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## Some Unwise Conference Rules

Some of the weaknesses of the rules of the Pacific Coast Conference have been brought into the limelight recently by the necessity of securing the permission of the other members of the conference before a competitive track meet of the prep schools of Lane county could be held here on the campus. The rule forbidding interscholastic athletic competition to be held under the auspices of the members of the conference, sprung up a few years ago when the University and the agricultural college at Corvallis aired their views before a meeting of the conference about the state interscholastic track meet then being held in Eugene.

Since it was drafted the rule has been almost universally disregarded by other members of the conference in staging sectional and state-wide interscholastic tournaments and meets. The rule of course succeeded in abolishing the state interscholastic meet held here, which was a great disappointment to the high schools of the state and which has in all probability been one of the direct causes for the decline in track and field sports in the prep schools. Coaches are free to admit that baseball as a sport is now taking practically all of the time in the high schools of the state rather than an equal division, which was the case a few years ago.

No conference rule should abolish the right of its members to sponsor tournaments and meets which will serve as an impetus to high school athletics, building thereby a substantial foundation for physically fit men. Petty jealousies and enmity can well afford to be overlooked in a cause for the common good.

## Inspiration for Western Minds

"America is the seed-field of the generations, where humanity drives its ploughshare into virgin soil and sows afresh," says a writer in the New York Evening Post. "Europe may abide in the light of setting suns, and may be seen often in the glamor of it; but America is in the light of rising suns. She is in the creative light which bids life increase."

If America is in the light of rising suns, and it is that, surely we in this west, so new, so fertile, have every great heritage. Western universities too are seeing their dawn; and soon, The Emerald believes, one will no more think of "going east" for mere educational advantages than easterners think now of coming to the west. It is ever good to "go east" and to "go west," but it is no longer necessary in the case of the former.

In bringing Dr. Zimmermann to the campus today the University is doing something which is sure to mean great things. Here is the hint of what it might mean. "The University of Michigan has Robert Frost, Princeton had Noyes, and other universities have their pilot poets also," says the same writer in the Post, "—just to give direction and leading to the myriad-fold poetic impulse which is found in American youth today."

There it is, but only part of it. What a campus this would be if, in addition to the increasingly excellent teaching staff there were brought here as permanent fixtures not necessarily only a poet but other men to give inspiration in this virgin soil.

## Bitter Experience May Aid

Drastic steps to stop the mutilation of library books at the University of California were taken recently by the undergraduate student affairs committee there when a junior student in the college of commerce was suspended for such an act. The Daily Californian in commenting upon the action of the committee, says:

"There are always an unfortunate few who can never learn their lessons except through bitter experience. This student belonged to this particular class. Three years in the University, three years in which the agitation against the mutilation of books must have been constantly coming to his attention, were not sufficient to make him even stop and think when he cut a page from a library volume."

Oregon has struggled with this sort of "rowdism" and it will apparently continue to struggle until some similar drastic action is taken here.

The sense of honor and responsibility in this case must, from all indications, be instilled at the cost of bitter experience. Appeals have been made by the staff of the library from time to time to end such practices, and the disregard of these appeals has already been too plainly emphasized. California's course should be ours.

## 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.

**Crossroads**—Thursday evening the neighbors will first attend Dr. Zimmermann's lecture in Villard hall, and afterwards convene at the Woman's building for an informal meeting and discussion with Dr. Zimmermann.

**Lecture**—The Rev. W. H. L. Marshall of the Congregational church will deliver the last of his series of religious lectures at the "Y" hut tonight at 5 o'clock, on "The Supremacy of the Bible."

**Christian Science Society**—Regular meeting of Christian Science society of University this evening at 7 o'clock in room 106, Oregon building. Public invited.

**Student Council**—Very important meeting of the student council this afternoon at 4 o'clock in Dean Straub's office.

**Supervised Teachers**—There will be a meeting of all supervised teachers at the education building Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock.—H. B. Douglas.

**Announcement**—Will the students holding out pie plates from the recent Y. W. pie sale please return them as soon as possible to the Bungalow!

**Home Economics Club**—Luncheon for members, Thursday at the Anchorage at 12 o'clock. For reservations leave name at Home Economics building.

