

**ALUMNI IN PORTLAND
ENDORSE SCHOLARSHIP**

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elsewhere for higher education, were questioned as to their reasons. Almost invariably the answer came that standards of work were higher in the other schools than at Eugene. This did not always mean entrance requirements, nor "dead lines" for "flunking out" nor better paid instructors, nor any other one thing, but was more often an impression built up by a combination of many things. However, the investigation, small as it was, showed two things clearly. One was that parents of the better prepared and more intelligent boys and girls place scholastic standards as the first consideration in deciding on a school to which to send their sons and daughters. The other was that there is still lingering an idea that Oregon has low standards of scholarship.

Improvement Indicated.

A number of teachers in the high schools, especially those who act more or less as advisers on college entrance matters in the college preparatory courses, were asked to what extent they advised pupils to go to the State University. Here again in most cases the replies showed that there was still a belief that boys and girls could enter Oregon and "get by" with a little less effort scholastically than at Berkeley, Stanford, Harvard, Yale, etc., and sometimes Washington was included.

In both these limited investigations, I asked whether anything had been noticed of late indicating improvement in the state school, and here the most hopeful signs appeared. Surprisingly, in almost every instance, the person questioned knew that the University was publishing the names and grades of all of its students, that over one hundred men and women had been placed on probation, that this or that graduate from a Portland school had been debarred temporarily from athletics or some other activity because of low grades. They had noticed that the scholarship ranking of the sororities and fraternities was featured as much in news stories as was the final outcome of the doughnut league series. In no instance had anyone heard of a case where a boy or girl, athlete or otherwise, had been admitted to freshman standing when the requirements laid down in the catalogue had not been met. These or similar echoes from the University were mentioned as evidence that the institution was raising its standards, and great credit was always given to the president, the faculty, and the body of undergraduates for carrying on the uphill fight for real values in standards as against the bubble of a big enrollment.

"No Study" Courses Scarce.

One thing that we noticed in Portland is that there is general approval of the continued policy of the University authorities to avoid "wild cat advertising" of a strength in any line of work where there is really a weakness. The University has enough strong points to talk about without making any claims for things which do not exist. However, the group of alumni referred to at first, feels that the time has come for faculty, students and graduates of Oregon University to take the stand that scholastic standards at Eugene have already been raised and are now on a par with other big institutions. We believe this to be a fact now and we do not wish to suffer because of a lingering belief in conditions which once existed but which are now a part of the past. If there is an alumnus anywhere who once slipped through with a shadow of a few "pipe" courses on his B. A. degree, a return to the campus and a few days survey would convince him that he would now have as hard a time, perhaps, in outlining a "no study" course there as he would have in Harvard. No one would deny that there are "pipes" in both places but why should we say that such a course is an exception in one place and make it typical in another when the percentage is the same?

KANSAS STRICT ON ABSENCES.

Four absences at the University of Kansas means exclusion from final examinations. Any unexcused absences on the days following enrollment are counted as two unexcused absences.

**NOTED ARCHITECTS TO
VISIT CAMPUS TODAY**

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Oregon school of music.

The visitors day in Eugene will close with a smoker at the architecture building after dinner at which time the Guild will be present en masse. Speakers for this occasion will be President Campbell, Mr. Turner, Mr. Kohn and Mr. Kendall. The meeting with the Guild has been arranged in order that the men from the east may get an idea of this arrangement by which an attempt is being made to further movement of inter-professionalism.

Mr. Kohn Prominent.

Mr. Kohn is chairman of the inter-professional conference of the United States and has been a big factor in attempting to educate the public along the lines of doing things professionally and not by the hour. All the various clubs in the school of architecture will have a part in the arrangements for the entertainment today. Following is the personnel of the committees: Banquet—Sydney Hayslip, Fred Abbott, G. Wolf; Reception—Marion Nicolai, Margaret Goodin, Eunice Cowgill, Ruth Holmes, Arnold Butler; Exhibition Committee—Chairman, Merl Richmond.

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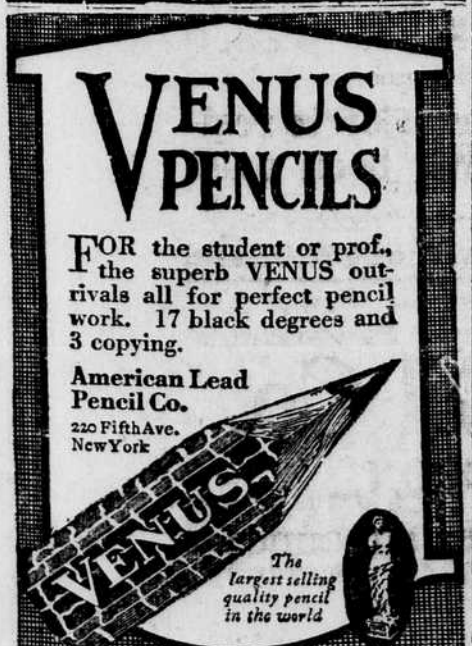
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