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PRESENT-DAY LITERATURE.

What do you read?

Probably the greatest amount of reading done by college students comes as a result of class assignments. English literature, American literature, and foreign literature as taught in college classrooms are necessary if a student is to have a suitable background for future reading. But reading should not stop with classroom assignments.

There is developing in American literature at the present time a new school of realism, a school which seeks to present present-day life as it is, absolutely uncolored by romantic plots and characters. The newer books, products of this school, are causing much discussion among readers everywhere. And yet how few college students even realize that such a change has taken place!

Perhaps the new school will not last as long as literature. But it is causing a great deal of discussion, and college students should not claim a complete education without a knowledge of the important present-day topics of discussion.

What do you read? Do you read worth-while books? Do you really read them or glance through them seeking only the plot interest and the entertainment value? There is a great deal underneath many of the books of the newer school, which will pass by the careless reader accustomed to the romantic type of novel. Do you get it as you read?

Graduates particularly should not neglect their reading after they leave the University, since it is the best way of continuing their education and profiting of their spare hours. A careful reader can almost educate himself, since the greater part of the knowledge of the world is written. Keep up with the times. Put in your spare time with a carefully selected book.

Sorry, but no politics today. Everybody is waiting to see which way the wind will blow, and yesterday not a wind was stirring. The Emerald will try to present all the current news—who is going to run for office, and so forth—but it will make no strong attempt to hound a possible candidate until he or she gives a definite yes or no. If a candidate has made up his mind to ride the political scales, the Emerald thinks everyone in the University has a right to know it. It's playing square with everyone to do so. Looking over past elections, campus, national and otherwise, anyone could find that most "dark-horses" have been accused of almost everything before the campaigns were over. If the candidate and his record will not stand public opinion two weeks, they certainly cannot stand one week—or possibly an entire year.

Our present University is due, in a great measure, to Eugene merchants. And the merchants have never been given the credit due to them for the sympathy and help they have given Oregon. Whenever help is needed to put over something that means a greater Oregon, the Eugene business men are always ready to help in any way they can. Isn't there some way Oregon students can show their appreciation?

The doughnut track meet is to be held Saturday. Entries close today. Be sure your team is well lined up. It's going to be a great meet.

You are not throwing away money when you buy a doughnut today. Look 'em over

FRATERNITY AVERAGE HIGH.
Whitman College, Walla Walla, April 25.—(P. I. N. S.)—Fraternity men and women averaged higher in their grades last term than non-Greeks at Whitman according to the registrar's report showing the group averages. Greeks made 80.42, and non-Greeks 77.47, three points lower. Kappa Kappa Gamma and Delta Gamma led the nationals with 83.67 and 83.64. Beta Theta Pi and Phi Delta Theta led the men's fraternities, 79.20 and 78.83. The college average was 80.06.

Announcements

Doughnut Track.—All participants should be registered before Wednesday night. Hank Foster.

Failing-Beekman.—All seniors who are interested in the Failing-Beekman contest should arrange conferences with Professor Michael at once.

Faculty.—All men members of the faculty are asked to reserve the night of April 30 for the all-U men's smoker. Details will be announced later. Old clothes necessary.

Oratorical Tryouts.—Tryouts for the Northwest oratorical contest Thursday at 7:15 in room 3, Johnson hall. All prospective contestants should see Professor Michael at once.

Women's League.—Important meeting this afternoon at 5 o'clock in Villard hall. Final plans for April Frolic will be announced and committees appointed for opening of Women's building. Every University woman is urged to attend. Vivian Chandler, President.

April Frolic Committees.—There will be a very important meeting of all April Frolic committees Wednesday at 5:10, at the Bungalow. Nancy Fields, General Chairman.

Pi Lambda Theta.—Regular meeting will not be held this week on account of Inter-Sorority debate scheduled for Thursday.

Washington Club.—Important meeting at the assembly room of Oregon hall at 7:30 Thursday evening. Election of officers and plans for the social function will constitute the main business of the meeting. All out.

Lemon Punch Publishing Society will meet at the Anchorage at noon today. Important.

Seniors.—Today is the last day to place orders for announcements, caps and gowns. Orders taken at Co-op all day.

Political Science Club.—There will be an open meeting of the Political Science club Thursday evening in Professor Gilbert's room in the library at 7:30 o'clock. The question for discussion will be the Russian situation. Visitors are invited.

The Campus Cynic

Fable of the School With the Retarded Spark.

(With condolences to George Ade that this must be.)

To the Editor: Once upon a time there was a School. Now this School had a Head, a Body, and all those Extensions, Organs, and Appurtenances that go to make up a life-sized Corpse. But it had an Affliction, grievous to name—the Stringhalt. Between the various Organs and Centers most of the wires were down, resulting in this School doing some Funny Things. Oft times an Extension would reach out, pluck some Juicy Fruit, and offer it to another member, saying: "Behold, I have snared a Toothsome Tongue-ful. Have a hunk." And the other member would say gravely: "Nit, Rollo, not. Your luscious luncheon is nothing but a Puckery Persimmon. 'Twill give us an Internal Ache." Whereupon the Member who had offered the Morsel would fall back and say Sayings that Sizzled.

Once one of these Appurtenances or Projections, known in Technical Parlance as the Athletic Council, snared a most Juicy Jorum of Jack and shrieked to the Head gleefully. "Eureka! Likewise a couple of Coos Bays! Have a look! See what I glommed with these Trusty Tentacles of Mine—a most Mellifluous Fragment of Dough. Partake, eat, masticate, digest this Morsel, in order that when the Athletic Meet comes round again this year and the first dandelions and sunburns appear, we will have an Athletic Field to Romp around on." "Well," said the Head, opening its mouth. "I'm not very hungry right now, but hand it over and I'll park it in my Hollow Tooth until my appetite recovers from the Hoteakes I had for breakfast."

