

COMMITTEE FINDS CUTTING FREQUENT

Abuses of Old System are Summarized; Reports Incomplete.

A report of the "cut" committee has just been sent out in the faculty bulletin summarizing the number of unexcused and excused absences of the men and women of the University. Among the first fifty names on the registrar's records for 1917-1918 twenty men averaged 17.4 cuts, while thirty women averaged 15.2 cuts.

The largest number of excused cuts was 59, one woman and one man having that number excused. With all these cuts the faculty committee felt something must be done to cause a little less absence and so have radically changed the "cut" system.

A summary of the preliminary report of the committee on the cut system is as follows:

The committee appointed to investigate the "cut" system submits the following preliminary report:

Ascertained Facts.

- 1—The reasons given as causes of absence are very frequently untrue.
- 2—In a large proportion of cases the student's statement in the petition to have absences excused is accepted as true without sufficient corroborative evidence.
- 3—Contrary to the spirit of the regulations, students petition to have absences excused after the lapse of years, especially when the credits are needed for graduation. Sometimes these petitions are granted, the assumption being that the student must have had some good reason for being absent. It seems quite improbable that the student after such a lapse of time can be certain of the cause of the absence.

Absences Not Recorded.

Occasionally students are absent from class and the fact is not recorded in the Registrar's office. This appears to be due to any one of three causes, viz:

- a. The instructor has failed to report the "cut."
- b. The instructor's report has been tampered with, presumably by students.
- c. The instructor has granted the student permission to absent himself from class.

5—The following is a summary of the "cuts" and "excuses" for the first fifty names on the Registrar's records for 1917-1918. Twenty men averaged 17.5 cuts each. Thirty women averaged 15.2 cuts each. Forty-two per cent of the men's cuts were excused. More might have been if the men had remained in college to the end of the year. Seven men, having a total of 39 cuts, had no cuts excused. One man having 4 cuts and one having 59 cuts had all cuts excused. The average number of unexcused cuts among the men was 20.3. Seventy-eight per cent of the women's cuts were excused. Five women, having a total of 23 cuts, had no cuts excused. Six women had all cuts excused, the smallest number for one individual being two, and the largest 45. One woman had 59 cuts out of 68 excused. The average number of unexcused cuts among the women was 3.3.

6—Approximately one-half the time of a clerk is required to record cuts.

Measures Taken to Correct Abuses.

Acting upon the recommendation of the committee, the method of administering the cut system has been changed as follows:

- 1. Students are no longer permitted to see their record of cuts at the Registrar's office, but must keep their own record of cuts. If they cannot give the exact dates of the cuts they may give the approximate dates.
- 2. Excuse blanks are now obtained from the Deans and must be returned to the Deans, who undertake to question each student personally. Heretofore many students were never interviewed, and it is thought that the personal contact with the Dean may have a wholesome effect.
- 3. Excuses for absences occurring on or before February 21st must be petitioned for prior to March 22. All subsequent excuses must be petitioned for within one month of the termination of the absence in question, provided the student is in college.
- 4. The Registrar is keeping a record of the cuts reported by students but not reported by the instructors with a view to reporting to the faculty the names of any instructors who habitually fail to report cuts.

Recommendation of Committee.

The committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution: "All absences occurring prior to October 1, 1918, and not hitherto excused shall be counted as unexcused absences. This shall not apply to students not registered in the University

at present, but such students must petition to have their absences excused within one month of the date when they re-enter the University." For the Committee, A. E. CASWELL, Chairman.

MORAL CONDITIONS AT UNIVERSITY ARE GOOD, IS DECLARED

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been involved. Each complaint had turned out to refer to people not connected with the University. One man student had been involved in a serious charge in his term of office. It was a Springfield case and had to do with a Springfield woman. No University women were ever in question.

Herald W. White, of Cottage Grove, a student and president of the student body, told of student life at the University.

