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GREETINGS!

Welcome back to the campus Colin V. Dymont! We are surely glad to see you.

We get that feeling of satisfaction and real thrills of pleasure to hear the voice of our old friend and to see him again.

We are grateful to have heard of the heroism of our brothers and fellow students in France from Lieutenant Dymont, who shared their experiences and took care of them.

Lieutenant Dymont's address before the assembly left the impression of unusual exactness for detail and was at the same time most comprehensive. It answered the desires and requirements of relatives and friends of the boys over there and of all who wanted to hear an accurate and understanding description of our soldiers in action.

And so to Lieutenant Dymont Oregon extends her heartiest welcome.

REMEMBER THOSE TRADITIONS

What has happened to our Old Oregon traditions when freshman men are allowed to smoke on the campus?

In the past, as now, one of the most sacred and carefully guarded traditions was that of no smoking on the Oregon campus. But lately freshman men have violated this custom by lighting their cigarettes on and about the tennis courts near the Library.

By no stretch of the imagination can the tennis court be considered off the campus.

The case is clear and the action taken should be adequate and speedy. We will uphold the sacred and hoary traditions of Oregon.

DOUGHNUT TENNIS

Comment has been excited over the fact that in the intra-mural tennis tournaments the same rules of eligibility do not seem to hold for both faculty and student teams.

No varsity man is allowed to represent any student organization while on the team representing the faculty one member is an old Oregon tennis man and one is a champion of another university.

It gives an unfair advantage when these seasoned men are pitted against amateurs in competing for a trophy in an intra-mural series.

The same eligibility rules should hold for all contestants.

CAMPUS TRADITIONS

To the Editor of the Emerald:

As an upperclassman having a deep respect and regard for the traditions of this University, I wish to place the following matter before you in the hope that some definite policy regarding it will be outlined in the Emerald. I believe there is a tradition as strong as that which forbids any one

but a senior to sit on the senior bench or that forbidding any one to step on the Oregon seal, or any one of the numerous traditions on the campus, and that is that freshmen shall not wear white trousers for any purpose whatsoever. Though my own opinion is that they should be allowed to wear the forbidden garments while playing tennis, the consensus of opinion is contrary to this slight leniency and is in favor of a strict adherence to the letter of the law as laid down above in the statement of the tradition. Though my memory of how this tradition was interpreted when I was a freshman is rather hazy, I do remember very distinctly that one of the class of 1921 was raced last year for wearing white trousers while playing tennis. I believe it would be wise for you to delve into this matter and make some announcement to be followed strictly hereafter.

Also there is one other matter of equal, if not more, importance which demands immediate attention. I refer to smoking on the bench by the tennis court. This is becoming quite the thing nowadays and is done very promiscuously as a matter of course. Being a tennis player and also a smoker myself, I would not bring this matter up unless I thought it important. I cannot see any reason at all why this particular sport should be exempt from the "no smoking on the campus" tradition. The fact that sophomores and upperclassmen smoke here is, of course, no reason why it is the right thing to do. There are many girls who find this smoking decidedly distasteful, but that is a small matter, of course, compared with the breaking of one of our most sacred and revered campus traditions.

I should certainly like to see some definite announcement regarding these matters which I consider most important.

CHOOSING CAST DIFFICULT

Parts for Senior Play Not Yet Filled by Don Orput, Coach

Difficulty in choosing the cast has somewhat slowed up the rehearsing of the senior play, "Facing the Music." It will be necessary to choose junior men to take parts, according to Harold Newton, manager of the production. Don Orput, who is coaching the play, is choosing the cast, and rehearsals are now in progress.

The cast so far as picked is:

John Smith Curtiss Peterson
Dick Desmond Harold Newton
Mabel Doris Slocum
Nort Marion Coffey
Miss Fotheringay Ruth Graham
Mrs. Ponting Hester Hurd
No one has been found yet to take the parts of Sergeant Duffell, Rev. John Smith and Colonel Duncan Smith.

