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### WHY NOT RECONSIDER?

Why has the University seen fit to adopt the new ruling which shortens Christmas vacation next year to one week and opens school a week later in the fall than in the past? There seems to have been no cause for any such action, and that it was made without taking into consideration the fact that the student body might be directly opposed to such a move.

One reason given by the faculty was that they wished to give the working student an opportunity to work a week longer during the summer. Needless to say the movement will not be appreciated by many working students. Students want to get out of school earlier. When spring comes they are just as anxious to go to work. But when autumn arrives they are just as anxious to return, and when students are returning to other schools, they want to stop working and return also.

The fact that the Christmas vacation is to be shortened is the hardest blow. It will prevent the full enjoyment of the holidays by practically every student, and will prevent many more from returning to their homes for the vacation because of the short time allowed for the trip.

Christmas vacation should be a full two weeks, and if the summer vacation is lengthened, a week of spring added would be much more satisfactory than under the present plan as adopted. A reconsideration of the ruling would be greatly appreciated by all the students of the University.

The series of articles by Bill Hayward, which began in this issue, are well worth the attention of every Oregon man. Track men are not born, but are made, and Bill has made many of them out of the greenest material. There are many Oregon men who do not realize the opportunity they have of training under one of the greatest track men in the country.

### CAMPUS HIGH TAKING INTELLIGENCE TESTS

Annual Ratings Filed for Reference of Instructors; Curriculum Made to Fit Pupils.

An educational survey of the student body of the University high school by standard mental tests is being conducted by majors in the school of education under the supervision of Professor Earl R. Douglass. The survey is divided into three parts: pedagogical tests, intelligence tests, and physical tests.

These tests are given each year, and the records filed for reference of instructors. In this way, the brighter pupils can be held to their highest capabilities, and on the other hand, teachers will not demand too much of the slower pupils.

The pedagogical tests are conducted by Peter L. Spencer, a senior major in education, who teaches mathematics at the campus high school. The tests used by him are: the Van Wageningen history scale, the Starch physics tests, the Monroe diagnostic arithmetic test, the Sackett ancient history test, the Willing composition scale, the Ayres spelling test, the Curtis supervisory geography test, the Minnick geometry test, the Hand-schin test in French comprehension, and the Henman Latin test. The test in algebra is one devised by Professor Douglass.

The mental survey intelligence tests are being conducted by Carl Bowman and Loyd Enlund, under the direction of Professor B. W. DeBusk. These are the tests which Dr. DeBusk has used in his survey of state schools. The Otis group test has already been given the 160 students of the University high school, and the new Terman group test and the Stanford revision of the Binet-Simon test will soon be given.

The physical tests are to be given later, in connection with the school medical examination, says Professor Douglass.

LOST.—Two canoe paddles along the Mill race. Finder please call 481. Reward.

### TESTS OF TYPISTS MADE

Psychology Department Gets Requests for Data on Stenographic Survey.

A series of six psychological tests to measure the professional efficiency of stenographers and typists after training, has been prepared by Dr. R. H. Wheeler, professor of psychology, and are now being standardized in the department of psychology. The first of these tests, which is in spelling, was recently given to the class in advanced psychology. It is hoped that they may later be given to students in the school of commerce and in business colleges.

These tests, according to Dr. Wheeler, are the first to be prepared to measure the efficiency in this work after training, and requests for them have already been received.

### "MONITOR" UNDER WAY

Parent-Teachers Association Will Be Featured in Next Issue.

Another special number of the "Monitor" is under way and will be out within the next few days, according to Miss Mozelle Hair, secretary of the extension division.

This issue will be for Parent-Teachers associations, and will include a statement of the purpose and aims of the associations; as well as an article by M. V. O'Shea, chairman of the department of education of the National Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teachers Associations, outlining a program of work for the department of education of local Parent-Teachers associations.

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### Announcements

**Sociology Classes.**—Dr. P. A. Parsons has been called to Portland and will be unable to meet his classes today.

**Illustrated Lecture.**—Professor Dunn will give an illustrated lecture on "The Portraits of Washington" under the auspices of the Lewis and Clark chapter of the D. A. R. Monday evening in his room in Villard hall at 7:30. Public invited.

