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House Competition Minus Paternalism

The action of the Inter-Fraternity council does not necessarily kill all house sports, as many students on the campus have been lead to believe. The step which has been taken simply overturns the ponderous, paternalistic system of intramural sports which drove houses into athletic competition, which had a definite tendency to take needed time from scholastic endeavor and which caused considerable ill feeling between campus groups and their members.

A committee of the Council has been appointed to work out a program of activity. It is the Emerald's suggestion that some system be worked out whereby the sports, which are the most effective in developing material for varsity teams, can be carried on and with only the houses wishing to enter, taking part. The junking of trophies is an excellent step as the only reward which should go to a victorious organization should be the victory itself. Basketball, baseball and possibly track should be open for inter-organization competition, but the element of forcing groups into the ring should be entirely abandoned.

The action of the Council, while possibly a trifle hasty and could have perhaps been taken with less confusion after more deliberation, is evidently in the right direction. Oregon is tired of paternalism. Under the present system, where organization affiliations are used as levers to pry students into activity, it has been rather aptly said that when a man joins a house, national, local or non-fraternity, he sells himself, body and soul, for the period he is in the University.

The Emerald will have more to say later about lessening paternalism on the Oregon campus.

Today's Emerald is the 116th to be published this year, it is also the last issue of the winter term. During the next week the sixty-odd members of the staff will have a chance to prepare for examinations. Although considerable sacrifice of time is necessary to issue an Emerald six days a week, there is a real pleasure in the service, and every member of the staff regards the work as an interesting and valuable addition to his campus experience. Two-thirds of the year's work is finished. It is the desire of the Emerald to continue to make the final term "the best yet."

The coming week has been set aside for scholastic purposes and every effort should be made to keep it free from meetings. The campus is over-organized, and meetings are the bane of campus existence. Students will be justified this week in forgetting any meeting that thoughtless persons may schedule. Lets make it 100 per cent "study week."

O'Brien Wins Song Contest

Billy O'Brien won first prize in Ray Graham's orchestra song contest, which closed this week. "Mary" is the name of his composition, which won for him a free ticket to all the dances to be given by Graham's musicians at the Campa Shoppe for the rest of the year.

Second prize of \$10 offered by Herschel Taylor goes to Si Valentina. His song is "Four Horsemen Blues." "Betty," the song turned in by Hank Alexander, received honorable mention for third place. The songs were judged by the

audience before which they were played at the dance given at the Campa Shoppe last night. Eight songs were submitted. All had to be original, both as to music and words, and had to be suitable for a fox trot.

UNIVERSITY MEN TO HOLD APRIL FROLIE

University men, not to be outdone by the women, have decided through the student council, to hold an April Frolic for men on the same night, April 5, as the women plan to hold their affair. At the last meeting of the council, a committee consisting of Ted Gillenwaters, chairman, Dick Lyman and Allen Smith, was appointed to manage the Frolic, and tentative plans indicate that it will be held in the Armory.

Sport Chatter

by MONTE BYERS

The doughnut muddle is causing a great deal of discussion right now and we find good points on both sides. Both sides of the situation are right in some of their contentions. The council found that the sport calendar was too top-heavy and took too much time from their members. They were right, eleven or more different sports are too much for any house to enter teams in.

From actual experience, we know how difficult it is to get enough men to turn out for a sport. Look into the matter close enough and you will find that the same men turn out for all the sports in nearly every instance. The others sit back and watch or get their exercise at some dance emporium, or by porch piffing.

On the other hand, the council knocks the props from under the physical education program. The program at Oregon is built around the doughnut system and it crumbles when all sports are abolished. The motto is "athletics for all," but all don't benefit by it, but that is not the fault of the department of physical education.

The doughnut program is top-heavy, very much so. What is going to be done to save athletics? For in time this is going to lead to the dropping of collegiate sports. From a race of hardy warriors, the Romans developed into a race of parlor athletes. We're going to do as the Romans do, unless we put on the brakes now.

Some say class teams won't do it. Others say cut out the trophies and cut down the doughnut program. We'll have to have a compromise somewhere. There is a lot of truth in cutting out the trophies. More than one fraternity group burns the midnight oil, sitting around the fireplace figuring out how it can win another cup for the mantle.

The council believes in a certain amount of sports, but they want them handled differently and on a different basis, so it's up to some one to straighten out the tangle to

their satisfaction. We have to have sports. If we don't, we're going to be a school of dumb eggs before long, but there is also the chance of too much sports. The plan will have to hit the happy medium.

Spring is in the offing. How do we know that? We have seen a sure sign of it, and it isn't the green grass, the trees sprouting or the little birds flitting about. We happened out to Bill's Bungalow the other morning and found the veteran track mentor limbering up his fish poles with a little dry land casting.

For the benefit of the freshmen and newcomers here, we'll say that Bill's weakness is the call of the rod and reel. Obak Wallace, Kolb and Dill and others will testify to this. When Bill gets the old gear out and starts limbering the casting arm, you know that spring isn't far away. Bill also informs us that no one has suggested a name for his shanty out by the track.

Bill isn't the only angler in the coaching department. Joe Maddock happened by while Bill was casting. Joe forgot football, Bill forgot track, and both took up fishing lines, poles and all the other paraphernalia which is used to lure to finny tribe from the stream.

How about this golf bee that is buzzing about? The little fellow has stung lots of 'em this year. More people are playing on the little links up in the back yard than ever before. The game is taking. Yesterday he talked about accounting. Try and get his conversation away from stymies, hazards, par, in the rough, mashie, niblick and all the other golf items.

It might be a good idea to add another hole or two to the present

course. The game is here to stay and ought to be developed more. Another hole would add to the sport and some day the University will find itself in position to put in a real links.

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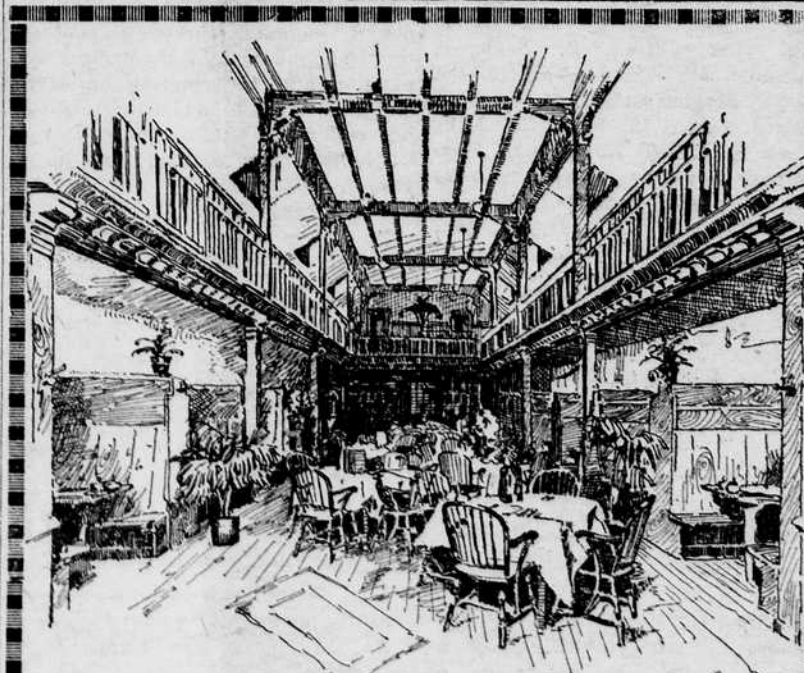
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