MANY TEACHERS NEEDED

Principals, Commercial, Military and Athletic Instructors Wanted

The lack of suitable candidates is the difficulty of the University Appointment Bureau, according to C. A. Gregory, professor of education, who has charge of the bureau. Fifteen principalships are open, but few available applicants for the positions. A demand is being made for men who can teach high school subjects, conduct military work and coach athletics. The Appointment Bureau has four or five excellent positions of this sort but as yet there are no applicants. Five or six calls have been received for teachers of commercial subjects, but there is only one candidate at present. Besides these positions, there have been a few calls for grade and junior high school teachers which the Bureau has been unable to meet.

Students expecting to teach during the coming year are requested to see Professor Gregory at once.

TO REPORT BOND SALES

R. O. T. C. Headquarters Ask Faculty and Students to List Buys

Faculty members and students who purchase Victory bonds are requested by Colonel W. H. C. Bowen, commanding, and Lieutenant Colonel Raymond C. Baird, assistant, to report their subscriptions to the office of the R. O. T. C. on the campus.

"The government is planning to give some form of recognition to the ten colleges in the United States making the most loyal showing," said Colonel Baird yesterday. "It is in order to keep track of this that we are asking for reports. Unless such reports are made to us by all who subscribe, students or members of the faculty, it will not be possible for the University to get the credit for its patriotic service to which it is entitled. We hope for this reason to get a report from every person on the campus who subscribes."

These reports, Colonel Baird says, can be made either by mail, in person, or by telephone. The R. O. T. C. headquarters number is 957.

HARRY KUCK RETURNS FOR VISIT TO CAMPUS

1916 Graduate Sees No Place Like Oregon; War Lessons Prove Valuable

"Hun extermination as exemplified by the notched gun stock was not the profession of all Oregon men who summered in France last year," said Harry L. Kuck, former city editor of the Oregon Emerald and a graduate of the University in 1916, upon his return to the campus yesterday.

"General Pershing and the War Department were satisfied with what they called our 'bit' though, and anyway the old saying 'all's well that ends well' is applicable to the nth degree in this case."

Mr. Kuck enlisted in Company L, 162d Infantry in March, 1917, and crossed the Atlantic in December with the 41st division. After being scattered to the four winds for military police duty from January to June, 1918, the regiment (Old Oregon) was mobilized at Contres, France and made a part of the 1st Depot division.

All Companies Reduced

At that time all the privates were sent to the front and each company reduced to a permanent cadre of 50 men and six officers as a personnel to handle drafted men from the United States just arriving and conspicuous mostly by their newness to the military establishment and especially to the handicraft of modern warfare. There they received as much attention at the hands of Oregon non-commissioned officers in the handling of hand grenades, bayonetry, modern assault formations, gas, etc., as the needs of the situation at the front could grant. The regiment was a clearing house for man power and its efficiency was in direct proportion to the time allotted or rather allowed by Hindenburg's death-dealing devices at the front. "We all thanked our lucky stars, though, when the armistice dropped the curtain on that never-ending routine," said Mr. Kuck.

Many Oregon Men in Regiment

There were many University graduates and former students in the 162d according to Mr. Kuck. He named the following: Laird Woods, Estley R. Farley, Carl B. Fenton, Paul Hendricks, Bob Malarkey, Frank Miller, Bill Rhinehart and Lawrence Dinneen, and added that there were several others whose names he could not recall at the moment. Anse Cornell and Don Cawley were located at Tours, and were also members of the Service of Supply contingent, as was Alexander Bowen, who routed troops all over that never-to-be-forgotten country for the Railroad Transportation department.

"I meant to echo the sentiment of all the boys in declaring there is no place like Oregon and no school like the University of Oregon. I do not mean this as a reflection on France any more than on the eastern section of this country."

