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## Traditions, "Jinxes" and Things

The feature article on the passing of old Kincaid Field, written for the Portland Oregonian by an Oregon student and published last Sunday, is highly interesting and written in an excellent style. The writer has touched a vital point in the final paragraph which many students will probably resent, when she says, "There are those in Eugene who declare that the traditional Oregon spirit is dying with the passing of Kincaid field. Many who have watched games of the last two years wonder if it was not the spirit of the old athletic field which was the true O. A. C. jinx. Whether the notorious jinx is dead and with it Oregon's athletic glory and her famous spirit, next year may tell."

The recounting of tales of the olden days in which Kincaid Field saw many an Oregon victory tends only to strengthen the traditional spirit of this University. Any University is judged by its traditions, simply because the human relationships which are formed in it are based solidly on the foundations of the traditions. The institution is not merely a mechanical device which would drive home the text book and the lecture of the instructor. Even as John Palmer Gavitt wrote recently in the New York Evening Post, the college student must be dealt with as a human factor. In the traditions and spirit of a University lies the means of reaching the human element, of treating the student as a human factor.

The Emerald does not for a minute believe that the passing of old Kincaid Field, which in reality passed several years ago, means that the traditional Oregon spirit is dying. There are many students on the campus at present who are always quick to state that the University is outgrowing its traditions, in spite of the fact that Oregon is yet the smallest of the three State Universities on the Pacific Coast, but fortunately these gloomy prophets are in the minority as is proper if they wish to make such inane assertions.

Considerable stress appears to have been placed upon the significance of the agricultural college contests for in the sweeping sentence, "Whether the notorious jinx is dead and with it Oregon's athletic glory and her famous spirit, next year may tell," it would seem that Oregon's athletic prowess comes from the ability to defeat the teams from the college at Corvallis. Perhaps Pennsylvania and Harvard could testify as to the athletic glory of Oregon.

The supposed "O. A. C. jinx" is purely a myth which the agricultural college fans have found it necessary to manufacture to alibi many of the football games. Oregon's traditional spirit does not die with the passing of a historical landmark, any more than,—(pardon this odious comparison)—the R. O. T. C. did with the filling up of the trenches near the barracks.

## No Place for Them Here

The Daily Illini, in a scathing denunciation of Theta Nu Epsilon, which it declares is "having its final sinia before the deluge," likewise goes on to state that "such a secret society is proud of its mysterious rites and congratulates itself as a successful organization when it has aroused widespread opposition to its ideas and activities." Oregon has not suffered through the activities of T. N. E. nor of any similar organization for many years, and is not anticipating that suffering. But recently a well organized movement on the campus in the form of solicitation for the Ku Klux Klan in the usual mysterious manner, brought to light the fact that Theta Nu Epsilon in its palmy days could not have exceeded the political possibilities which the K. K. K. membership on a college campus has spread open before it.

The University campus is no more a place for the white robed Ku Klux Klan, than is the great State of Oregon. A passing fancy it is now, and naturally it must attract the curious who are always anxious to be on the "inside." But such an organization as this must never be countenanced on a college campus, else the administrative authorities will in the end meet the same problems which they did in combatting Theta Nu Epsilon, in the olden days.

## Still in the Experimental Stage?

An institution as old as this University is, must surely be past the experimental stage in athletics. The advisability of giving men experience when the outcome of a game is at stake is open to debate. It's a fine thing to play the game for the love of the sport; but it is likewise a fine thing to win, as long as good sportsmanship prevails. The experimental tactics do not bring returns in the eyes of the preppers whom Oregon would like to interest in the University. The high school athlete is, as he always has been, a hero worshipper in the sport which he loves the best. He wants to be on the winning side just as every loyal student of this University does.

Where then, and why, does the experimental stage in intercollegiate athletics come in? The place to experiment is within the bounds of the campus, not against the outsiders who want to win and are taking every fair advantage of the game to accomplish their ends, which is as it should be, with sportsmanship naturally always uppermost.

## 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.

**Hon. John Barrett**, former diplomat, director of the Pan-American Union at Washington, D. C., present government counsellor in international affairs, will address the University students and faculty members in Villard hall Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

**Mathematics Club**—Meets Thursday, May 18, in Prof. DeCou's classroom, Administration building. Prof. McAlister will speak on "Nomograms," a very interesting subject. All interested are welcome.

**Notice**—Will those students in the school of business administration who belong to the National Guard call at the school of business administration at once?

**Junior Week-end Committee**—Last meeting of the general Junior Week-end committee will be held tonight at 7:15 in the basement of the Ad building.

**Executive Council** called at 7 o'clock tonight instead of 7:30, in Dean Straub's room. New members will be present. Election of graduate manager.

**Lemon Punch Artists**—All art contributions must be handed in at the Punch office by noon today, if they are to go in the last issue of the year.

**Philosophy Club**—Meeting 7:30 Wednesday evening in men's room of Woman's building. Dr. Sisson of Reed college will give paper.

**Eastern Star**—All girls of Eastern Star are requested to meet in Woman's building at 4:00 Wednesday afternoon. Important meeting.

**Home Economics Club**—Luncheon Thursday at 12:10 in Household Arts building. Please sign by tonight.

**Craftsmen Club**—Regular meeting is postponed until Thursday evening, May 18, Anchorage, 6 o'clock.

**Oregon Knights**—Special meeting tonight. Election of officers. Everybody out, 7:30.

**Hormian Club**—Meeting in major room Wednesday at 5 o'clock. Very important.

**Beta Gamma Sigma**—Meeting at the Anchorage tomorrow evening at 6 o'clock.

**Freshman Class**—Important meeting tonight at 7:30. Every member be there.

**Ye Tabard Inn**—Important meeting at Anchorage, 7:15 this evening.

**Order of the Blade**—Meeting tonight 8:45, Woman's building.

**Theatians**—Meeting at Susan Campbell hall tonight at 7:30.

### BISHOP SUMNER TO SPEAK

Well Known Churchman Will Address University Commerce Chamber

Rev. Walter T. Sumner, Bishop of Oregon, will arrive from Portland to speak at St. Mary's Episcopal church on Sunday. He will be on the campus the greater part of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning. He will give addresses at the University, the University high school, the Chamber of Commerce, and other places. Students who wish to meet him personally or entertain him will see Dean Fox, who is arranging his luncheon and dinner engagements.

### "POP" CONCERT SUCCESS

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didn't hear. However, the whole trend of the final movement seemed to indicate the poor chap's hard slide over the toboggan (strictly my own interpretation).

George Hopkins played with his usual skill. He has a very facile set of fingers; he was very well received. Madame McGrew was delightful in the light songs of her choice.

Yours truly might add that it was doggoned hot. Quite a few people thought of this beforehand and stayed away. The crowd was fairly small, but enthusiastic. To put the final touches to this criticism and to show that we were on the job and not to be taken in, we hereby append the fact that John Anderson broke a string on the cello. We hope the graduate manager doesn't charge him with it.

### VARSITY CHANCES GOOD

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running in good form this year and will run a stiff race.

In the half, Peltier, Wyatt and Walkley should make hard going for the visiting cinder burners, while Koepf is expected to hold his own with the invaders in the two-mile run.

Arrangements are being made by Jack Benefiel, graduate manager, to handle one of the largest crowds in the history of Eugene track meets, for the meet is heralded throughout the state as one of the biggest track contests of the year aside from the conference gathering in Seattle next week, to be held in the northwest.

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