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LET'S TURN OUT

The house was packed at one dollar a seat and people turned away from the door when the state oratorical contest was held at the University in 1903.

From this fact can be estimated the enthusiasm for debating and intellectual activity on the campus at that time.

Although it was perhaps a minor event compared to the holding this week-end of the state oratorical contest on the campus, an example of last year's interest in debate can be had from figures of the University of Oregon vs. British Columbia debate. A few scattered students—about twice as large a group as the judges—heard the debate. It did not cost one dollar admission. It was free to the student body.

This is perhaps—fair expression of debate interest on the campus last year. War work was taking all time and intellectual activities naturally suffered.

The attitude on the campus this year, however, has changed. Oregon has staged the most representative series of intramural debates ever arranged at the University or on the Pacific Coast.

There is more debate interest and general increase in all lines of intellectual activity on the campus this year. This will lead a large number of students, no doubt, to attend the state oratorical contest program but it will take much to overcome the feeling of some members of the student body that debates are good to participate in but poor to watch, principally, perhaps, because they are often without admission charge and always low in price for the members of the student body.

The state oratorical contests are held on the campus but once in eight years. We have, perhaps as strong or stronger interest in debate this year than other colleges and Universities in the state. They have been packing their houses during the seven years since the contests were last held at Oregon. It is now up to Oregon to show the interest she has to the people from the other institutions of the state and the prominent men who will be judges here.

R. O. T. C. WILL BE INSPECTED

Colonel Hannah, from Washington, D. C., to Visit Oregon Soon

The military department of the University will be inspected in the near future by Colonel James G. Hannah, of the General Staff, with headquarters at Washington, D. C., according to a letter received yesterday from the war department. Colonel Hannah, while on his annual tour of inspection will visit Universities, colleges and high schools in the states of North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

U-AVAVA

announces the pledging of Herman Timmer, of Milwaukie, Oregon, Chandler Harper, of Milton.

BEN WILLIAMS OFF FOR EAST

Former Member of Faculty Leaves for Newport News to Help Put Soldiers on Peace Footing

Ben H. Williams, 1911, leaves Portland today for Newport News where he goes to enter war camp community service work. Williams was formerly secretary of social welfare in the University Extension division.

Since May 8, 1917, Williams has been in the service. He first applied for admission for an officers' commission in the reserve corps and passed his examination under Captain Willis Shippam, coast artillery corps instructor in Eugene at that time. He took the first training camp work at the Presidio and graduated as a second lieutenant in the coast artillery. Williams was sent to Fort Stevens and was there from August, 1917 to July, 1918 while at Fort Stevens he was given the rank of first lieutenant, battery 69, C. A. C.

On July 31, 1919, Lieutenant Williams left Fort Stevens for France and returned to this country March 18, 1919. While in France he was commanding officer of the supply company, 69th artillery.

After his return to this country and his discharge, Williams engaged in Red Cross work in the northwest field and served under the supervision of Earl Kilpatrick, who, up to 1917, was head of the University Extension division.

Meets Returning Soldiers
 Lieutenant Williams' present work is to meet the returning soldiers and to give them news of their home communities, and to put them in line for some form of work.

While in France Williams spent most of his time around Bourdeaux, in the Gironde district. Like many others who were sent to that district, Williams spent some time in digging around for souvenirs of old Roman civilization, of which there are many traces in that district. He found some old Roman dishes and some Roman tile, on one piece of which was the clear-cut impression of a child's foot, indicating that a small child stepped on the tile before it was quite dry, thus making the impression. He said that if he had had a kodak and more time, he could have brought back many interesting things.

Popular With French Children
 "The American soldiers have made a big hit with the French kiddies and the French people can not quite get used to seeing them together," he said. "Their playing certainly made a big hit with the youngsters."

It will take a long time for France to get back on her feet, Lieutenant Williams claims, because she received a very hard blow through this war.

Williams was here from 4 o'clock Sunday until 2 the next morning, visiting his parents, Major and Mrs. J. M. Williams and his brother, William J. Williams, who is also in Eugene on a furlough.

