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MORE BICKERING.

Professor Howe again makes an attack on the Emerald, and again we are forced to reply. In his delightful manner, he accused us of "brainstorms," of starting a "bolshevik movement," of "throwing cat fits," and of favoring the conducting of negotiations in the manner of managers of "fourth-rate professional prizefighters." We plead "not guilty."

Professor Howe seems to deny students the right to discuss a matter which seems to have been fairly well settled without calling on anyone's opinion. California's second team will not come to the meet, and the other three northern members of the conference seem to have taken a stand alongside Oregon in refusing admittance to the second team of the southern school.

Student opinion is evidently under-rated by Professor Howe. When the executive committee refused to stand the expenses of California's second team, the matter was settled. The executive committee is an organization of elected students. Professor Howe must remember that athletics at Oregon are made possible by students, in spite of what say the faculty may have. Students furnish the money and the athletes.

It is true that California is now holding exams, as Professor Howe states. But if California would be compelled to hold her track team over a few weeks for a coast conference meet, as she has done in the past, would she not also be compelled to hold the team for a few weeks longer to take part in the I. C. A. A. A. meet?

All northern institutions were represented at the coast conference meet at Palo Alto last year. Northern teams went to the meet in the early part of the season, sacrificing several weeks of necessary training. Is it but fair to ask that the southern schools come to a northern meet, scheduled as early as possible, in return? The northern institutions are being slighted when California sends her track team to the eastern meet and offers a second team to compete in the coast meet.

The Emerald would never have printed anything concerning a possible break with California had it not felt that it had facts to back up such a story. And it believes that student opinion will back anything that has been said in this column. Stop further bickering.

Communications

April 30.

Editor of the Emerald: I must repeat my objection to the persistent attempt of the Emerald to embroil the University of Oregon in quarrels with its competitors in athletics. The Northwest and Pacific Coast Conferences came into existence precisely because the public and the college faculties alike tired of having student bodies perpetually airing quarrels in the newspapers. If amateur sports cannot be conducted in the spirit of fair play, and good humor, if they are to be conducted to an everlasting accompaniment of such epithets as "toady," "insult," "dictator," and the like, there will be other college faculties following the example of Columbia University in New York, whose faculty forbade football at that institution for many years.

This is an unfortunate time to give an exhibition of undergraduate bad manners, because the student body is about to start an experiment of governing athletics through a council on which a majority will be students. Now the ultimate control of athletics rests in the hands of the faculty. The Athletic Council, which the new student body constitution undertakes to supersede, was established by faculty legislation. The new governing body provided by the new student body constitution can act only by faculty consent. It is a bad time for the Emerald to recur to the manner of conducting negotiations used by the managers of fourth-rate professional prizefighters.

Please notice that action by the student executive committee for the Y. M. C. A. Cabinet, or Kwama, or any other outside student body) does not affect the fact that intercollegiate relations are in

the hands of the Athletic Council at present. Unless the Emerald wishes to start a Bolshevik movement within the institution as well as in the conference, it will do well to leave our relations with California in the hands of those with authority to handle matters.

Student readers of the Emerald, at least, will be interested to know that examinations are now over at California and their students are dispersing to their homes. California has always protested against having to hold her track athletes over three weeks for the Pacific Coast Conference track meet. She has protested against the conference track meet, exactly as Oregon protested against the conference football schedule. She is entirely within her rights in so doing. If this year, or any other year, she declines to send her team to the conference track meet, she will have valid reason for it, and there will be no excuse for any college newspaper throwing a cat fit about it. It seems likely that the conference track meet will have to be given up and regional meets substituted. It will be a pity, though, and instead of roasting California for letting her track men have a junket back east this spring, the feeling should be that it is only real friendliness and a desire on California's part to keep the conference alive and healthy that could lead her to consider sending her team into the northwest year after year several weeks, not only after her natural track season is over, but after

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Announcements

Dial.—There will be a meeting of Dial Wednesday at 7:30.

Eutaxian Club.—No meeting this Tuesday, May 3, on account of the doughnut debates.

Colloquium.—No meeting of the colloquium will be held Tuesday night.

Canoe Races.—Freshmen who wish to tryout for canoe races should see Miss Waterman at the Woman's building, and arrange for the tryout today.

her year is over, and her student body gone home. The whole Coast conference has no better friend than the University of California.

The Emerald is mistaken if it thinks "Oregon Fight" now or ever meant rowdism or calling names. It means clean sportsmanship and playing the game.

The question that shapes itself to most of us is, how long will the student body swallow the sort of stuff the Emerald has been peddling? H. C. HOWE.

TWO CANDIDATES PROPOSED.

To the Editor: Since the custom has been introduced of expressing student opinion through the columns of the Emerald in regard to candidates for the coming election, I am taking the liberty to send this communication to you.

I believe there are two men besides the present candidate for the office of student body president that student opinion would like to see enter the race for that position. These are Wayne Akers and Norton Winnard. Both of these men were junior members of the Student Council this year, and, along with Mr. Ireland, have a reputation for doing big jobs well. All three men have the absolute confidence of the student body, I believe, as being honest, fair, and conscientious in everything they do.

I believe that there is a demand, as there always has been at Oregon, for clean politics or else no politics at all. There is no reason for division of the student body on any issue for we are all members of the University of Oregon above all else. What we want is the most competent men directing our student affairs and nothing else should influence us. I believe that this represents the majority opinion on the campus this year more than any before.

My own opinion amounts to very little, but the Emerald has made a plea for openness and publicity in the coming campaign and I have spoken because I believe this represents something of the opinion of many men and women in all parts of the campus life.

—Roy Veatch, '22.

WOMEN'S SIDE OF "HELLO" QUESTION.

To J. D., '29: I have read with interest your two communications, "To the Editor," insisting that the "hello" system of the University of Oregon was, to put it in the vernacular, the bunk.

However, have you ever given those few faithful damsels credit for their attempts at friendliness, to say nothing of the snubs they receive? J. D., '29, I wonder if you ever walk across this beloved campus of ours with eyes set on some object far ahead?

The other morning I started to speak as usual to a young hopeful, but observing his eyes set in dreaming, I decided not to disturb his reverie, so I changed my cheerful morning greeting to a cough. Also:

Really, it is quite disconcerting to speak to a man and have him jump, grab his hat (if he does), and look at you as a sort of novelty. And if you look back at him you probably meet his glaring, critical eyes, not to mention the cynical smile of scorn.

You speak of the "fake attempts" of geniality of the ladies toward the "weaker mere-man sex." Half—if not more—of the men on this campus have not attempted to speak genially or otherwise. They merely walk as fast as possible, in order to keep from wasting breath or

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energy in speaking or raising their "lids."

Did you ever hear your brothers complain that they were sick of raising their hats?

You say the ladies are greasing the skids toward the abolishment of Oregon's grandest tradition. The dear men of this campus have actually started it on the downward slide. Some mighty big bump is needed to stop it.

Whether this would be sufficient or not, I don't know, but at least it would be surprising:

Try speaking when an attempt is made to speak to you, and at least looking interested, if you don't care to speak first.

"You will give the ladies two weeks?" By Junior Week-end, I hope every man is awake and ready to say "Hello." Or perhaps some of them can't wake up. In that case, and that case only, will my sex understand and forget their offense! —M. L. '30.

DEBUSK BACK FROM PORTLAND.

Professor B. W. DeBusk, of the school of education, has just returned from Portland, where he addressed the Irvington club at their community house last Monday night on the subject of the bright child who is not making good in his school work.

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