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FOR the past month our basketball team has been putting in long hours practicing, training and making sacrifices in order that they might be in a position to bring glory to Oregon on the basketball floor.

They have received good, indifferent and bad support, coming from the students in the order named. The support and spirit show them in the two game Whitman series was excellent and our basketball men thought that Oregon spirit had found itself for the year and that they would be backed with the same enthusiasm and loyalty that Oregon rooters showed our football team several times during the season.

Since the Whitman games that loyalty and support has been at ebb tide and in the last game played, that with Wallamette, the support was worse than none at all for there was an air of ANTAGONISM prevalent against OUR OWN TEAM.

This is a bold statement to make. If you don't believe the EMERALD ask any member of the five who played in the games. They will tell you that the wonderful comeback and fight they showed in the second half was caused by their desire to show Oregon rooters what they could do without receiving any support as much as it was by their own desire to defeat the Methodists. They were fighting their own rooters.

In the first place there was but little unified rooting on the part of the half-sized crowd which partially filled the hall and this came late in the game and was half-hearted. The worst part of the entire evening was the fact that some of the crowd were prone to criticize the efforts of different individuals on the team and ready to make known their approval at every opportunity in a manner which could not help but be heard by the players. Imagine the feeling a player must have, and the brand of ball he will display, when he realizes that on the sidelines are those who are watching him with eagle eyes ready to criticize any mistake he might make.

When it gets to a point where personal prejudices and selfishness is put before loyalty to Oregon and our athletic teams in the minds of any Oregon student, man or woman, it is time for us to discontinue intercollegiate athletics. Without unified support, given unhesitatingly, freely and in copious quantities all the time, our athletic teams can accomplish nothing and instead of glory and credit coming to us disgraceful defeats and disregard will be our portion.

Now is the time to start talking up the spirit for these basketball games

this week-end. They will be three of the most important games of the season and if we win them Oregon will be well on her way towards the Pacific Coast conference championship again. If we do not support that team of ours and they lose our chances at the title will be almost hopeless. Hayward hall ought to be packed to the ceiling with rooters bubbling over with loyalty, support and noise. Without question we should have the band out. A downtown rally held for a short time Wednesday evening would not be out of place. We must support our basketball team.

Oregon always seems to be "wrong" in her debates. If the right attitude is taken toward debating for a change, Oregon debates may be "right" for a change. Who was it said, "I would rather be 'right' than president?"

A course in Railroad Administration should be added to the Commerce curriculum. Every time a train goes by everything else is forgotten.

"Have you forgotten that you owe me five dollars?" "No, not yet. Give me time and I will."—Exchange.

### Communications

#### SUPPORT FOR DEBATE

To the Editor: Permit me this opportunity to call the attention of the student body to the program of the Women's Forensic League and to the work which Oregon women are doing, through the league activities, in toning up the whole forensic atmosphere of the institution. On February 3 and 5 the league will put on its first public programs. These programs, each consisting of eleven debates in as many different places at the same hours, constitute the preliminary rounds for the University Women's Debate championships.

The activities of these young women are not to be taken lightly by any person interested in the University of Oregon. It is true that some of the groups put teams into the running chiefly from group loyalty and loyalty to college. This would not necessarily speak well for the type of work. But coaches are reporting an increasing earnestness, and a determination to learn, and to do well in the contests. These young women are catching the spirit of the University for service, and they are coming to realize that any kind of service, self or social, is apt to be incompetent without a clear and ready and pleasing faculty for speech. Most of the women engaged in this work are personally ambitious, all are loyal, and they are doing their work in small groups under approved instructors. I have evidence that some groups are getting the type and degree of debate training ordinarily reserved for intercollegiate contestants.

The particular point that I want to make is that our women debaters deserve well at the hands of Oregon supporters. They ought to have big audiences as an encouragement. They are looking forward to intercollegiate competition. The intercollegiate representatives will be chosen from their numbers. The faculty and student body by unstinted encouragement of their labors can make competition so stiff that the resultant intercollegiate product within two or three years will be varsity calibre when it makes the team—not varsity calibre ten years after graduation, and heartbreaking defeats on the platform.

—ROBERT W. PRESCOTT.

### Here and There

By S. C. E.

Posts may be sent home. This is just one step beyond sending the grades home. The faculty evidently believes in "Eventually, why not now?"

Prof. Lukken might be able to find a few of his 200 voices in the freshman serenading party which took place after the Kappa Sig smoker. Several girls said that they thought the singing was heavenly, which literally translated, must mean "unearthly".

A Mother's Day is the latest movement advocated in the University. Do you remember when your mother used to visit your class in grammar school? She still has the same interest, but now it's on a larger scale.

A "Father's Day" might be a good idea. After receiving all the bills and grades he must wonder just what you are doing down here.

A prize of \$25 is to be offered to the senior living best up to certain standards in scholarship and character. Competition would have been much more keen had the contest begun on Jan. 1.

The O. A. C. basketball "dope" seems to have been upset again this year. Willamette university is responsible for most of the "tipping".

The women always seem to have a better representation at their debates than the men do. Perhaps the natural curiosity of wanting to see who will have the last word accounts for this.

Under the new system of grading a student can get his name in the paper without doing anything. Most of us would rather be "doing something" when publication day arrived, however.

Now that the grades are to be published, we presume fraternity light bulbs will be higher. Whoever thought that this ruling would affect the high cost of living?

People used to ask, "What's in a name?" At Oregon, from now on, it will be, "What's after a name?"

Prizes are to be offered college students for the best suggestions for the Republican platform in the coming campaign. Unless more interest is shown than was evidenced in the treaty vote, as far as Oregon is concerned, the Republicans will have to find their own platform or give the Democrats another four years.

The buds of bolshevism broke out afresh Wednesday when half of the members of the R. O. T. C. went on a strike, to enjoy the beautiful spring-weather. As a result a storm is about to break.

Prof. Barnett: "Prisons in Oregon were in a frightful condition two years ago. I don't know what they are like now but—what are you laughing at?"

A movement to give college professors better pay has been started. This should give them something to smile over. The only thing they can smile over now is the income tax and the war tax takes all the joy out of that.

A freshman at the University of Cincinnati threw a report of the inspection of the "Union Gas & Light Co." in the box as his contribution to the league treaty vote. He was evidently trying to throw some "light" on the subject as well as a little harmless "gas."

### SEVEN GIRLS PLEDGED BY TRE NU SOCIETY

Women's Vocational Organization Elects New Members at Recent Meeting

The pink and grey pledge ribbon of the Tre Nu, women's vocational organization, blossomed forth Saturday on seven new members who were pledged at the recent meeting of the organization. The new pledges are Eva Hansen, Jessie Todd, Lyle Bryson, Helen Flint, Ruth Engstrom, Nell Southworth and Josephine Moore.

Tre Nu is an organization composed of women of the university who are entirely or partly self supporting while in college. The purpose of the organization is to develop a broader acquaintance and friendship among the women of the campus who are engaged in some line of work while in the university, to broaden the campus outlook, and to open up the vocational field to the members.

The study of vocations is promoted by speakers from business and professional life who lecture at the monthly meetings of the club. Any woman in the university who is helping earn her way through college is eligible for membership.

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