**Girls Basketball.**—Try-outs for places on class basketball teams will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock. On account of the final doughnut league game last night, the tryouts had to be postponed, and all those wishing to try out are urged by Charlotte Howells, head of basketball, to be present at the outdoor gymnasium promptly at 4 o'clock.

**Seniors.**—The box in the library containing the seniors' histories for the Oregon will be taken down tonight at the close of the library hour. If your history or not in the box get it there before 10 o'clock tonight. This is your last chance to get it in.

### REGISTRAR RECEIVES MANY QUEER LETTERS

One Suggestion Is that Teachers Be Sent to Columbia for Study of Fine Arts.

Nuts, Nuts, Nuts—enough to play all the leading parts of "Ben Bolt," and a million or two to spare, inhabit the world. Carlton Spencer, registrar, has come to this conclusion after reading letter after letter from queer people, who write him, giving advice, information and scandal.

The latest of these queer epistles is from a woman in a northwestern city who advises Mr. Spencer to look into the advantages of Columbia University with a view of sending two teachers there to learn "the arts." The writer says the arts "are very beautiful things and would be of great benefit in advertising the University."

In conclusion she describes the "arts" and says, "I will close and if this has helped you I will be glad I have wrote." As a postscript she adds, "of course as you keep adding new arts, keep advertising."

Another strange letter is from a gentleman in an eastern city, who invites all University students to attend his church there. As a matter of special advertising he says, "There is no charge, refined people, musical voices and impressive liturgy." He signs himself, "Jeune."

When these letters were shown to a member of the psychology department he characterized the writer of the first as "simple minded" and the writer of the religious letter as a plain "nut."

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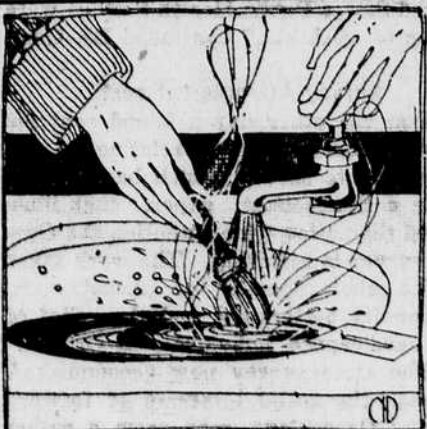
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## ALUMNI PLAN CLASS REUNIONS ON JUNE 18

Three Graduates of '81 May Attend Celebration.

June 18 will be the biggest Alumni day in the history of the University if present plans of Miss Charlie Fenton, alumni secretary, are successful.

Miss Fenton started yesterday on the work of organizing classes for their reunions. This year it is the "ones and sixes" that are going to do big things in the way of alumni celebrations.

Starting with the class of '81 Miss Fenton has planned reunions for '86, '91, '96, '01, '06, '11 and '16. For the class of '81 it will be the 40th reunion. Of the six original members only three are now alive, Anne Whiteaker of Eugene, Dr. George F. Bushnell of San Francisco and Claiborne Milton Hill of the Pacific Coast Theological of Berkeley. It is hoped that all will be able to come.

According to Miss Fenton's plan a chairman of each class will be appointed to get in touch with the other members and see that they attend the reunion. Miss Louise Whitton '86, of Eugene and Marion McClain, '06, graduate manager, are the only ones appointed in this capacity to date.

As a special feature of Alumni day an alumni parade is planned, wherein all returned alumni will march. All class reunions will be held on that day.

Among the well known personages who are expected to take part in the celebration will be C. W. (Pat) McArthur of the U. S. house of representatives. "Pat" has the record of never missing a reunion if he can possibly help it.

### MAE NORTON TO MARRY

University Graduate Engaged to Baker Stock Company Player.

Miss Mae Norton, graduate of the University of Oregon in 1914, who is now a writer on the staff of the Portland Telegram, is engaged to be married in June to Broderick O'Farrell, a player of the Baker stock company and member of a pioneer Oregon family, according to the announcement of friends.

Miss Norton, who is a member of Mu Phi Epsilon and was prominent in student activities while at the University, is living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Norton, of Portland.

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