More Spontaneity in West

"I was unable to find that spontaneous, unconventional good will that makes the west the ideal home section of the world, exemplified by the spirit that we old-timers love to call the Oregon Spirit, and while I got well through Montana on the transcontinental trip home. There seems to be a new-born feeling of confidence pervading the University atmosphere that has sprung up since the war which seems mighty good in comparison with the struggling the University has had to do to establish itself in the good graces of the state," continued Mr. Kuck, when asked how things seemed on the campus after an overseas contract with Uncle Sam.

"Whatever may be said of the army, and of course people could be arrested for some of their private opinions if they were publicly expressed, most erstwhile soldiers have acquired a more serious outlook upon life, especially citizenship, and will be found to be a power in civic and political affairs, radiating a more healthy influence. They have learned the value of cooperation, organization and right living and have cemented friendships that will live forever and a day."

LITTLE BELGIAN GARMENT LOST

Who has found the front of one of the 200 little petticoats which the girls of the Y. W. C. A. are making for the little children of Belgium? If it is not found only 199 little garments can be sent Saturday morning as the product of the girls' labor. Gladys Hollingsworth, who is in charge of this work, is very anxious that the girls finish the work as soon as possible as the Red Cross chapter in Eugene is shipping the garments in a few days.

SHAVER CHOSEN TO GATHER DATA

Oregon Engineering Graduate Uses His Newspaper Experience

The compiling of historical data on the engineering prospects during the war together with field trips over France, has been the recent work of John Willard Shaver, a graduate of the University in 1914, who is now on duty in the office of the chief engineer, A. E. F., according to a letter received on the campus from him.

The historical-technical section of the office of the chief engineer was formed last September, he writes, under the direction of R. K. Tomlin, Jr., then a war correspondent and well known technical writer. Other associated with him are G. A. N. Thrall, a former member of a Los Angeles newspaper staff, Donald A. Thomas, of the highway commission technical department of Michigan, and a master engineer. How he received his position he tells in a part of his letter which follows:

Uses Newspaper Experience

"Then I am the fifth member of our happy family. And all five have had engineer education and newspaper experience. The work is very interesting and I have been able to put to use knowledge and experience that I never thought I would be able to use in the army. I was selected for the work because Captain Tomlin had noticed a copy of 'The Spiker' and requested that the colonel of our regiment recommended members of the 'Spiker' staff for duty in his office. I was lucky."

"Our office is charged with the compilation of all historical documents on engineer achievements in France, which is quite a task when you consider that the personnel aggregated, at its height, 175,000 officers and men. We keep a file of monthly operation reports from every regiment and smaller units that are entities, as well as operation reports from the chief engineer of corps and armies. Then we have a file of personal experience reports that we have tried to pry loose from each of the 4500 engineer officers in the A. E. F. and from this mass of detail we are able to compile almost any sort of a history of operations called for. Trips were made by officers from our office from time to time all over France, and in that manner we added to our office material with local color and details that escaped the notice of officers submitting reports."

Sees Several Oregon Men

"I have no idea when I will be home. Our work keeps us busy from morning till night, but I have hopes of being able to get home before it comes time to don my fourth golden stripe."

"I have seen quite a number of Oregon men in and around here recently. When I first came I found Don Cawley, Anse Cornell and Basil Williams. Don was returned to the states several weeks ago and Anse I guess is now in Paris. Frank Staiger is located here now and he will probably be here for several months to come, as he relieved an officer in G-4 who has returned to the states."

"I do not know whether you have the information or not but the other day I had a friend of mine look up in the graves registration bureau the location of the grave of Lieutenant Leslie Tooze. It may be of interest to you to know that location so I am enclosing it: 'Grave No. 2, plot No. 1, cemetery No. 985.' And that cemetery is at Epinonville, on the Meuse. I am going to get up that way pretty soon and I will try and get a picture of the grave for your publication. I visited the grave of John Kelley at Bordeaux, and I think that one of the fellows in our outfit took a picture of it. No doubt you have heard the details of his death so I will not repeat it."

Shaver enlisted in the spring of 1917 in the 18th engineers, railway, and trained for a time at American Lake. He has now been overseas 19 months. He writes that upon his discharge he will probably enter technical writing in New York.

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