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### WELCOME.

To the considerable number of new freshmen entering the University for the first time this quarter and to all those freshmen with the University during the past quarter under the S. A. T. C., the Emerald for the student body extends a real welcome. It is these men — only a very few of the old Oregon men have as yet returned from service—who have largely made it possible for the University to open this quarter with an enrollment which places fifty more men and women on the Oregon campus than were receiving the advantages of the University just before America's entrance into the war.

Of course, Oregon is not yet back on her pre-war basis as far as the energy and activity of her student body is concerned although the academic work is now up to its former high standards. But the freshmen at Oregon this year look good to the older students and undoubtedly will make good on the campus. While they are adapting themselves to life on the campus, entering into the various forms of athletics and student activities, getting acquainted, learning the Oregon tradition and generally making Oregon men and women of themselves, old students will be coming back to the University.

Oregon is not suffering from decay. It's student body is alive and the Oregon spirit still manifest. By the opening of the April quarter Oregon will be a greater University than ever before.

Furthermore, The Emerald's agreeable task of welcoming the new students to Oregon is not to be followed this quarter by a sympathetic farewell to those students, because of the high standards of this University, found the pursuit of knowledge hazardous. From overseas, various military camps throughout the country and from the S. A. T. C., Oregon men are on the campus or hurrying petitions for discharge. It is an evidence of the strength of Oregon Spirit and a guarantee for the future greatness of the imperishable intoxicant of Oregon.

We have greeted our old cronies and the Registrar, cleaned up our rooms and the freshmen have taken regulation hillnery. Now Oregon is ready for a

big year of regular University work. Let's go.

### GEORGE COOK, GENTLEMAN

One of the saddest things that occurred before the signing of the armistice was the death of George Cook, ex-'19, killed in action with the Marines in France. The news reached the campus just before the Christmas holidays and is a source of sorrow to everyone who knew George.

George Cook was a quiet, unassuming man, immensely popular among the students and successful in many forms of student enterprise. He was a good player and a hard fighter on the football team, was president of the Junior class and elected manager of the Oregonians. He ranked high in scholarship as well as making good the various student body activities with which he was connected. No higher tribute can be paid than to say that he lived like the man he died in making the supreme sacrifice for his country. Unassuming, and unselfish, he left a record behind him any man might well be proud of.

The news wired to his mother shows that he was killed in the last few hours of fighting just before the armistice was signed. Oregon is proud to own him her son, and the sympathies of the entire University are extended to his family.

## 29 HIGH SCHOOLS IN DEBATE LEAGUE

### Districts Will be Arranged; Teams Expect to Compete In January.

Twenty-nine high schools have entered the state high school debate league for the 1918-19 year thus far, according to Robert W. Prescott, professor of public speaking in the University and secretary-treasurer of the organization, who believes these results gratifying in as much as the influenza has greatly hindered scholastic activities.

Members of the debate league, which is organized to divide the state into debate districts, are now at work planning to compete about the middle of January. The district directors will report the results of these preliminary debates in the inter-district contests not later than April 19. The final debate for championship of the state will be held here at the University on the ninth of May.

### State May Have Two Districts.

Coos Bay, southeastern Oregon and the city of Portland will debate upon the question, "Resolved, That the United States should substantially increase its permanent restriction upon immigration after the war."

Southern Oregon, Umatilla and southern Willamette have been given the question, "Resolved, That the states should employ a uniform system of compulsory health insurance for wage earners."

The upper Columbia and western part of the state will debate on, "Resolved, That states, counties and municipalities should not bond for public improvements."

Lower Columbia, southeastern-central Oregon, northern Willamette, and eastern Oregon have taken the question, "Resolved, That the United States should establish a system of military training for boys from the ages of sixteen to twenty."

### Few High Schools in League.

The high schools which have already entered the league are: Pendleton, Molalla, Moro, Oregon City, Tangent, Albany, Eugene, Ashland, Roseburg, Beaverton, Forest Grove, Coquille, Corvallis, North Bend, Estacada, Bandon, Hubbard, Enterprise, Grants Pass, Hermiston, Salem, Phoenix, Ione, Silverton, Medford, McMinnville, Bend, Glendale and Corbett.

### THACHER RESUMES DUTIES

Lieutenant W. F. G. Thacher, recently discharged from the personnel department of the S. A. T. C. here, has resumed his duties on the faculty as professor of English. He has moved his office to the journalism annex. Professor Thacher is also taking up his new duties as college editor.

◆◆◆◆◆ FOUND.—A bicycle, on Thirteenth street last term. Inquire at office journalism annex. ◆◆◆◆◆

# CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Members of Kappa Kappa Gamma, who remained in Eugene for the holidays entertained informally with a dance at the chapter house on Thursday evening. The rooms were decorated with cedar, and a Christmas tree covered with many colored lights stood in the hall. The punch bowl was cleverly placed under an arbor of greens.

