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Our Freshman Class

WITH all this "stew" concerning traditions at Oregon, the plan submitted to the student council Wednesday evening for establishing a Freshman Court takes on added interest.

The reason given for proposing such a court was contained in the statement that there is a feeling among many students that the present freshman class has been particularly lax in obeying the rules this year and therefore some effective means must be found to bring the offending members "to time." There is little doubt this feeling, especially prevalent among upperclassmen, has cause for foundation. Violation of the edict that first year men must wear green caps has been flagrant if not scandalous.

The Court would lend dignity to what is at present nothing more than a joke—padding on the Library steps each Friday. There are few but who fail to consider the freshmen paddled on such occasions as butts of fraternity discipline or "interested friends." Often the charge read against a "culprit" is utterly silly and foolish, and displays the limits of an accuser's imagination rather than the freshman's misconduct.

Were a freshman to be haled before the judge, he would feel he has a chance to clear himself if innocent. On the other hand, if he has been appearing on the campus without his cap, or has committed some other equally heinous freshman crime, he will be made to understand that such carelessness, or contempt, invokes serious consequences, often swift and unpleasant.

When the Traditions Committee turns in a report proving satisfactory to the Student Council, and the findings are officially approved by that body, there will be no excuse for not knowing the "laws," and the court, if established, should prove most effective.

Regarding supervision of the freshman class, a plan is in effect at Stanford whereby the first year men are entirely emancipated from pressure from any of the other classes. In the "Stanford Illustrated Review" this move is attributed to the other classes, that of 1923 waging the winning fight "with the result that two classes of Stanford men have started their university life free to show what stuff they were made of."

The results are claimed to have justified the experiments, the statement being made that "they are observant of the customs of the campus, but what is the real thing that matters is that they do their work and hold up their share as individuals and classes, to a degree that is noticeably superior."

To even the casual observer on the Oregon campus it has been apparent that our present freshmen have had little pressure applied to them, in fact, in that regard, they have been, and are, enjoying the same privileges that Stanford freshmen do. There are two difference, however. First, this "laissez faire" plan is not the result of intention by the other classes, but rather of indifference. Second, the freshmen class has not proven itself "noticeably superior."

And Why Not Eggs?

A NEW sport, to add to those which are coming on with the spring, might be the delightful one of egg-rolling, or egg-tossing, as suggested by the old custom practiced in England and Scotland since very early times during the Easter season. (We do not recommend this for the opera season!) In this country, it is true, we have the venerable Easter rabbit, but he seems to be chiefly the friend of the very young Americans.

Using hard-boiled and brilliantly dyed eggs in little games and contests offers an intriguing possibility. The play might take the form of exaggerated marble games, of lilliputian bowling games. Campus hostesses could use the eggs in carrying out the colors of their gowns, or to match the centerpieces on the tables. And there would be the further economy of having the decorations serve in this case as the refreshments as well.

Another old custom which was especially apropos at the Easter season was the ridiculous custom of "lifting." On Easter Monday in Lancashire and Cheshire and other counties in England, the men "lift" the women, two men locking hands and carrying the women in this way. On Easter Tuesday the women retaliate, and lift the men. Venerable clergymen are said to have to compromise by paying half-a-crown to be let off. The custom might serve as a substitute for the usual paddling of the frosh on one week out of the year.

Campus Bulletin

Notices will be printed in this column for two issues only. Copy must be in this office by 5:30 on the day before it is to be published, and must be limited to 20 words.

Women's Doughnut Baseball—Each house must appoint a scorer to meet 5:15 Monday afternoon in room 121, Woman's building. Scorer may be substitute on team.

All Former H-Y Men—Not in living organizations please call the "Y" hut and leave your name and address. Phone 504.

All Women who attend April Frolic should bring money for admittance fee and for refreshments.

R. O. T. C. WILL TRY OUT NEW GALLERY RIFLE

A new gallery rifle recently developed at the Springfield, Massachusetts, arsenal, has been requisitioned for examination by the University R. O. T. C. department, according to Sergeant Powers, of the R. O. T. C. supply department. The rifle, which is a .22 calibre Springfield make, will be carefully examined by officers of the local unit, and if found to be satisfactory a supply will be ordered, sufficient to fully equip the rifle team next year. If accepted, the new rifle will also be used in regular cadet gallery practice.

The new gallery rifle was developed especially for gallery work, is equipped with all the latest facilities, and is said to be a distinct improvement over the older Winchester rifle, now in general use for gallery practice.

TRAINING REGULATIONS FOR INFANTRY CHANGED

Changes in various sections of the 1923 infantry training regulations have been received by the University R. O. T. C. department. The training regulations are in the form of pamphlets which are used by instructors in the department. There are 13 of these booklets which must be revised, and the war department has sent clippings to be inserted in them instead of reprinting the entire set of regulations.

The commissary department has charge of the work of revision. There will be 60 copies each of 13 different pamphlets which will require changes. Some of the drill regulations have more than one change, and the task of inserting the clippings will require about one week to complete, said Sergeant T. R. Powers, in charge of the commissary department. The work will be done during spare time.

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.

To the Editor:
I feel that the communication under the heading "Hours and Grades" in yesterday's Emerald is entirely sound in its argument and it was the considerations mentioned therein which led the Registrar's office some time ago to adopt the present rating system. In rating students according to achievement, both quality and quantity should be given due credit with the weight thrown on quality. It seemed obviously unfair

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COMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 11

7:00 p. m.—April Frolic, Woman's building.

7:00 p. m.—Men's Smoker, Men's gymnasium.

Sunday, April 12

7:30 p. m.—Sacred music concert, Mu Phi Epsilon, Methodist Episcopal church.

COORRECTION

The dates for the Guild hall production, "Miss Lulu Bett," will be held April 22, 23 and 24 instead of in May as it appeared in the Emerald yesterday.

WHY SMOKE IN COURT?

To the Editor of the Emerald:

It would appear from the tone of several communications to this column that the issue in the present argument over smoking on the campus is whether or not there shall be any restrictions of smoking on the campus. The fact of the matter seems to be otherwise. The general opinion of students on the campus as indicated by conversation would indicate that the real issue is whether or not smoking shall be permitted in the art court, but that the tradition of no smoking on the campus should be retained. This idea is substantiated further by the fact that the Student Council, which is representative of all of the students, did not consider doing away with the no smoking tradition but considered whether or not to modify it, and finally passed a motion recommending to the tradition committee that "Smoking shall be prohibited in the court of the arts building."

It is significant that most of those who are in favor of permit-

ing smoking in the art court are not in favor of permitting smoking generally on the campus. The question then arises: Where is the line to be drawn? Are only the art students to be granted the privilege of smoking on the campus or will it be but a short time until the biologists and the English students will be allotted a small plot between Deady and Villard where they may smoke. Up to this time no valid reason has been offered to show why smoking should be allowed in the art court. In a communication to this column last week it was stated that "In former years the east porch on University street was used, but in the reconstruction work the porch covering was removed." Why do the art students have to have a special covering under which to

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smoke! Are they more delicate than the average student? Granted that they spend most of their time in one building, it is doubtful that it can be proved that the hardship is greater on them than on the commerce students or men of the law school. The men of other schools must smoke out in the street or on the curb. Why should men of the school of architecture and of the fine arts department be made an exception? **DICK HOYT.**

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SOLOISTS AT THIS SERVICE
Delbert Moore, Violinist
Robert McKnight, Tenor
There will be a meeting of the young people of the congregation to consider the organization of a branch of the Federation of Religious Liberals in American colleges, immediately at the close of the Morning Service.
University men and women are always welcome at the "Little Church of the Human Spirit."