Other witnesses late this morning were Rev. C. E. Dunham, G. B. Hill, of Oakridge, C. O. Peterson, who lives near the millrace, C. K. Hill, of Noti, and Jack Dundore, a student.

After luncheon the state called W. R. Rutherford, superintendent of schools to testify as to the general good behavior of the University students. He said he never hesitated to advise his high school students to enter the University and hoped to send his own boy.

The "House Mothers" of all the sorority houses have been subpoenaed and were waiting to testify this afternoon. The first called was Mrs. A. G. Barker, of the Alpha Phi house who told of the strictness of the rules under which the sororities are governed and as to the excellence of the moral tone prevailing.

Miss Louise Ehrmann, dean of women, was the next called and testified that she was in a position to know more than any other woman about conditions on the campus, and that the Fullerton charge that "immorality was rampant" was a falsehood. She told of the system of chaperonage under which every girl in the institution is under the supervision of some older woman. She was followed by Mrs. Edna P. Datson, manager of Friendly Hall and by Mrs. M. F. Chatfield of Delta Gamma.

President Gives Testimony

President P. L. Campbell was on the witness stand for an hour Monday afternoon, after the selection of the jury, which had taken up the greater part of the rest of the day. President Campbell, who is the principal witness for the state, swore not only that Fullerton's charge that "immorality was rife" among the students was untrue, but that as a matter of fact, moral conditions among the young people were extremely good.

Several letters containing the same sort of libelous material as published in the "Hornet" written by Fullerton to President Campbell were placed before the jury. Admitted by Circuit Judge Skipworth they were read by District Attorney L. L. Ray for the purpose of proving malice and not for any other purpose.

In the whole of his seventeen years at the head of the University, President Campbell testified, during which time from 8,000 to 9,000 students had been under his direction, it had been necessary to deal with only four cases of immorality. Not one of these cases, the president said, involved a college girl in any way. The men students in these four cases were summarily dismissed from the University. Not one of the cases had anything to do with the campus life of the students.

Definition is Inclusive.

The defense apparently scored a point when Judge Skipworth, while not risking a definition of "immorality," allowed the introduction of testimony covering a wide range of breaches of the divine law, such as all persons, even the best, occasionally fall into, "such men as you and I," Mr. H. E. Slattery, attorney for the defense, told the jury.

Under this ruling he led President Campbell through a long list of alleged or rumored stealing of flowers, profane swearing, chicken stealing, hazing, ducking of freshmen, Sabbath breaking, fist fighting and the like, running through 17 years. In most instances, President Campbell denied all knowledge of the offenses, and in others said they were at a minimum.

J. L. Hammersley, of Portland, who, representing the attorney general of the state, is assisting District Attorney Ray, made the opening statement for the prosecution.

Malice to be Shown.

Mr. Hammersley promised that the state would not only show that Fullerton's charges were malicious and untrue, but would call witnesses to establish

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fish the system by which the University maintained close moral supervision over its students. He told of the University's growth in the 17 years it has been under President Campbell's charge, from 257 students to 1114, from an income of \$58,000 to one of \$570,000. He told the jury it was their function to see that these students were protected from attempts to destroy their reputations and defame their names.

To show that the University kept a close hand on the moral interests of the students, the president was led by the attorneys of the state into an explanation of the elaborate system the University had created for maintaining high standards of student life.

Students from Good Homes.

The Oregon homes, the president said, most of them with the best early training.

At the University they live a self respecting, busy life, giving practically no trouble to the authorities or to the local community. In the democratic environment of the campus, he said, so far from going to pieces, they develop moral strength and self control.

The jury trying the case is made up of M. D. Mitchell, George E. Orswell, G. S. Heller, George Atkinson, Levi Geer, Lafayette Ackerley, Charles C. DeWald, Barney Bailey, E. E. Quimby, F. E. Taylor, Otto Sinclair, and L. E. Parks.

