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STUDENT SPIRIT DROOPS

"Something is wrong with the Oregon spirit." Bill Hayward, veteran trainer of the University, voiced the sentiment of many when he told the student body Thursday that something was lacking in the support athletics have been receiving lately. Before him, at a special meeting called for the purpose of revising the student body constitution, sat scarcely a hundred out of over 1700 students enrolled at the University. The football team, after a strenuous and glorious football season, received their sweaters with about as much display of appreciation from the student body for whose honor they had fought as if they had bought them over the counter of a store down town. Those men deserved more than that. The words Bill Hayward uttered should have been driven home to the many who were absent as they were to the few in attendance. Oregon spirit is lagging. Too many students are content to reap the rewards for the industry of others without turning a hand themselves. What Bill said about track applies not only to athletics but to all other student activities as well. There are ways of rousing lagging spirit, as there were ways of selling pro-Germans Liberty bonds. But the Oregon spirit of old was not roused that way. So long as we are content to let the other fellow do our voting at elections, or attend assembly for us, or campaign for the millage bill without us, that long must we stand reproach from those who know the former days. It is not a case of stultifying interest in things or going because we are forced to go. If we can't enter into activities with the spirit which built up Oregon, far better discontinue our activities lest we disgrace those who have gone before. But we are not at that stage. No one who saw the rallies of last fall, or the football game on Hayward field can doubt that the Oregon spirit is only sleeping now. We all realize that with so much from which to choose we are taking only that containing the most pleasure for ourselves. Tuesday the amendments are up again. Other matters of importance will appear during the week. We could all be forced or shamed into voting that day. But we were not that kind of patriots during the war. Let's not sacrifice one of the sacred traditions of Old Oregon for our own selfish interests now.

Villard hall was very sparsely populated last Thursday afternoon at the presentation of the football sweaters. Prep schools turn out 100 per cent to honor their athletes and most of the students live farther away from the assembly hall.

Oregon has just as many fast track men as she used to have but many of them have slowed down to a walk, usually in the form of afternoon dates.

The freshman class won the recent swimming contests, which all goes to show that everything green flourishes best in water.

PREP BRAINS CLASSIFIED

SURVEY CONDUCTED TO GROUP STUDENTS BY ABILITY

J. L. Almack Starting Examinations to Select Leading Pupils and Provide Special Work

J. L. Almack, graduate student in the school of education, is making a study of the "bright children" of Eugene as a thesis. The purpose is to determine some plan whereby a child who is unusually gifted, has learned to concentrate on his study and learns quickly, may profit by his ability and not be held back by the slower and less diligent students. Bright children, declares Mr. Almack, are discriminated against. Slow-witted children are given special help and attention, but the boy or girl who learns his lesson in half the time the others in the same grade require, is left to idle away his time, falls into mischief and actually loses his study powers.

The survey includes the seventh to twelfth grades, inclusive. Mr. Almack has already given one test to the students of the Eugene high school and expects to give the same one to the Junior high school soon. After grading these papers he will pick a certain number of students, give these other tests, eliminating the poorest, until he has about 20 pupils, to whom classified work will be given.

As an example Mr. Almack said an ordinary class would be assigned a lesson. The slower ones would be expected to prepare only the textbook material, but the quicker scholars would be expected to do special and research work. This would give the gifted scholars a chance to make use of their talents, and yet would not mean that they would graduate from the lower schools any earlier than their associates. This would prevent them from entering university at an immature age.

ALUMNI WILL WORK FOR MILLAGE BILL

Miss Fenton to Return to Portland to Complete Plans for Campaign

Miss Charlie Fenton, alumni secretary, expects to go to Portland this week where she will complete plans for the millage tax campaign formulated last week when she met with Homer Angell, president of the Alumni association in that city. She expects to spend most of her time until after the May election at the campaign headquarters at 514 Pittock block, Portland.

The campaign plans are to organize in each county and have these county bodies under the general committee in Portland.

The alumni associations of O. A. C. and Oregon normal school will each organize their members in the counties, and these three will be welded into one big group, which will include any club people or other bodies interested in seeing the millage tax pass, according to Miss Fenton. The alumni of other institutions also will be admitted to the county organizations.

Letters to the chairmen of the Oregon county alumni bodies have already been sent out by Miss Fenton.

TRACK MEET DATE MAY BE POSTPONED

More Interest Must Be Shown If Company Contest Takes Place Saturday, Says Hayward

"Not enough interest is shown in the inter-company track meet," says Bill Hayward, trainer. Unless more enthusiasm is shown, he declared, there will be no competition next Saturday and the meet will be postponed until next term. Company try-outs were not satisfactory, he said, as there was not a single entry in some events which should have afforded hot competition. So far no company has been able to pick a full team.

Bill has offered a large loving cup to the winning company. The feature of the meet is to be a relay race by seven men from each company. The race will start with a 100 yard man, followed in order by men running the 220, the 100, the 220, the 440, the 880, and the mile.

There is lots of material in the companies, he believes, and each is expected to enter a strong team next Saturday. The track captains are Elston Ireland, Company A; Russell Meyers, Company B; Glen Kalkley, Company C; and Richard Sunderleaf, Company D.

SENIORS MUST FILE CARDS

Diplomas To Be Issued at Regular Graduation

Diplomas will be issued to graduates in June only at the regular time of graduation, and in November, according to a new ruling just announced by Carlton E. Spencer, registrar of the University. This, he said, means that the seniors who do not file their application cards for degrees will not be able to get them until the following fall.

These application cards, which can be obtained at window nine in the registrar's office, must be filled out and returned by March 21, according to Mr. Spencer, or it will be too late.

The cards are for the purpose of getting the student's name as it should appear on the diploma, the name of the degree applied for, and other additional information, said Mr. Spencer. The sheepskins have to be ordered from the east, the embossing done, and then have to be sent to the regents for their signatures. After that they are returned to the University for the signatures necessary here.

FROSH PRACTICE DELAYED

Next Term Will See Baseball Start—Nelson May Be Coach

Freshman baseball practice will not start until the spring term, according to Shy Huntington, who says it will be postponed because little could be accomplished during the remainder of this term, and practice now would interfere with examinations. No official frosh coach selection has been made, but Dick Nelson will probably be selected.

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The University of California has made a gift to the University of Oregon of the first installment of the semi-centennial publications of that institution which were printed to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary, March 23, of the founding of the university.

All of the publications have not as yet been printed as this work was interrupted by the war, according to David P. Barrows, president of the institution, but these will be forwarded as soon as they are printed. Karl Onthank, executive secretary, says President Barrows is expected here some time next term.

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