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It Won't be Too Long?

An issue has been injected into the life of the University of Oregon which must remain an issue, a living thing, as long as hope remains of purging the world of war, as long as the clock ticks toward morn in this "night with no stars out". When that hopes lies dead, when that clock is stilled in its ticking—let the issue die and let the R. O. T. C. take its place in the university and let no one raise his voice against it. Then it will belong and become established in a world of sinister things.

But the Emerald does not believe that the time will ever come. It does believe that a way will be found to do away with the institution, to do away with it honorably and take it out of university life. It believes that the time is not far off and so it tells the board of regents, who are meeting today. It tells them that it even goes so far as to honestly believe that were the University of Oregon to head a movement among the colleges of the nation and at the end of this year go on record as opposed to the principle of the R. O. T. C., the time would soon come when this institution would be hailed as a far sighted university and as having raised a beacon light in this groping new order of things.

Perhaps in the minds of the regents and the administration of the university, such is not the case. The Emerald is aware of the contract with the United States government, of the place of the R. O. T. C. in the governmental scheme of defense, even of the present investigation in Washington of the uses of the student corps, yet it firmly states that someone must start the ball a'rolling. If, in the better judgement of the regents and the administration, it is not Oregon's place so to do—then we must wait. It will not be too long?

Hopeful it is for the new order when students in a great state university set their ideals up into the light where all may see and attempt to place before the administration their viewpoint in a matter of principle. Such was to have been done in the petition which went the rounds yesterday, was widely signed, and then wisely withdrawn by it circulators on the assurance of the administration that it was unnecessary to a full consideration of the subject by the regents.

The Emerald re-states its stand of Saturday. It has no quarrel with Major R. C. Baird, commandant of the corps, with the personnel or any member of the personnel of the local corps. It attacks the R. O. T. C. in principle. It realizes fully that its campaign has placed Major Baird and his staff in an awkward but unavoidable situation which it hopes to right as far as possible in this restatement of its stand. Major Baird has made the most of the R. O. T. C. under his command, a fact recognized by the University and by his superiors in the war department.

"More editors of Oregon newspapers than have ever been assembled under one roof before" is the way one old-timer in the editorial field characterized the conference held here the latter part of the week. The conference was indeed a success and credit for this success rightfully belongs to the untiring efforts of Dean Allen of the school of journalism, and his assistants. The results of this movement on journalistic endeavor will be large and lasting, for both the new and the old regime contributed their offerings for the betterment of the profession.

The Emerald regrets that lack of space does not allow the publishing of many communications which find their way to the editor's desk daily. It is felt that by limiting the communications to 250 words each, however, a more general treatment of the many questions upon which the students wish to voice their sentiments will be possible.

LIBRARY GETS 82 PAPERS

Home Town News Popular With Students; State Well Represented

Eighty-two newspapers from Oregon towns are now available to students in the newspaper room in the basement of the library. The papers are received regularly from most of the newspaper offices of the state and their popularity by the "home town" students is proved by the continual congestion in the paper room.

All papers are arranged on racks according to the towns from which they

come in alphabetical order. Four new racks have recently been added, to accommodate the extra papers being sent by editors for the students from their towns.

The papers are regularly changed and the old papers filed and stored away to eventually be bound. The Portland and Eugene dailies are bound in heavy manilla paper.

A complete list of all journals received is posted on the bulletin board on the right of the entrance to the library reading room.

Read the Classified Ad column.

BULLETIN BOARD

Notices will be printed in this column for two issues only. Copy must be in the office by 4:30 o'clock of the day on which it is to be published and must be limited to 25 words.

Monday Book Club—Meeting at the Woman's building January 21 for scholarship fund for girls. The purpose is to lend money to college girls, without interest.

Young People's Banquet—Will be held in the Methodist church Tuesday at 6 p. m. Bishop Smith, of India, and Bishop Shephard, of Portland, will speak. Tickets at "Y" hut.

Hand Ball—Resuming hand ball court work. Faculty and administrative staff, 11:30 to 12:30; 5:15 to 6:00. Faculty members are requested to pay their locker fees at this time.

Graduate Club—Will meet for dinner at the Anchorage, Wednesday at 6 o'clock. Doctor Bates will speak on "What graduate work should not be." Dinner at 50 cents a plate.

1922 Oregana Staff—All staff members please call at the Oregana office Wednesday evening, January 18, some time between 5 and 6, or 7 and 10 o'clock. Very important.—Editor.

