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KEEPING OUR FEET ON THE GROUND.

At the next regular meeting of the Associated Students, May 1, there is to be presented a proposal to amend the by-laws of the student body by inserting a clause which would provide for the awarding of sweaters to members of the women's athletic teams by the Associated Students. Perhaps, at first sight, there appears to be more justification for the proposed change than really exists. It is, however, a matter upon which more light should be shed before the students are asked to accept or reject the amendment.

Except that the teams are made up of students of the University, women's athletics are not student body activities in that they are not conducted under supervision of the Associated Students. Over the various branches of sport in which the women participate the Women's Athletic Association exercises complete control, both financially and otherwise. The responsibility of meeting the expenses of the teams rests entirely with the association. This condition alone throws an obstacle in the path of the proposed amendment. The adoption of the proposal would have to be accomplished by a complete revision of the method of handling women's athletics.

There would be no justification in asking the Associated Students to assume the financial burden of giving sweaters to members of the women's teams unless the control of the activities thus recognized was transferred to that body. In other words, until the Athletic Council and the Executive Committee of the Associated Students exercise the same control and power of regulation over women's athletics that they do over the activities of the men, there is no practical argument for the proposed change. The time is not ripe for the student body to assume the added burden that would accompany the assumption of control over the activities now in the hands of the Women's Athletic Association.

Were it even the case that women's athletics are self-supporting now, they would not be when the cost of sweaters was added to the present expenses. Women's athletics, however, if carried on along the lines which would make participation in them worthy of the sweater award, are not self-supporting and never will be. Their games lack in the spectacular elements necessary to make them popular with the American public. America demands the spectacular in its amusements and the college public is not exempt from this classification.

That the ideal method of handling women's athletics would be a system which would place them as near as possible on a level with the men's activities is not to be disputed. But reason and circumstance must govern and temper all ideals to more or less extent. Frankly, the student body cannot assume any further obligations under existing conditions and there is every indication that retrenchments in student body finances will have to be resorted to during the period of the war. Reason would indicate that the time is not ripe for any changes which will increase the financial obligations of the student body to any such degree as the proposed amendment would necessitate.

COMING OUT IN THE OPEN.

But five days now remain before the nominations for the student body offices, next Wednesday, and only twelve before the annual election of May 8, and still the candidates linger in seclusion. That political developments on the campus should be retarded this year is to be expected, but it is now time for the candidates, especially those who contemplate entering the race for the higher offices, to come out in the open.

Material with which to fill all of the offices is scarce. Candidates for many of the positions are going to be, many of them, practically unknown so far as their ability to handle the affairs of the student body is concerned. Each year two or three loafers develop in the ranks of the officers elected and the time to remedy this fault is before, not after election. There will be no room next year—there never is, for that matter—among the student body officers for slackers. From the standpoint of difficult situations and knotty problems, it is probable that the officers of next year will bear greater responsibilities than any group of student body officials in the history of the University. The type of men and women for which the students are

BATTALION FIGHTS AGAINST POISON OAK

Heat and Hard Labor Join Forces with Enemy, So Several Victims Testify.

Sham Battle on Judkins Point Best Work Men Have Done, Says Col. Leader.

The University of Oregon battalion versus poison oak ran the order of fighting very largely in Tuesday's sham battle with the poison oak an easy winner at times. The scene of the fray was in the woods on Judkins point, and in the enthusiasm of their efforts to locate the enemy without being seen themselves, the men often got right down among the shiny green leaves. It was a hot day and the men had worked hard and were very warm, and the odds were all with the poison oak, as several sad victims will testify.

In speaking of the battle itself and the success with which the battalion executed the problem, Colonel Leader said yesterday that it was the best work the men had done so far. The intelligence work and the scouting he described as excellently done. "The woodland work was especially good," he said.

The problem was one in forest and field fighting, the object of each force being to damage the enemy as much as possible. Captain James Sheehy commanding one force and Captain Charles Crandall the other. Sheehy's base was in Kincaid park and Crandall's on the other side of the hill.

