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What's Wrong with Wrestling?

A disastrous season in wrestling was closed last Monday afternoon; a season in which Oregon lost every conference meet—and what is worse, lost every match of every meet. Since the war but two men have won their letters legitimately in the sport although in that time scores of men have turned out and worked hard to perfect themselves. Here at Oregon we pride ourselves on good sportsmanship. A creed of Oregon athletics is, "If you don't know how to lose you don't deserve to win," but steadily losing to teams with whom we are on an equal basis in other sports is not good sportsmanship. It is never good sportsmanship to put poorly trained and equipped men into the field of competition when that condition could be remedied.

If everything were equal as far as the men competing from Oregon and from the other colleges and universities in the conference, Oregon would win so many matches on the law of averages. But everything is not equal. The University of Washington and Oregon Agricultural College, for example, have a tradition of winning wrestling teams, a tradition built by years of good coaching and understanding of the sport.

The last few years have been disastrous years in the mat game, though the losing of all these matches and meets might well be countenanced had there been built up a growing knowledge of the game on the part of the eligible varsity material. This has not been the case. Oregon wrestling is but little advanced from its position of last year.

Wrestling is a minor sport at Oregon, but it is a letter sport and a form of activity that might be thoroughly popularized were the Webfoot grapplers winning a sporting percentage of their matches.

Other sports at Oregon that require the physical exertion and skill that must be put into the wrestling game are handled by men recognized as top notchers in their fields. They are known as men with the peculiar ability that a coach must have if he is to impart his skill to those he would teach. Wrestling requires a vast amount of work as it is a sport of tremendous strains and exertions. The wrestling coach should be a top notcher in his profession, with the necessary qualifications for instructing others. There are in the West any number of skillful wrestlers retired or active that could undoubtedly be retained to handle the sport and build up interest in it. If such a plan is not feasible due perhaps to financial shortage, the sport should be abolished until it can be properly handled from an inter-collegiate basis.

Need Everyone Be a Cynic?

"That boy came down to school with a wonderful set of ideals, but the sooner he loses them, the better off he will be," is the statement recently attributed to a college senior. Perhaps he will lose some of his ideals sooner or later, but it hardly necessary for all upperclassmen to assume the role of cynics.

In the midst of everything it certainly is refreshing to talk to someone who does not regard everyone in the light of a potential confidence man. One tires of having the sincerity of every statement questioned.

It may be necessary for "that boy" to lose all of his ideals. Certainly upperclassmen should be careful of the attitude they take. A lack of sophistication is not such a crime, after all.

We Remember Fred B. Smith

"There is one type of young man in college," said Fred B. Smith in a recent address at Ohio State University, "who will fail, and fail utterly. This is the man whose morals are slipping. Any man whose morals are giving way will find all the doors of life slammed in his face.

"Morality is not something you can pick up as you would put on a new suit of clothes. I hear men say that it does not hurt if you have your fling in college, but few men change their morals after graduation."

Fred B. Smith visited the University two years ago and created a lasting impression on the minds of those who heard him. His opinion is sincere and based on wide experience. Perhaps it is worth a thought!

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.

Mu Phi Epsilon—Meeting Saturday afternoon 4:30 p. m., Woman's building.

Craftsman Club—Joint meeting with the Temenids and DeMolay clubs will be held at the Campa Shoppe on Tuesday, March 20, at 5:30 p. m.

Y. W. Reading—The women of the University are invited to the Bungalow Sunday morning at 9:45, to hear read Charles Rand Kenney's drama, "The Terrible Meek," based on the crucifixion.

University Vespers—M. E. church, 4:30 Sunday. University choir, assisted by Mme. McGrew, Mr. Siefert, and John Claire Monteith of Portland, will sing Dubois' "The Seven Last Words of Christ." Bishop Sumner will assist in the service.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the EMERALD from students and faculty members are welcomed, but must be signed and worded concisely. If it is desired, the writer's name will be kept out of print. It must be understood that the editor reserves the right to reject communications.

ADDICT DEMANDS SMOKEE

To the Editor:
 But a smokeless smoker—That is the way which the good editor ended his little comment on the pseudo-smoker which is to be held in the near future. I don't know what he had in mind when he put that dash on the end of it, but if his ideas and mine are anything similar, I don't blame him for not printing the rest of it.

The gentle readers who are worshippers of Lady Nicotine would probably go to such a smoker, laugh when somebody else laughed, yell when somebody else yelled, throw a hunk of coffee-soaked doughnut when he was hit by one. Then, when all of the cut and dried merriment had died a natural death, he would go home, cock his feet up on the fireplace, haul out his trusty pack of Camels (or whatever may be his favorite brand), light up and remark "what a b— of a night she has been."