Science Club—Regular meeting January 17, Deady hall. Business meeting at 7:30 followed by a paper by Dr. W. E. Milne on "Damped Vibrations."

Filipino Club—All Filipinos meet in Dean Straub's classroom on Friday evening of this week at 7:30. C. S. UDASCO, President.

Y. M. C. A. Cabinet—Meeting this afternoon at 5 o'clock in the Hut. All officers and committee chairmen be there.

Senior Class—Members of the senior class will hold a short but important meeting in the Y. M. C. A. hut at 5 o'clock tonight.

Pot and Quill—Meeting Wednesday night, January 18, instead of Thursday night.

Hammer and Coffin—Important meeting of Hammer and Coffin in Lemon Punch office tonight at 9 p. m.

Open Forum

(Editor's Note:—Hereafter all communications to the Emerald must be limited to 250 words. Lack of space makes this provision necessary. All communications must likewise be signed in full by the name of the name of the writer although this name may be withheld from publication if so desired).

ARE WE IN LINE?

To the Editor:
President Harding pledged himself to cut down the taxes in his election platform. He has reaffirmed this since his election and inauguration. He has cut some of the taxes and placed tax burdens from one shoulder to another but certainly he has overlooked the R. O. T. C. organizations. Some good freshman should hasten to inform him.

Oregon is not the smallest nor the largest institution where these organizations exist. Oregon has about 500 students who bow to the "powers that be" in the harmless army. These 500 men spend three hours a week at their unpleasant task. This means 1500 hours a week, or 6000 hours a month. Each student's time is certainly worth more than 30 cents an hour but at 30 cents an hour it means an economic loss of \$1800 a month or \$16,000 a year. Would not any University welcome a gift of \$16,000 a year? If there are 100 such institutions in the United States, it means a loss of \$1,620,000. Would not President Harding make a "hit" with the tax payers if he were to cut off \$1,620,000 in taxes for the next few years? Would not President Campbell have a stronger hold on the people of Oregon if he were to advocate the elimination of the R. O. T. C. and hence: a saving of \$16,200 a year? Expense does stop here.

Officers salary, equipment, and barracks, and interest would make a grand total of about \$63,815 a year. Some little item. In ten years this would mean that Oregon could have better educational facilities and more of them.

Since the economic departments have made some very fine investigations along this line, I would suggest that they be given space to tell us about our own army at home and in this way perhaps we can practice at home what we preach. Charity begins at home: why not start now?

UPPER CLASSMAN.

It seems that in the present contro-

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very regarding the value and efficiency of the R. O. T. C. an important point has been overlooked by those opposed to the R. O. T. C.'s continued existence. That point is that with the decrease in size of the standing army, which decrease is in itself desirable, the need for a means for training a military reserve has been increased many-fold. The so-called disarmament conference at Washington concerned itself chiefly with establishing a new balance of power between nations, with lightening the burdens of preparedness, rather than doing entirely away with armaments. It would seem that the R. O. T. C. plan of training young men for military service without materially deranging their everyday pursuits, at comparatively small expense to the government, is thus consistent with the policy of the leading powers.

The crying need for preparation was convincingly demonstrated in the recent unpleasantness with the central powers. Aside from a few regular army and national guard divisions, the United States was unable to place in the fighting lines any considerable body of trained men before September 12, 1918, and St. Mihiel—it must be remembered that the United States declared war in April, 1917. The interim represents the time vital to the drilling and equipment of conscripts.

To point with pride to "Oregon's glorious record in the last war" is to point with pride to Oregon's record for enlistments, which record compares favorably with that of any state in the union. But small pride can be had in the delay occasioned by the untrained condition of the men thus enlisting.

A petition is at present being circulated on the campus asking that the R. O. T. C. training be removed from the list of qualifications for a University degree. As I see it, it is only by making drill a requirement for graduation that any considerable fraction of underclassmen can be made to drill. They don't like to drill, a purely natural and human dislike. Hence, if drill were not required, about ninety-five per cent of them would forego the pleasures of military instruction. To allow this dislike to stand in the way of the nation's plan for training an effective nucleus for the next army would be, at best, puerile. To disregard the lesson of the last war is national suicide.

ROLFE W. SKULASON.

DELEGATES ARE NAMED

At a recent meeting of the Lewis and Clarke chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Dean Elizabeth Fox, Miss Mary Perkins, and Miss Amy Dunn were elected delegates to the State convention, to be held at the Multnomah hotel in Portland. The dates set for the convention are February 23, 24, and 25.

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