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The Customary Thanksgiving Vacation

Must Oregon students be deprived of their customary Thanksgiving vacation period this year? The question has been widely discussed on the campus since the decree of the faculty was published last week, and the general opinion seems to be that the faculty should reconsider its action.

Thanksgiving vacations at Oregon have been a custom. Year after year, until now, when the student left home for college, the parting word was usually, "See you at Thanksgiving." Now comes the faculty ultimatum which decrees that only Thanksgiving Day proper will be granted as a holiday this year, whereas the Friday following has always been recognized as a part of the Thanksgiving holiday period. This means that only the students living in Eugene will be able to spend Thanksgiving Day with their families.

The faculty decision abolishing the time-honored custom came about last year, when it was declared by some of the faculty members that the many interruptions in the month of November were not in harmony with the introduction of higher standards.

They held that Homecoming, the game at Corvallis and Armistice day caused a series of interruptions last year. In their arguments it was pointed out that some of the students did not return to their class work until the Tuesday following the O. A. C. game. They declared that the rally after the Homecoming game broke into the routine of the work. Then there was Armistice day, and another break.

Was the faculty action in abolishing the Thanksgiving vacation period a disciplinary one? Students who stayed in Corvallis until Tuesday following the game should have been dealt with as individuals who violated the unexcused-absence-from-class rule. The Homecoming period is not one when holidays are granted. An impromptu rally broke out the Monday following Homecoming of last year, it is true, but it was on Monday afternoon and only afternoon classes were missed. As a matter of fact, the student council took action immediately after this outbreak to suppress any similar ones throughout the year. This was at the request of the faculty.

Searching through the records of enrollment for last year, the Emerald finds that nearly 70 per cent of the students enrolled lived within seven or eight hours travel of Eugene. The majority of this number lived within four hours ride of the campus. This percentage will probably be found to have increased when the figures are compiled for this term.

This majority has been going to their respective homes each year since the existence of the University to spend Thanksgiving Day. Many of the others who lived farther away have been the guests of their college friends at their homes for the holiday period. They cannot do this if they have to return to their classes Friday.

The Emerald contends that the gain in morale to the students, as a result of their being allowed to go to their homes for Thanksgiving, would offset any loss which some of the members of the faculty believe might result from the students being granted the customary privilege.

Announcements

Rhodes Scholarship—Committee will be glad to arrange a meeting some evening this term, of all men in the University interested in coming up for the Rhodes Scholarship any time in the future; so that their outside reading and University work may be guided in view of their possible candidacy. After the examination on December 3 of this year, there will be no examinations for the scholarship until December 1923.

Freshmen—All students exempted from Freshman Composition are requested to give the names of their high schools and high school English teachers either to Dr. Bates or some other member of the Rhetoric department. This is very important as the results will be published. "Honor to whom honor is due."

Masons—The Craftsmen's Club meets at 6 o'clock on Wednesday, Oct. 19, at the Anchorage. Every Mason connected in any way with the University is invited to attend. This includes E. A. Masons. Grand Lodge representative will be our guest.

Phi Beta Kappa—Faculty members of Phi Beta Kappa and of the University Honor Society meet in room 8 business administration building, 4:15 Wednesday afternoon. Business connected with University's petition for chapter. R. C. Clark.

Freshmen in School of Business Administration—Meet Wednesday evening at 7:15 in Professor Howe's room in Villard. Dean Robbins will lecture. Attendance required.

Women's Athletic Association—First meeting of the year will be held this afternoon at 5 o'clock in Villard hall. Every member come, as plans will be made for the fall sports.

Seniors—Meet today—A short but important meeting of the senior class will be held in the Y. M. C. A. hut at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

All Oregon Club Men—All wishing to try out for the Oregon Club team report at the gym, ready to play, at 8 o'clock Thursday evening.

Alpha Kappa Psi—Luncheon at 12 o'clock Tuesday, October 18 at the Anchorage.

Hammer and Coffin Society—Meeting tonight at 7:30, Punch office.

DON O'KANE NOW IN CHICO

Former Member of Class of '23 Reporter On Paper in California

Don O'Kane, ex-member of the class of '23 and a former journalism major here, is engaged in newspaper work on the Chico, (Cal.) Enterprise, according to a letter received from him by Dean Allen.

O'Kane is interested chiefly in sport-writing, but says he is doing everything from interviewing undertakers to covering court trials. In addition to his newspaper work he writes that he is taking a course in American diplomacy at the Chico Teachers' college, and is also taking correspondence work from the University of California.

O'Kane left the University in the spring of 1920 and worked for a few months on the Portland Telegram, going from there to the Yakima Republic.

Everything for Oct. 31.

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FROSH DIALATES ON COURTESY

Dear Editor: I have read the courteous letter of ye Co-ed complaining of the numerous highbrow frosh with the light head adornments—and blushed in purple hues. Haughty frosh must be made to please the Co-eds, but does the method of chastisement as suggested by ye Co-ed bring the best results? I suggest the following system, and hope that the Co-ed may find it satisfactory. Wouldst have complete hat-lift? Signal-bring right elbow level with shoulder.

Wouldst have merely a bow? Extend right arm at an acute angle above the shoulder.

Wouldst have a left handed salute with side step? Extend right hand in direction of frosh midriff.

Wouldst have the OREGON HELLO? Just say "Hello"—and smile if the occasion justifies such action. We frosh are Oregon students. —1925.

MANY FRESHMEN ATTEND GET-ACQUAINTED MIX

Members of Faculty Give Class of 1925 Advice to Follow During University Career

If a freshman is good authority on entertainments, the Frosh-Mix held Saturday night in the men's gymnasium was a rousing success. A good program took up the earlier part of the evening, and after the frosh got acquainted, they spent the remainder of the evening in dancing.

A tag was pinned to each frosh with, "Hello, . . . is my name," on it, which filled in and helped the freshmen get better acquainted.

The program, which was enjoyed by all consisted of a vocal solo by Roy Bryson, eccentric dancing by Stewart Bliss and a violin solo by Helen Harper.

A short talk was given by Dean Fox in which she emphasized the necessity of each freshman making sure that nothing should be done that would reflect upon himself, his class, or the University. Dean Straub in his talk pointed out that while the freshmen class has the "pep" to do things, the University is depending upon the class to do the right thing. Hesden Metcalf, class president, in a short address appealed to the students to work for the best interest of the University, and to remain as one unit, a class undivided.

PRESIDENT IN PORTLAND

President Campbell is in Portland to attend the Kenneth A. J. MacKenzie memorial luncheon, at which he is to talk.

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CONCERT TICKETS ON SALE

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of the Chicago Opera Company, will appear in Villard hall. The second concert, on November 12, will feature J. Irwin Mutch, baritone, and on December 9, Dean John Landsbury, of the school of music, will appear in a piano recital.

Press Comments Favorable

Press comments on the Van Gordon concert at the Kansas State Agricultural College on October 5 are to the effect that Miss Van Gordon is the most beautiful woman in opera today, and that she greatly enjoys singing to young people. It is said that she is a rare artist and one whom it is well worth while to hear.

Members of Mu Phi Epsilon, national woman's musical sorority, will assist the Woman's League in carrying out plans for the series. Beulah Clark, president of the local chapter, has promised that members of Mu Phi will act as ushers for the Van Gordon concert.

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