Ben H. Williams took a very prominent part in campus activities during his four years of college. He was student body president in 1911, was president of the Lauean Literary society, associate editor of the weekly which was then in existence, and was also associate editor of the Oregonian, a member and captain of the varsity track team, and Williams held the college record in the pole vault. He also took part in the interstate oratorical contest.

DEAN EHRMANN RETURNS

Attended Dean of Women's Conference—Elected Secretary

Dean Louise Ehrman returned Sunday from Spokane where she attended the northwest conference of Dean of women on April 1, 2, 3 and 4. She was elected secretary of the conference and expressed herself as being much impressed with the enthusiasm and interest of the women in the problems of their work.

Dean Ehrman had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Lucinda Prince, a distinguished educator of Boston, who is responsible for the graduate course in connection with Simmons college, and in prevailing upon her to speak before the women of the University on the subject of "Educational School for Store Service." She will probably give the lecture about the last of April.

In Portland Dean Ehrmann spoke to the women's club in behalf of the Woman's Building. Immediately after her talk \$500 was subscribed to the fund by the club. She also lectured to the girls of Washington and Lincoln high schools on "Ideals of Womanhood." She was in Portland from March 21 until March 31.

At Seattle, on April 1, Miss Ehrmann was entertained by Dean Ethel H. Caldwell at a luncheon served in the University Commons where she met many of the Washington professors and later found valuable suggestions in observing the Home Economics building which serves as a women's building for them.

AMENDMENT FOR HISTORIAN IS UP

Will be Voted on Tomorrow Morning; Historian to be Elected by Student Council

The proposed amendment to the student body constitution providing for a historian and an office for their officer, will be voted on tomorrow morning from 10 o'clock until 2 in the afternoon. It is hoped by the committee, who formulated the amendment, that every student will vote at the booth which will be provided for this purpose.

The committee was composed of Helen McDonald, chairman; Ella Dewes, Forest Watson. The amendment follows:

ARTICLE XVII.

Historian
 Section 1. Appointment. A historian shall be elected by the Student Council at their last meeting in May.

Section 2. Assume Office. The historian shall assume the duties of the office on the first Wednesday of June, and shall take the oath of office with the other newly elected student body officers.

Section 3. Duties and Powers of Historian. The duties of the historian shall be as follows: The historian shall have general supervision over the University museum and historical records.

Section 4. Finances. Shall be under the supervision of the advisory committee which shall be composed of the president of the University, the University Librarian, graduate manager and secretary to the president of the University.

CURRENT EVENTS CONTINUES
 Current Events, a one hour course given last semester by Dean E. W. Allen of the school of journalism, at 10 o'clock Monday, was not listed among the courses offered for this semester through an oversight. The class is continuing, and will be open for a short time.

The class in photography, offered by Dr. W. P. Boynton, professor of physics, in the University, will meet for the lecture hours at eight o'clock on Monday and at nine o'clock on Thursday. Laboratory will be either Tuesday or Friday afternoon.

The Forum will meet Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock in Professor Prescott's room in the Administration building. Discussions will be held on the League of Nations.

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VIOLIN RECITAL FRIDAY

Prof. Barron and Martha Tinker to Appear in Springfield

Robert Louis Barron, violin instructor in the school of music, will give a recital in the Methodist church at Springfield, Friday evening, April 25. Miss Martha Tinker will accompany at the piano. The program will be as follows:

- I
- Concerto No. 1 in "G" minor.....Max Bruch
- Allegro Moderato
- Adagio
- Allegro Energico
- II
- (a) RomanceSvendsen
- (b) OrientaleCaesar Cui
- (c) Hejre KatiHubay
- III
- (a) Caprice ViennoisKreisler
- (b) Cradle SongSpalding
- (c) Pierrot SerenadeRandegger
- (d) Bohemian DanceRandegger
- IV
- Ballad Et PolonaiseVieuxtemps

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