The scouting of both sides was well done, but, think the umpires, the commanders should have put their information to use sooner than they did. Captain Sheehy made the mistake of remaining in a purely defensive position and not advancing to force an attack. His position was strong said the umpires, if the men had been properly deployed with proper field of fire. Instead, he kept too large a detachment at the base.

Crandall's final plan of attack was a plain frontal charge across the open, which could scarcely have succeeded if Sheehy had had his whole force in action. Crandall's attack may be considered to have succeeded, said the umpires, because Sheehy did not have all his force at hand and because the attack, instead of being made exactly on the crest was rather on the side, and that side was not swept by Sheehy's machine gun.

Another general criticism of the battle was that the scouts on both sides allowed themselves to be easily seen by the enemy.

The battle problem will be repeated at the two hour period next Tuesday.

MRS. MIDDLETON TO TAKE YEAR'S LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Instructor of Music to Study in East; Eleanor Lee, Concert Singer, Will Fill Her Place.

Mrs. Daisy Beckett Middleton, instructor in voice of the school of music, has been granted a year's leave of absence to go east and study, according to an announcement made by the school of music today. Mrs. Middleton will finish her work here this term and then leave for New York where she will study under some of the famous teachers there. She is expected to return in 1919.

To take the place of Mrs. Middleton, Eleanor Lee, a concert singer in Los Angeles has been secured. She is a contralto and has made an enviable record in public recital work. Oscar Saegle, the noted teacher, has trained her voice and declares she is one of the most promising vocalists he has ever had under his tutelage. She is a graduate of Pomona college getting her degree in arts and is a Phi Beta Kappa. John Stark Evans knows Miss Lee very well and is very enthusiastic over securing her. She sang at the San Diego exposition and registered an instant success.

The school of music has not yet determined just what work Miss Lee will have but she will probably take over most of Mrs. Middleton's duties.

searching is the type that has something to give and a willingness to give it for the student body and the University. Students of this type have nothing to fear of an open discussion of their candidacy.

Let's get out in the open with all of the cards on the table. Saturday the Emerald will print the announcements of all of those candidates who are sincere enough in their desire to be of service to the student body to have no fears of the outcome of open discussion of their qualifications.

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UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

COUNCIL IN FAVOR OF UNIFORM LETTER

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editor feels that any member of the general assignment staff has done better and more consistent work than any assistant editor, he shall be free to give the emblem to the reporter in preference to the assistant editor whose work has not been satisfactory."

Business Staff Also Rewarded.

Jeanette Calkins, business manager of the Emerald, also submitted a plan on the merit basis for the awarding of emblems to her staff, and her method of deciding on the comparative work of different members of the staff is as follows:

"I have an Advertising book in which before each edition of the Emerald each member of the staff writes his copy, the number of inches, the name of the firm, and whether the copy is in or must be called for. By looking in this book and checking it over, I can tell exactly how many inches any certain solicitor got on any certain day, or also the exact number of inches for the term, or year. I can also tell whether it was new firm, a steady, original, or old; whether the copy was written by solicitor or left to have ad writer write."

Smoking Boundaries Defined.

The council also defined the boundaries of the campus on which no smoking is to be allowed as the sidewalks on the campus sides of the streets of Thirteenth, Eleventh, Kincaid and the Millrace.

In speaking of the canoe fete, President Sheehy said that it has already been decided that the canoe fete was to be held and everyone should understand it.

Those absent from council meeting last night were Ray Couch, Charles Comfort, Frances Frater, Helen Delano and Bill Steers.

KENNETH COMSTOCK RECOVERS

Threatened With Pneumonia Last Week, Taken to Mercy Hospital.

Kenneth Comstock, a freshman in the University who was taken sick a week ago, is considerably better according to word given out by his physician last night. He was threatened with pneumonia last Thursday, and removed to the Mercy hospital. For a time his condition was serious but he is now past the crisis.

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