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## Let's Decide on the Bonfire

Some time ago The Emerald advocated limiting the time for the construction of the annual freshman bonfire. The plan did not favor restricting the size to hard and fast dimensions, and provided for a better and more efficient organization. Homecoming is less than three weeks away and some definite plan of action must be decided upon. Some have suggested that a holiday for the freshmen Thursday afternoon and Friday might be a time saver in the long run. Other suggestions have been made.

The University does not want a two-by-four bonfire which will disappoint the returning alumni and visitors. We must have a fire which will reflect the true spirit of the University and help to make Homecoming the best ever. We cannot afford to lose interest in the building of the great pyre which will light the return of the "Old Grads." The limit we propose is none other than that set by good judgment.

Competition between classes to make the fire the "biggest ever" cannot go on forever. Each succeeding fire cannot be larger than the last. The limit has been reached. Too much sacrifice is involved. What is needed is a drastic time limitation and the adoption of a plan for thorough organization. With this we shall have a bonfire which will be big enough and still not interfere to a great extent with University work and other activities.

All-night work for days and weeks in advance cannot be countenanced. We must see to it that the first year men do not allow work on the bonfire to cause them to make failures in their first term here. It is even asking too much to have them neglect their studies for one week. And the whole problem is caused by the fact that a few men do most of the work, and others are never called upon.

The problem was presented to the students more than a week ago and now the time for definite action has come. The right committees must be appointed and the right men placed in charge. The Emerald urges that action be taken at once to agree on a general plan in order that the organization may get under way. Committees should see that all sources of material are listed before the class as a whole starts to work. The two Saturdays between now and Homecoming should be used to get ready. The main thing is to get every man in the class to do his share. The brunt should not fall on the freshmen in the organizations just because they are the most easily reached.

Something should be done immediately to limit the amount of time, without eliminating class spirit. We want a good bonfire, and if the proper steps are taken we can have one without sacrificing so much time and effort as we have in the past.

## On to Portland!

The game with Idaho in Portland Saturday will be one of the hardest of the season. The dope is about even and if the varsity is to come out on the long end of the score it will be because the entire student body moves to Portland and yells for the team. Yell King Rosebraugh wants 800 rooters in the rally and in the reserved section. Why not double that number? There are more than 2000 students registered in the University.

Lack of rooters kept us from winning last year, says Rosebraugh. If the special train is chartered, let's move down "en masse" and make the return trip a celebration. If the special fails there are plenty of cars and motorcycles which can be chartered, and the rate on the railroad is low. Plan now to make the trip.

## HOMECOMING GRADS TO HEAR OF GIFT CAMPAIGN

Endowment Program Will Be Explained To All Visitors Who Come to Campus for Reunion

"Homecoming offers one of the best opportunities for those connected with the University and with the gift campaign to sell the institution to the large numbers of people who have not been intimately acquainted with it," said Lamar Toose, field director of the University endowment campaign, yesterday.

"Affiliation of graduates of other institutions is planned as one of the homecoming ceremonies. The way to do this is to see that they are properly entertained and to show them the Oregon spirit at its best.

"Students can help in this work by explaining the endowment program to their alumni friends during the coming vacations," said Toose, "and by writing them personal letters inviting them to come back for the reunion.

"We want it understood that there is to be no solicitation during Home-

coming. We do not want the alumni to feel that we are actuated by mercenary motives. It is to be a real homecoming."

## PLEDGING ANNOUNCED

Chi Omega announces the pledging of Jamie Farmer of McMinnville.

## CAMPUS BULLETIN

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

**Ye Tabard Inn**—Meeting Wednesday at the Anchorage at 7 p. m.

**Homecoming Directorate**—Will meet at 5 o'clock in Dean Straub's office today.

**International Tea**—At Y. W. C. A. Bungalow at 4:30 p. m. All girls on campus invited.

**Methodist Students**—There will be a banquet at the Campa Shoppe at 6 o'clock Thursday.

**Women's Doughnut Debate**—Important meeting of representatives from each house Wednesday.

**Eastern Star**—Important meeting at 4:15 Thursday in the Woman's building. All members be present.

**California Club**—Meeting scheduled for this evening is postponed until next Wednesday evening, November 1.

**Agora Meeting**—Agora will meet this Thursday evening at 7:30 in the men's room of the Woman's building.

**Spanish Club**—Meeting tonight at 7:30 at the Bungalow. All members are asked to attend. Manuel Semenario will speak on Peru.

