital in France by his writing.

Mr. Masefield has had an interesting career. He was born in Shropshire, England, and when still but a boy he ran away from home and went to sea as a sailor. Several years of wandering, one of which was spent at a Sixth avenue saloon in New York City, where he was hired as man of all work. It was while working there that, after reading a copy of Chaucer, he decided to write poetry. He returned to England where he was greatly encouraged in his work by W. B. Yeats, poet, and John Singer, Irish dramatist.

"The Everlasting Mercy," written in 1912, was the poem that first brought him fame. Since then he has written numerous poems, plays and several novels which have attracted considerable notice. He has written two books on the war, "Gallipoli," and "The Old Front Line."

## OREGON BEATS B. C. IN ANNUAL DEBATE

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concerned. The season's work ends with two victories and two defeats. O. A. C. was defeated last fall in Eugene, but won from Oregon at Corvallis.

Next in line is the co-ed debate with Washington, which will take place April 19. Eileen Tomkins and Amy Carson will remain in Eugene, and Marie Badura and Ruth Graham go to Seattle. The question deals with the movement of the daily papers to consolidate.

### TRE NU GIRLS WILL PICNIC

Members of Campus Society Plan Hike From Bungalow.

The Tre Nu girls will give a picnic the Saturday following examination week, according to announcement made after the meeting of the club Thursday afternoon. Ollie Stoltenberg is chairman of the committee to choose a place of retreat, but it is definitely known that the girls, laden with eats, will meet at 5 o'clock at the Bungalow, Saturday afternoon, and will start out from there. The following new members have been elected to the club: Waiua Dean, Eileen Tomkins, Ruth Danford, Erma Huff, Elizabeth Ginsey, Beatrice Thurston, Florida Hill, and Harriett Garrett.

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