Time passed. The Rainy Season set in. Golashes began to Gallop about, and Colds lurked conveniently on Senior Benches and Sisterhood Porch swings. The Athletic Projection looked about and saw no Bump, Indentation, or Plain Surface appearing on the fair surface of the School that could be taken for an Athletic Field. "Wassamatter?" it cried. "Ain't you consumed that quota of Edibles I forked over, back in the Dark Ages?" "Yup," answered the Head. "Its now up to the Organ that Builds." The Building Organ immediately spoke up. "Wait," it said, "until Spring comes and the Lettuce flowers in the Dell, and I have taken my sulphur and molasses." "Well," returned the somewhat Peeved Athletic Projection, "get a Wiggle on—Shimmy right along. We gotta hurry or we won't have any Capering Grounds." At last Spring arrove and Porosknit blossomed unseen as a Hidden Habilitation. Still no Athletic Field. "Come

on, let's go," urged the Athletic Member. After some Time a series of very small Goosefleshes appeared on the Corpse. The Athletic Member had Hope. But the Goosefleshes lagged. "How come, now?" wailed he. "Don't rush me, don't rush me," said the Building Organ feverishly. "I'm busy. Wait until I get all the pretty Rutabaga flowers planted along the pathways of our Dear School, and dig up a few more yards of Lawn." Well, to make a long story short, the days advanced apace. Cauliflowers and Grades flourished and died. Still no more Bumps or Indentations. Finally, one fine morning, the Athletic Member was missed. The other Appurtenances sent out a search party and finally found the Absent Projection in its retreat, known as the Coop, dead. Nearby were two empty Hoefler boxes. It was discovered that he had died unconstitutionally inhaling these Hoeflers. A note was found nearby. It read: "I go to another Land, where Athletic Fields are not needed, and I can Carom with Reverse English English on the Clouds."

Sport Calendar Spring Term

VARSITY TRACK MEETS.

Following is the schedule:
May 7.—University of Washington Dual Meet, Seattle.
May 14.—O. A. C. Dual Meet, Eugene.
May 21.—Pacific Coast Conference Meet, Eugene.
June 4.—Northwest Conference Meet, Pullman, Washington.

VARSITY BASEBALL.

April 27.—Whitman College, at Walla Walla.
April 29.—North Pacific Dental College, at Portland.
April 30.—Multnomah Club, at Portland.
May 6 and 7.—University of Washington, at Eugene.
May 11 and 12.—Washington State College, at Eugene.
May 20 and 21.—O. A. C., at Eugene.
May 27 and 28.—O. A. C., at Corvallis.

VARSITY TENNIS MATCHES.

May 7.—Willamette University, at Eugene.
May 21.—Pacific Coast Conference Meet, at Eugene.
June 6.—Willamette University, at Salem.

FROSH TRACK MEETS.

May 7.—Washington High School, at Eugene.
May 13.—O. A. C. Rooks, at Corvallis.
May 28.—All-Stars, at Eugene.

FROSH BASEBALL.

April 30.—Jefferson High School, at Eugene.
May 14.—Washington High School, at Eugene.
May 20 and 21.—O. A. C. Rooks, at Corvallis.
May 27 and 28.—O. A. C. Rooks, at Eugene.

Doughnut Track Meet, April 30.

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JOIN CAMPUS CLUBS.

Each year sees the formation of many campus societies. This is a natural and commendable solution of the problem of student association which evolves when the size of the University prohibits one from knowing all the men and women in his class.

Some of these new organizations inaugurate impressive initiation ceremonies, and wear flashy pledge ribbons and heraldic badges of no mean proportions. It is possible that a few go so far with their "publicity" campaign that they approach being advertising agencies. But even then the benefits of mutual meetings and conversation are not lost.

Many campus clubs, on the other hand content to pursue their courses unobserved, unsung—complete and satisfactory within themselves. This modern type of intra-mural society deserves more interest and support than is accorded it by busy campus folk. Those little groups of students who, under a common impulse, gather to stimulate interest in their favorite studies, or even solely for the purpose of promoting acquaintance and companionship, have no small share in keeping the University active, democratic and idealistic.

Clubs composed of students from certain Illinois cities, societies interested in technical advancement, the organizations which may now be counted in tens and which include from five to two hundred persons each, keep students ambitious, energetic and, above all, friendly. "The

student who hovers over his study table "eternally" will acquire A's, round shoulders and few friends.

To meet your fellow students, join organizations. The admission to many societies is open to all. They cost you little more than a small share of your time and the friendships there formed are without price.—Daily Illini.

HEALTH HELPS GRADES

Students On Probation Found Not to Be In Proper Condition.

The contention that a lowered vitality results in low grades would seem to be proved by the results of the investigation made by the school of physical education.

The reports of this investigation, which are made in the University health bulletin, show that of the 72 students on probation, 49 per cent are under-weight, 44 per cent over-weight, and only 4 per cent physically all right. It has been the object of this department in regulating the weight of individuals through balanced diets, etc., to do away with the danger of low grades through ill health.

DR. TORREY SPEAKS.

Dr. Harry Beal Torrey, director of medical research in the University of Oregon, yesterday addressed the class in practical ethics on the opportunities open to women in the field of medicine. He told of the work open in the research as well as in medical practice.



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