**California Club**—Meeting Thursday 7 p. m. at 105 Commerce to discuss vacation plans.

**Dial**—Will meet tonight at the Woman's building immediately after Dr. Zimmermann's speech.

**California Club**—Meeting tonight at 7:30 at 105 Commerce.

**Basketball Banquet**—Postponed until Monday night at 5:30 at Anchorage.

**Phi Theta Kappa**—Luncheon Thursday noon at Anchorage.

**Sigma Delta Chi**—Luncheon this noon at Anchorage.

## Open Forum

To the editor:

The recommendations for reducing taxes received by the state tax investigation commission from citizens in Eastern Oregon ought to make every Oregon student sit up and take notice. "Its the high cost of education that makes taxes so high," says one taxpayer; and another, "Children are being taught all sorts of folderol, and there are instructors for fads and fancies." Cut down the appropriations for the two state colleges, suggests Senator Strayer of the 1921 legislature, they have money now far in excess of what they need.

Undoubtedly, there are taxpayers all over the state who have the same thought as that expressed by these East Oregonians. Undoubtedly, too, these taxpayers are sincere in their belief that education is taking too much tax money now; but they are misinformed. Senator Strayer could not know of the pressing need for more buildings and facilities at Oregon and then say that "his University is getting too much money. The gentleman who called our studies 'folderol' is laboring under misapprehension. The taxpayer who said that we are spending too much money for education is not aware of the facts.

Two years ago, the taxpayers of this state signified their confidence in our higher educational system by passing the millage bill, but from suggestions given to the state tax body, it would seem that there is reaction in some quarters. Oregon students should take cognizance of this reaction. This University has merited the support given it by the taxpayers, and it is up to Oregon students to convey that fact to them. When we go home for the Easter vacation, we should inform our neighbors and friends exactly what this University is doing with the taxpayer's money, because in the light of such information, they will be able to see that such suggestions as those from Eastern Oregon are without foundation.

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## FRATERNITY LETTER OUT

Honorary Educational Society Issues  
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The second news letter of Chi chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, honorary educational fraternity, will be ready for mailing this week. The publication is issued each term, the first number having come out in December of last year, and contains articles concerning the work of its members, including research projects which are being carried on, activities of the school of education, and personal items. It is sent to all active chapters of Phi Delta Kappa in the United States and to members of Chi chapter. The copies are mimeographed and about 80 will be sent out this term.

Peter L. Spencer is editor of the letter and the associated editors are: Read Bain, instructor in sociology; J. Carl Bowman, graduate student; Rolien Dickerson, principal of University high school; Lloyd A. Edlund, graduate student; and Herman A. Leader, instructor in the University high school. The regular monthly meeting of Chi chapter was held at the Anchorage Tuesday noon.

## STUDENTS' FULL RECORD TO BE GIVEN ADVISERS

Registrar Installs New System Which Will Show University and High School Work

A new system, whereby each faculty adviser will be supplied with a complete record of each advisee's high school and University work, is being installed in the registrar's office.

The record will consist of a form containing a detailed report of all work done in high school and, for advanced students, a complete record of subjects taken in the University of Oregon and a summary of any other college credits that the student may have.

New students must procure their record sheets from the registrar and present them to their adviser before registration can be commenced. The advisers will keep these record sheets in their files and with the aid of the grade sheet, keep them up to date.

The installation of the system requires much extra work on the part of the registrar's office for some two thousand record blanks must be filled out. The work has begun and it is hoped to have it completed at the opening of the Fall term.

In speaking of the new plan, Carlton Spencer, registrar, says it is but a new effort of the registrar's office to be of genuine service to the faculty and the students.

## SEATTLE LAWYER SPEAKS

Prominent Attorney Tells Law Students of Value of Social Service

Frank S. Bayley, a prominent Seattle attorney who was in Eugene yesterday to address the Student Bible class rally, last night spoke to the students of the University Law school, yesterday morning. Mr. Bayley especially emphasized lawyer to carry the principles of Christianity into his work, by refusing to use the opportunities open to the practicing his client's troubles to his own profit. He cited instances from his own and other lawyer's experiences as proof of his statements. Mr. Bayley, according to Dean Hale of the school of law, declared that social service and not self service should be the guiding principle of the Christian lawyer.

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