The hostesses were: Mary Ellen Bailey, Evelyn Grebe, Lucile Stanton, Brownell Frasier, Janet Frasier, Lela Marsh, Helen DuBuy, Anna Mae Chipping and Helen Huntington. Their guests were Lucile Thurber, Eleanor Lee, Lois Pixley, Gertrude Livermore, Helen Flint, Nora Manerud, Mabel Manerud, Sam Lehman, French Moore, Homer Rowling, Garfield Madden, Walter Hempy, Lawrence Manerud, Clifford Manerud, Lieutenant Radcliffe, Lieutenant Garrett, Walter Cressey, Everett Pixley, Irving Smith, Joe Scatife, Louis Niven and Joe Trowbridge.

Patrons and patronesses were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Faguy-Cote and Mr. and Mrs. M. F. McClain.

Miss Martha Spafford, cataloguer of the University library, returned to her

work Friday after spending two weeks with her mother in Seattle.

The Delta Delta Delta house was the scene of an informal dance last Monday night when the "left-overs" entertained for their friends. Miss Gertrude Mann acted as patroness for the affair. The guests were Leaths Driscoll, Alice Young, Nora Manerud, Ethel Foster, Mabel Manerud, Lieut. E. E. Radcliffe, Paul Farrington, Everett Pixley, Donald McDonald, Lieut. A. I. Garrett, Charles Huntington, Clair Keeney, Sam Lehman, Ray Moore, Walter Cressey, Graham Smith and Lieut. Curtiss Peterson.

Nell Warwick, of Marshfield, and Edith Pirie, of Portland, have returned to school this term.

Marie Churchill, of Salem, is spending the week at the Delta Delta house. Leta Rhodes, a senior in the University, who has been east for several months, has returned to school.

Hope Mackenzie, a sophomore in the University and a member of Kappa Alpha Theta, is back on the campus this term.

## J. BECKETT PLAYING FOOTBALL IN FRANCE

### In Same Squad with Great Harvard Halfback; Visits Paris and Nice.

Johnny Beckett, one of the best players of football the west has produced in years, who played for four years on the University of Oregon eleven, in a letter written from France December 8 to Miss Charlie Fenton, alumni secretary of the University, tells of his hopes of getting on as a sub at least, on a football team organized at his camp. At present, he writes, he is detached from the marine corps and is serving in the army. He is playing in the same squad with Eddie Mahan, one of the greatest halfbacks produced by Harvard, who two years ago was assistant coach at the University of California. Their team, he said, was just starting on a tour of France, and is playing around at different places, such as Paris and Nice.

### Four Days in Paris.

"They say we get four days in Paris, so I just had to don the old moleskin once more. They have some very good players, but I can get on as a sub at least," he said.

"I haven't seen any of the boys from home. I haven't stayed any place long enough to look them up and I haven't written to any of them, but I am going to start in now and try and locate some of them. I have been traveling with eastern people all the time. The officers in the regiment are from eastern colleges. They are a fine bunch all right, but at that I prefer the dear old home crowd." Beach is beautiful.

He visited a French town, La Baule, he said. It is about 15 miles up the Bay of Biscay from St. Magaire. Though the people there spoke very little English he got along well. The beach there is most beautiful, he said. It is four miles long and only 100 feet wide. The promenade is as smooth as glass, according to his letter.

## STUDENT INFIRMARY GETS DISPENSARY

### Sick are not Permitted to Remain in Any Hall of Residence.

The infirmary on University avenue has been remodeled and a free dispensary has been installed for the use of the University students. In addition to the dispensary the lower floor has been made into a complete unit for the use of the men, and the upper floor has been arranged for the women. A waiting room has also been provided.

By order of President Campbell no student who is ill is allowed to remain in any of the houses of residence on the campus. They may go to their homes, to the hospital, or to the infirmary. The infirmary charges will be \$3 a day which includes the services of the University physician, the medicine and the room. This is considerably less than the charge in a hospital. Or the individual may call in any doctor he wishes. This is not, however included in the \$3 per day charge. The two graduate nurses at the infirmary will insure the student the best of care, and the entire building has been put in first class order to cope with any

China. They are for the most part Manchurian embroideries.

The exhibit will be given in connection with the work Miss Rhodes is taking up in her classes in color studies and dress design.

## BYRNE BACK FROM ORIENT

### Marine Returns After a Year in Philippines and China.

M. H. Douglass, University librarian, has refused an offer to take charge of the camp library at Camp Lewis. He was asked to take charge for three months beginning at once. The library there is considered a model library of the country, with branches in the Y. M. C. A.

hut, hospital and Knights of Columbus hut.

Mr. Douglass refused the offer because he felt that he could not do justice to his work here if he assumed the duties the position offered.

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