If the smoker is to be smokeless, why not go the limit and serve tea, while some of the more athletically inclined indulge in a good stiff game of bridge. Of course, those who do not crave the violent exercise might bring a Taussig along, with which to while away the moments.

I am informed that the Inter-fraternity council went on record as favoring an all-University smoker as opposed to an inter-fraternity smoker, but their idea was to have the all-University smoker, WITH SMOKE. If there is doubt in the minds of the authorities as to whether the greater portion of the male population of the campus is desirous of a smoker with smokes, I would suggest that a canvass of campus opinion be gathered and abide by the result.

Y. M. Critic Answered

To the Editor:
 Junior's communication opposing the University Y. M. C. A. seems a bit prejudiced. In his argument for ousting the "Y" from its present quarters, he states that we do not have a distinctly "Protestant University of the State of Oregon." Granted, but let's hope that we still have a Christian University of Oregon—and you will note that Y. M. C. A. means "Young Men's Christian Association," and not "Young Men's Protestant Association," as your letter implies.

Junior complains, also, that there are few magazines in the Hut, but he fails to show that the same money would buy more magazines for a Student Union.

He asks, "Can one of another denomination find a place to lounge there on a Sunday morning without bumping into the Bible classes?" Where is the best place to be on a Sunday morning, Junior—lounging, or in the Bible class? If there is nothing else to do, you might go for a hike, as many of those in the Bible classes will do in the afternoon. Anything preferred to lounging.

"But can one smoke?"—In a Student Union, yes." Oh no, Junior, emphatically no; for according to tradition, there is to be no smoking on the Oregon campus.

If the taxpayers of the state of Oregon find the Y. M. C. A. being converted into a place for cake eaters to lounge and smoke, they will recall, regret, and recant their past liberality. Let's have a Student Union when we can afford it; but why blind our eyes to the real value of the University Y. M. C. A.? MAURICE L. WILLCOX.

WHAT ABOUT WRESTLING?

To the Editor:
 The University of Oregon prides itself, and well it may, upon having the best intramural organization of athletics of any institution in the West. After witnessing several of the recent wrestling bouts the question arises in the writer's mind as to how long Oregon can retain this distinction, with wrestling in its present status attached to the list of sports.

Wrestling has always been a man's game to the last letter. For several years it was a dead sport along with fighting, but recently it has been revived by universities and colleges throughout the country and entered upon their list of major sports.

The fallacy of having wrestling on the list of do-not sports here may be summarized as follows: first, there is not one man out of six who enters the meet who has had any coaching or training and consequently as soon as he becomes the prey of a trained man with punishing holds he cannot endure

long. He may take a fall, pound the mat, or plead for sympathy, and it is indeed interesting to note that the majority elect the latter method.

In a recent match a young Gotch became the victim of a very effective hold. The possessor knew how to make his hold effective and began to exert force. Young Gotch immediately began to display his woes by moans, groans and cries. The official then interfered with a plea for air (at the same time Young Gotch was getting enough air to work his lungs and vocal organs to their fullest efficiency).

The man in power took heed of the official's warning and relaxed his hold, and the victim struggled and slipped beyond danger. Unable to regain his former hold the experienced man failed to effect a fall that had once been easily in his hands. The poorer man won the match on time.

Possibly it is the writer's ignorance of physiology that prompts this article. Maybe if he could be shown how one's wind can be cut off with his throat, mouth, and one nostril untouched, and unrestricted his attitude could be changed.

After witnessing such performances the natural conclusion to draw is that it is not the wrestler who wins in this do-not sport, but the eloquist. Vachel Lindsay, could be a strong contender for honors in any class.

If this sort of man to man contest is to be decided on vocal accomplishment, why not give the sport an appropriate name. Why try to deceive the public any longer, and at the same time drag down the name of the good sport wrestling?

(Signed) One Whose Grandfather Saw A Real Match.

College Clippings

Men Will Be Good—Agreements to discourage dancing, abolish the cigarette, refrain from gambling and discontinue the use of profanity were signed by 226 men students of the College of Emporia, Kansas.

War Is Declared Against Fraternities—The "Order of the Commons," an organization at the University of Colorado formed to stamp out fraternities, is attempting to enlist all non-fraternity students in a war against the Greek societies.

