

### VALUE OF BASEBALL AT OREGON DOUBTED

#### Sport Is Poorly Suited to Local Campus

By Ken Cooper

Just at present, there seems to be a serious movement on foot to discontinue baseball as a varsity sport at Oregon. Many are the reasons which give impetus to such a move. First, the weather conditions are against the national pastime; second, baseball has to compete with or come up to the standard of professional baseball and hence is rapidly tending toward the commercialized form of the sport. A third reason that is presented, is that Oregon is known to have sunk about \$4000 into the spring sport last year without what might be termed as anything like an adequate return.

On the other hand, it must be remembered that there is a percentage of students on the campus who spend their summers in sections of the country where there is little or no organized baseball and to them baseball takes a rather important aspect in the list of varsity sports. Another thing which must be taken into consideration is that Oregon is hardly in a position to drop a major sport unless similar action be taken by several other of the larger schools of the Northwest.

According to word that has been received here, the idea has been considered rather favorably by several of the major schools of this section, in fact, Washington State was the only school which was radically opposed to the discontinuation. If, for instance, four schools such as Washington, Idaho, O. A. C. and Oregon should get together and vote to abolish the diamond sport, the others would have to follow suit; but for one school to discontinue would be little short of suicidal in the face of the prestige lost. This is true, in spite of the fact that the state, at large, takes little interest in the baseball careers of the two Oregon institutions.

The weather in the Willamette valley is anything but ideal for the turning out of a successful nine and, on the contrary, is all against it. The spring rains do not let up to permit outside practice until long after the team should be well organized and in consequence it is almost impossible to develop new players in this section.

This, in turn, brings up the point that the players may play during the summer, but in order to do this a great many of them actually professionalize themselves, and so instead of having amateur teams in the colleges today, there is a large percent that are professionals in spirit, if not in fact.

There is a great deal of sentiment on the campus to keep baseball. It has been suggested that the action of the executive council in its meeting, the other night, was to sound out the strength of the sentiment.

### FUNDS FOR DELEGATE RAISED BY TAG SALE

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vention program are men who have won national and international fame in their respective fields. They come from all sections of the world,

and are recognized as authorities in their lines of work.

J. E. K. Aggrey, a native of the Gold Coast, West Africa, is a son of the linguist of the court, and a graduate of Columbia university. Sherwood Eddy, author and associate general secretary of the international committee of the Y. M. C. A., will lecture at the convention. Dr. Ching Yi Cheng, national leader of the student Christian movement in China, and Rev. Andrew Thakar Das, pastor of the Presbyterian church in Lahore, India, will journey to Indianapolis from the Far East.

#### Speakers Foreign

Other speakers will be Dr. John R. Mott, general secretary of the international committee, Y. M. C. A., and chairman of the World's Student Christian federation; Dr. Joseph C. Robbins, missionary to the Philippine Islands and chairman of the executive committee of the student volunteer movement; Dr. Robert E. Speer, chairman of the federal council of the Churches of Christ in America; Dr. Charles R. Watson, president of the American university at Cairo; Robert P. Wilder, general secretary and founder of the student volunteer movement in America, and Rev. Edward S. Woods, rector of Holy Trinity church, Cambridge, England.

In addition to the above, speakers will come from Yale university, Bahrein in Arabia, Symrna, Bombay university, Kobe, Japan, Boston university, as will the director of public education, state of Coahuila, Mexico.

### U. H. S. JUNIOR CLASS WINS ACTIVITIES CUP

Basketball and Debate Give Points Toward Trophy Offered by Graduates of '23

The junior class of the University high school won the series of interclass basketball games that was played by the senior, junior and sophomore classes this week. The winning of these games gives the juniors the first points that have been made this year toward the interclass activities cup, which was given to the school by the class of '23 and is to be awarded this spring for the first time. Other activities which give points toward the cup are debate and baseball.

The regular high school basketball team played a team of the alumni of the school on Thursday. The school team won with a score of 22 to 21 in a very exciting game. The playing was quite ragged though because of its being so early in the season, and the coach says that more practice will be needed to make the team of the same caliber that former teams have been.

### COLUMBIA "U" STUDENTS ARE EXEMPT FROM EXAMS

Columbia University.—The student board of Columbia University has submitted to the dean of the university a plan whereby students who have maintained an average of 80 or above in their work may be exempt from certain examinations. This was done in order to encourage independent regular study.

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### MLLE. PELLION TO BE COLLEGE BALL GUEST

Women's League to Raise Funds for Foreign Scholarships by Giving Dance

The University Women's league expects to have as its guest at the Christmas college ball, given at the Multnomah hotel in Portland, Thursday evening, December 27, Mademoiselle Andree Pellion, beneficiary of the foreign scholarship of the league, who is a senior in the romance language department.

The Women's league is attempting to maintain a yearly foreign scholarship fund, and the proceeds from this ball will be contributed to the fund. The first scholarship was granted last fall.

"I wish I could go home for the holidays. I miss my Christmas there," said Mademoiselle Pellion, "but I shall enjoy the holidays very much." She expects to go to France to spend the summer, which will be her first visit since she came to America more than a year ago. She will return to the United States again next fall.

During this term, Mademoiselle Pellion has lived in Susan Campbell hall, but she expects to move to Hendricks hall next term, in order that she may become acquainted with more of the women of the University. The members of the Women's league have been instru-

mental in bringing her to the campus and many of them have expressed the desire that the change be made so that they may have an opportunity to know her better.

#### CASTLE

As head of the all-star cast of John M. Stahl's new Louis B. Mayer-First National attraction, "The Wanters," showing at the Castle today, Marie Prevost is said to have one of the most attractive roles of her screen career. Beginning the picture in the character of a maid, she develops into a society debutante—a jump that not only necessitates deft plot arrangement, but also calls for finesse and versatility.

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