**Homecoming Committees**—All members of all homecoming committees will meet in Dean Straub's room in the Administration building at 7:30 tonight.

**Chemistry Club**—Meeting of all members and chemistry majors Thursday, October 26 at 7:15 p. m. Professor Stafford will talk on chemistry in Tennessee.

**Hawthorne Club**—Wednesday. Men's lounging room, Woman's building, 7:30. Majors and those interested in psychology invited to attend. Tom Cutsforth will give paper.

**Women's Physical Examinations**—All upperclass women taking physical education must get their physical examinations off by October 28. Get appointment at gymnasium office, Woman's building.

## NEW LABEL FOR GYM WORK

"Corrective" Becomes "Individual" in Girls' P. E. Department

"Individual Gymnastics" is the new name given the work formerly listed as "Corrective Gym." The girls seemed indifferent to corrective work, said Miss Thomson, in charge of special gym classes for girls who are unable to take the regular courses in physical education. Individual work and corrective exercises will secure quicker results than group work, said Miss Thomson. In group work, the girl is apt to allow herself to perform her exercises in a mechanical manner, with little regard for the physical benefits.

Physical exams are not completed as yet and only 160 girls have been assigned to individual work. Every term between 160 and 200 girls are enrolled in these classes. Miss Emma Jane Garbade is assisting Miss Thomson in this department of physical education.

## PERUVIAN WILL SPEAK

Manuel Semenario, a sophomore in the University and a native of Peru, will speak on Peruvian life and customs as the principal feature of the Spanish club meeting, to be held this evening at the Bungalow at 7:30. All members of the club and others interested, are asked to attend. A social meeting will follow the address.

Other programs for the term's meetings of the club include addresses by Dr. Warren D. Smith of the geology department, who talked on the Philippines; "Columbus," Miss Rosalia Cuevas; "Mexico," LeLaine West; and "Spain," Miss Thompson.

One of the meetings will be given over to a social hour.

## NEW COMPLAINT NOTICED

The University health service reports a developing complication in the present epidemic of colds and coughs. A great number of the patients are suffering from abdominal pains and as far as it can be determined it is a form of dysentery. This complaint has also been reported as a common one at O. A. C. It in no way resembles flu and is separate and distinct from the colds. In some of the houses of residence all the members are suffering with it. It is believed to be caused by unclean food of some nature, as yet undiscovered.

The infirmary dismissed one patient today and admitted one, making a total of four under care.

## LINDSAY IS GREAT NEW VOICE OF MINSTRELSY

Vagabond Writer First Stormed Literary World by "Congo"

By PROF. JULIA BURGESS

Vachel Lindsay is the breeziest of all our new American poets. He will blow across our campus and our preconceptions of poetry with a tonic freshness of idea and of personality and will leave us invigorated with a new enthusiasm and a new sense of beauty in American life. He is a prophet of the true Americanism—the Americanism of big-hearted brotherly love and comradeship. His own heart is big enough to take in every body, and he made friends all along the way by his lovable simplicity of spirit when he tramped as a strolling minstrel through the southern and western states without a penny in his pocket, begging his way and preaching the "gospel of beauty." His "Handy Guide for Beggars" is one of the most charming volumes ever issued from Vagabondia.

Lindsay is a minstrel, a reviewer of the art of spoken verse. It was at a banquet given in Chicago by the staff of the new magazine "Poetry," that Lindsay first stormed the literary world by the recitation of his wonderful "Congo." And there William Butler Yeats, the chief singer of the Irish minstrelsy, acclaimed him the great new voice in American minstrelsy.

"The higher vaudeville"—modernizing his term—Lindsay calls his new art, which mingles chant and song and acting. He sings of the folk and of the folks—of negro, Salvation artist, Chinese laundryman; of fireman and speeding autoist; of the Queen of Sheba and Johnny Appleseed.

Lindsay is athletic as well as esthetic. He does not tramp only on level ground, but when he finds mountains in his path he treats them like level ground. Stephen Graham gives an exciting account of his journey with Vachel Lindsay through Glacier park. Like Peter the Great they measured distances only in straight lines; they scorned the winding trails. Up mountains, down canyons, across rivers they went, heedless of the fact that thus they slept in a gully especially designed to become in an instant a rock avalanche or that bitter cold might find them, thinly clad, on the windy knife edge of Red Eagle mountain.

The article expresses the belief that there is a special providence that watches over poets, and we hope that this special providence will watch over Vachel Lindsay this week and bring him safe to Eugene on the night of October 28.

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