WAR WORK PLEDGES DUE

All subscriptions to the United War Work Fund are due and are payable on or before March 10. All students and faculty making pledges are requested by the committee in charge to send their payments to Dr. A. E. Caswell, Deady Hall.

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ESSIE MAGUIRE BACK FROM Y. W. MEETING

Evanston Conference Takes Up Many Interesting Phases of Christian Work.

Essie Maguire, president of the University Y. W. C. A., returned to the campus Sunday night after having been gone three weeks, during which time she attended the national conference of Y. W. C. A. students at Evanston, Illinois. This conference was held at the North Shore hotel, Evanston, from February 20 to 23, and was the first one of its kind ever held for students.

This conference, at which 205 schools and 43 states were represented, had for its purpose the discussion of the work to be done by the Young Women's Christian Association in the colleges during the reconstruction period. There were 345 students and 150 secretaries present, the secretaries holding their conference from February 16 to 20. Miss Maguire said that no definite plans for work were made at the conference, but a general discussion of the problems confronting the young women of the colleges was held. In order to have an open and beneficial discussion, divisions of ten students were formed, and ways were discussed whereby a more Christian-like spirit might be fostered among the young women for their large task in the time of reconstruction.

Three Oregon Women Attend

Three representatives from the state of Oregon were at the conference. Miss Marjorie Schutt represented O. A. C. and Miss Tirza Dinsdale and Miss Maguire, the University. There were two representatives from France, one from Mexico and one from Canada. During the mornings of the conference, speeches on present day topics were made by prominent Y. W. C. A. workers. Miss Ethel Cutler national Bible study secretary, and who visited the campus last year, was one prominent speaker. Miss Agnes Nestor, president of the Women's Trade Union League of Chicago, presented the problem of the working girl. Miss Eva Bowles, chairman of the department for colored women, made a plea for the women of her race. She reminded those attending the conference that one-tenth of the population of the United States was made up of negroes, and that nine-tenths could never make a complete whole. She made a plea for the constructive things for the negro as well as the white man. She said that the negro loathed pity, and that he wanted equality in the opportunities and a part in the world's justice.

Visits Northwestern Campus

Miss Maguire visited the campus of Northwestern University in Evanston, also Chicago University in Chicago. The campus of Northwestern faces Lake Michigan, with many of the class rooms facing the water. While there, she visited the chapel and one class in Shakespeare, she said. She was very much impressed by the stately buildings of the University.

At the Chicago University, the atmo-

sphere was one of dignity, Miss Maguire said. The buildings on the campus were striking for their similarity in architecture. Their women's building is large and beautiful. Not only does it contain the gymnasium, but everywhere there were quaint little rest rooms, equipped with oriental tea urns, and decorated in such a manner that they gave a feeling of lavishness to those unaccustomed to the splendor of it all.

Miss Maguire also visited the open air school in Chicago, where 53 tubercular children attended classes and were given particular care.

Miss Maguire was very much impressed by her trip to the east and came back with reinforced enthusiasm for work on the campus.

FACULTY MEET TOMORROW

Will Vote on Group Requirements and Science Club Honor Members.

The report from the Committee of Lower Division Advisers will be submitted to the faculty for vote at the regular meeting in Gull hall at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, which will consist of two measures, as follows: First, that the chairman of the Committee of Lower Division Advisers and the Registrar be authorized to go over the cards of all Lower Division students and to enforce the fulfillment of the group requirements.

Second, that a course of not less than three hours a week taken continuously throughout the year, be held to satisfy the requirement in any of these groups.

Dr. Boynton presided at the committee meeting which decided to recommend these measures to the faculty and Professor H. C. Clark acted as secretary.

At this meeting the science club will also ask the faculty approval of their action taken at a recent meeting at which "Honor Membership" was instituted and three students of exceptional scholastic record who are majors in the department were elected. They will also ask for the authority to place such a statement in the present catalogue.

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