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CRITICISM.

“What’s the use of kickin’? Let’s go ‘round with a smile.”

A great many students take it upon themselves to be concerned with matters which affect them indirectly, perhaps realizing that their interest can have but little effect upon the case in question. Fireplace arguments very seldom get anywhere. Either one faction has the most convincing speakers, or the other has the best line-up of facts. And the factions generally remain the same as they were. The result of the discussion probably never effects the question raised.

Too many students like to criticize when they have nothing better to offer. When a student has launched into a tirade against the present status of some matter, and is questioned as to what he would do should he control the matter, he very often is at a loss for an answer. The discussion results in a general feeling of dissatisfaction which can do no good.

Constructive criticism may be made beneficial. “Why don’t they do this?” is a very much better way to criticize than “Why do they do that?” Unless you have something better to offer, keep your thoughts to yourself. And if you have decided upon a course which you think is better than the existing one, be straight forward enough to take your ideas before the proper persons. No one resents a helpful suggestion.

“I think it is queer the way such a thing is being handled” is a remark that contains an element of that which for the lack of a better name, is called bolshevism. If you were handling the matter, you might have called down upon yourself much more criticism than the person or persons who control the situation at present.

Do not undertake to criticize before you are fully acquainted with the facts of the case. Very often these facts entirely change the complexion of the matter. The facts may forestall all criticism, and may make the person who presumed to express his sentiments without a complete knowledge of the facts feel very uncomfortable.

The best way to criticize is not with your back towards the facts or the person or persons involved. If you have something better to offer, take it straight to those whose power it is to remedy the situation. If you have nothing to offer, keep your criticism to yourself.

Be sure your criticism is just, that your ideas are sound, and that you take it where it will do the most good. Otherwise, “what’s the use of kickin’?” Let’s go ‘round with a smile.

Oregon has a host of traditions. Do you know all of them? The Emerald is offering to its readers a special series of articles on those traditions, in which are contained facts which in all probability very few of use are acquainted. The series started yesterday, and until the sources are exhausted, Oregon students will have an opportunity to read interesting stories about all the traditions which are now common. Keep up with the articles. Know your University!

The varsity basketball team leaves today on its northern trip. Six games will be played during the week or more that the team is gone. As this is the only long trip which the varsity will take this year, it might be a good idea for someone to gather up a little delegation to be at the depot at traintime.

GLEE CLUB BANQUETED PHI THETA KAPPA MEET

Evans Host and Toastmaster at Affair at Osburn Hotel.

John Stark Evans, assistant dean of the school of music of the University, was the host and toastmaster at a banquet at the Hotel Osburn Tuesday evening. The banquet was in honor of the University men’s glee club. President P. L. Campbell, Dean Colin V. Dymont and Marion McClain were also present.

The glee club sang some of the songs which they will sing at the Ellison-White Lyceum Bureau concert in Portland on January 28. Short talks were given by President Campbell, Dean Dymont, Mr. McClain, Harris Ellsworth, historian of the club, and Joe Ingram, president. Mr. Evans praised the fine spirit of the men, and spoke of the faithfulness with which they appear regularly for practice.

Commerce Fraternity to Co-operate in Work for Library.

At a meeting of the Phi Theta Kappa, woman’s honorary commerce fraternity, held in the commerce building last night, it was decided that the organization should co-operate with the Alpha Kappa Psi, Beta Alpha Psi and Beta Gamma Sigma to obtain a commerce library. This plan which had been started before and dropped was only recently revived.

Mildred Aumiller was appointed secretary to act during the absence of Helen Honkanen, who will be away from the campus this term. Plans were made for a tea to be held at the Delta Gamma house Wednesday afternoon. The next meeting of the organization will be held in the commerce building Jan. 27.

Announcements

Co-op Stockholders. — Annual meeting of the stockholders of the University of Oregon Co-operative store is to be held at Villard hall at 3 p. m. Friday, January 21, 1921.

Women’s Educational Club — Meets Friday at 4:15 in Room 4, Education building. It is desired that all the new members be present.

The “Charles Eliot Chapter” — For young people of the Unitarian Church, has just been organized and will hold its first meeting next Sunday evening, at 7:30 at the church. Current topics will be discussed and all who are interested are invited to attend.

Ye Tabard Inn — Luncheon at the Anchorage at noon today. Important.

WHAT THE OLD GRADS ARE DOING.

Frieda Goldsmith is still another of the graduates of the department of physical education who has made good. After winning her degree here in 1912 she studied at Wellesley and then returned to teach at Oregon in her own department. Later she went to Reed College as an instructor and was soon promoted to acting head of the work. During the war she taught in the Reed reconstruction clinic and when that was done started doing private work in physiotherapy in Portland. She was quite successful at this and is still engaged in the same sort of work.

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Communications

ERROR IS CORRECTED.

To the Editor:
I notice that in your otherwise commendable article on the growth of the University, a statement is made, in reference to the school of commerce, that “two years general preparation is now required before entrance to the school is granted.”

This is an error. Students in commerce may still enroll in the school as freshmen. Probably what the writer had in mind is the fact that we are re-arranging the first and second years of commerce work and to a large extent will make this work of a prescribed character.

Such a change, however, is vastly different from saying that we require two years of general work before entrance to the school is granted and I believe that it would be unfortunate to have such an impression get abroad in the state at this time.

Cordially yours,
E. C. ROBBINS,
Dean, School of Commerce.

“BEARS” RECEIVE TROPHIES.

University of California, Berkeley, Jan. 18. — Officials of the Tournament of Roses Association are on their way to Berkeley with the standard sized sterling silver football which they will present to the University as winner of the California-Ohio football classic. Each member of the team will receive a miniature gold football.

FACULTY LEARN TO DANCE.

A faculty social dancing class has been inaugurated at the State College of Washington. The class is for both men and women and is held in the women’s gymnasium.

WILLAMETTE TEAM SAID TO BE STRONG

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periods of three and four minutes. So operating, members of the team bide their time until a favorable opening is seen. A pass is then shot to an open man, and subsequently the score-keeper registers two more points for Willamette.

Jackson Stars at Center.

What Jackson knows about the league of nations, is a question, but its safe to say he’s not overlooked much in the study of basketball. This Willamette center completely shoved his O. A. C. opponents in the background. When the Aggies played here they were reasonably sure of scoring when they could get their machinery in operation immediately fol-

lowing the tip-off from center. They were able to get the tip-off about once every half. The scores of the two games may be found, no doubt, in any first class basketball history.

Wapato, it would appear, is much more agile or something this season than he was in former years. The big Indian’s record has been enviable this season.

The line-up which will probably start the game against Oregon next Friday follows: Forwards, Wapato and Gillette; center, Jackson; guards, Harey and Dimick.

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