Funny Answers Given to Questionnaire—"Oliver Twist" is a brand of tobacco, "Heifitz" is the name of a cow, and "Becky Sharp" is a composer of music are some of the answers given to a freshman questionnaire at the University of Washington.

Rats Used to Teach Proper Eating—All kinds of sick rats were exhibited to the oarsmen of Coach Callow's team at the University of Washington to show the athletes what would happen to them if they ate meat and sweets instead of carrots, rutabagas, parsnips, beets and greens.

Freshmen Barred from Fraternities—As a result of the flunking of 250 freshmen in one semester at the University of West Virginia all first year men under 21 years of age are prohibited from joining any fraternity or other such society.

Earns Education at Two Cents Per Night—Pulling a big rope that operated a "Punk" fan in homes of high caste natives, at two cents a night was the way in which Daniel Swamidoss, now national rural Y. M. C. A. secretary of India, earned the money for his education. Swamidoss is at present visiting the colleges of the United States.

Art Students Lead in Gum Chewing—Students in the college of arts chew more gum than those in any other department at the State University of Ohio. Engineers are lowest in the habit. Freshmen lead the list in class comparison. A survey of the near-by stores indicates that followers of Mr. Wrigley and Mr. Beaman are about on a par.

Twenty-One Straight "A's" at Indiana—Of the 2,471 students enrolled in the college of arts and sciences at the University of Indiana last semester, only 21 were able to do straight "A" work, 333 were reported with grades "A" and "B" in all their work. Of the 21 doing straight "A" work, 12 were co-eds and nine were men.

Gum Chewing is "Fights"—"Chewing gum is just one of the many 'fights' of

American life," said Dr. Ruby Cunningham of the University of California, when commenting on the fact that over four billion sticks are chewed annually in the United States. In her opinion, people do not chew gum because it might improve their teeth but simply to keep their jaws moving.

O. A. C. Gets \$100,000 Estate—The Apperson student loan fund bequest was made available to O. A. C. through the recent death of Mrs. Mary A. Apperson, widow of the late Captain J. T. Apperson of Oregon City, who left his entire estate valued at over \$100,000 as an interest bearing gift to be loaned to students at O. A. C. in sums not exceeding \$150. Captain Apperson was formerly a member of the board of regents of O. A. C. The income from the estate will furnish assistance to 50 or 60 students each year.

Chicago Wants "Highbrows"—"Grinds" or men who find it necessary to make "excessive application to their books" in order to master their subjects are not wanted at Chicago University, a dispatch says. The agitation of the University of Chicago faculty for more select or "highbrow" enrollment is typical of the movement which would eliminate further graduation of so-called "education simpletons" from American universities and colleges, it is said. The type of student desired is one of high mental capacity, the man who can learn quickly without excessive mental effort, according to the report.

REX PROGRAM SCORES

Continuing to draw capacity crowds, the three feature program now playing its last day at the Rex, is said to be one of the most hilarious affairs seen in months at local theaters.

First on the program, is Charles Chaplin in that new four-reel fun film, "The Pilgrim," acclaimed to be "The Kid's" only rival, then comes Round two of H. C. Witwer's popular Collier's Weekly stories, "Fighting Blood," a romantic episode of ring and society at a college, and finally, Ruth Roland in "The Timber Queen," a thriller if there ever was one, say enthusiastic Rex patrons.

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STUDENT UNION ORGANIZES

Movement Presents Demands on Faculty; Issues Union Cards and Buys Smokes at Obak's

No more will the perturbing question of will or will not, a Students' Union organize. The question is settled, the die cast, a student union is already organized and functioning.

The first meeting of the new organization was held tomorrow morning, just after the last performance at the Heilig theatre last night. It was unanimously decided to elect officers and to charge no dues. Sides were chosen up and the first three men eliminated by the new "Eny Meni Minie Mo" elective ballot system were duly inaugurated.

The next business of the evening arose from a suggestion of one of the men on the floor who said that union couldn't properly function without general demands on the opposition.

Moved, seconded and adopted that demands be made, to-wit:

1—The normal recitation day be cut down to two hours and no minutes.

2—All books, lab equipment and supplies should be furnished by the instructor in the course offered.

3—A box of Big Bobbie Cigars should be posted at the entrance of each class room.

4—All class rooms must be furnished with leather upholstered, sway-backed Morris chairs for members of the union.

5—All class room lectures must be simultaneously broadcasted over radio waves for members of the union who wish to gain their education in their houses.

6—Every man of the University must spend at least one hour daily at Obak's Kollege Klub, where he shall be instructed in the arts of being a Regular Guy.



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