

WOULD CAMPUS BACK MAGAZINE?

Professor Howe's Opinions Given on Venture

MERGER NOT FAVORED

Readers' Interests Differ, Says Instructor

Prof. H. C. Howe, as a former editor of both a student and an alumni magazine and an English teacher of 25 years experience, speaks on the proposed combination of Old Oregon with a student magazine:

"I do not favor the combination of Old Oregon with a student publication. From my own experience as editor of the Cornell student magazine, and later as editor of the alumni publication, I do not think it would pay. The alumni magazine is largely a professional magazine. The point of view of the student writer is different from that of a graduate. The alumni magazine is not interested in the verse, stories, and sports news—written from an untrained student point of view—of the student publication." Nor is the student primarily interested in the alumni appeal in writing, he avowed.

Should such a combination actually occur on the Oregon campus, it would be for the editors of Old Oregon to decide what class of material the new publication would feature strongly. Still frowning upon the student venture, he declared that even then the material must be written for the big alumni.

Moreover, should this an amalgamation come about, he boldly predicts that Old Oregon might survive the combination, but not so with the student child. Such, he observed, has been the experience of similar adventures on practically every university campus.

When confronted with the question of whether or not there should be a university magazine, aside the combination, he was most pessimistic. "In the first place," he asserted in reply, "the action would have to receive the sanction of the executive council, probably not an easy thing to obtain. For the council, which must pass upon all soliciting for advertising for campus ventures, knows that merchants object to being bothered too frequently for advertising and by too many publications. The council, of which I happen to be a member, succeeded in establishing very friendly terms with the Eugene merchants by cutting down to the lowest limit the number of requests that they face from campus publications. Another magazine would upset this, and besides, I do not believe the merchant would support it."

"A second objection to a purely university magazine is, that the

students themselves would not support it. It is apparently of interest to only those students who write—those who love to see themselves in print." In his opinion this objection is a very serious one, and one which he found not only upon his experience with the Cornell publication which lived only a dozen years, but from actual observation of existing conditions on the campus.

He declared that if the students who are interested really wanted a magazine, they should get together, with the permission of the executive council, and finance and edit it themselves.

SOUSA'S FAMOUS BAND IN EUGENE THURSDAY

Tour of Campus Planned As Entertainment

John Philip Sousa, the foremost band leader in the country, will be in Eugene on Thursday, January 21, and will offer two concerts at the Eugene Armory. Sousa's band this year is composed of 100 musicians, among whom are several soloists of international fame.

The University band will attend the concert in a body, it is announced, and several other organizations have planned to do this also. While here Mr. Sousa will be the guest of W. M. McDonald, manager of the Heilig theater. A tour of the campus and the surrounding country is planned as part of the entertainment.

Mr. Sousa is hailed as the greatest composer of band music in the United States. "Stars and Stripes Forever," "Liberty Bell March," and several other selections of his are played by all bands. In the organization this year is a jazz band, a saxophone octette, and several soloists who will appear on the program. Several new features will also be offered by Mr. Sousa as a part of the two hour concert.

STUDENT CONFERENCE QUESTIONS REVIEWED

In reviewing some of the important questions considered at the recent student conference at Evanston, Illinois, before the members of the Freshman Girl's Commission yesterday, Genevieve Chase said: "We students at the conference decided that, inasmuch as only a small per cent of our students go to church, something must be wrong with the churches. One of the big things that the church needs is unity." The way to accomplish this, she pointed out, would be for the students themselves to become international and democratic in their thinking. "It is easy to sit outside and criticize it and suggest what should be done; but results can only be realized by working from the inside out," Miss Chase said.

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In an attempt to get more eligible males interested in the finny art, and to develop varsity swimming teams, water polo is being introduced into the list of Oregon sports. If plans now being formulated are carried out, this game will take its place as a competitive sport in future years.

Water polo offers an excellent medium for many swimmers not yet fast enough for the varsity grade, but strong and active enough to derive benefit from hard competition.

If enough men to form two teams can be found, it is proposed to play an exhibition game as a feature of the first home meet with O. A. C., February 13, the initial half to be staged prior to the relay event, and the final chukker immediately following it.

Water polo is like ice hockey in many respects, with a goal to be defended and another to be attacked. There are six men to a side—a goalie, two defense men and three forwards.

Miss Gouy Regrets Responsibility For Students' Ignorance

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here and will remain here all through eternity. But why is it, then, that when we stress reading and translating, invariably some worthy members of our classes express their regret not to have more conversation? French, or Spanish are not dead languages yet, Heaven be praised!

Now understand me, please. By all means our students should read intelligently by the end of their second year. But what will they be asked to read? It is one thing to read simple modern books such as those of Anatole France for instance, prepared for class use, another to read easily and without notes most of our classics, which are discussed in some World-Literature classes. And yet these books are those our students are required to read after having interrupted their language studies for a year or more!

And now, let us hear the worst. We know something already of the poor preparation of students in high

school, in fact a number of them frankly admit that languages seem hard for them because they know hardly anything about their own grammar, some realize also that their vocabulary is dreadfully limited; they sigh with grief but do not attempt to remedy it.

In class the hardest task of the teachers is to keep their attention, to rival entertainment the street or a charming neighbor will offer.

This is really exhausting because it requires an effort of every instant on the instructor's part and so often in vain! The professor who has to deal with ideas or books, read and discussed in the student's mother tongue does not know this hardship in its full extent; the student is flattered to discuss all the subjects under the sun, and to play the important personage by giving his opinion on everything. But we do know!

Now as a conclusion, let it be known that all of us are highly in favor of Dr. Ernst's new motion, however unreasonable it may sound. If it passes it might clear our classes of all the sleepy heads who want nothing but 24 hours of credit.

If, anyway, languages seem to be indispensable to an all around education, let us at least have this new requirement for graduation; a reading knowledge of the language studied. Only students who will be able to go successfully through this ordeal will get their B.A. degree. But in all simplicity let me whisper to you: it is not 20 per cent of our classes who will fail then as happened during the recent exams. I doubt if 20 per cent will pass.

And now since the truth is out, let us be good friends again.

UNIVERSITY HIGH TEAM DEFEATS SPRINGFIELD

The University high school basketball team defeated the Springfield aggregation in a hard game 18 to 16 points. The game was tied 14-14 at the end of the regular play, but in five minutes overtime allowed, the campus preppers managed to nose out a victory. This small school which won the championship of the state in basketball several years ago, while it does not have material for state title playing this year is endeavoring under the coaching of Louie Anderson to win again.

WARNER TO ADDRESS OREGON ATTORNEYS

Prof. Sam B. Warner, of the law school, will give a review of the criminal cases decided by the Supreme Court of Oregon during the past year at the annual meeting of the district attorneys of the state of Oregon. The session meets Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week in Portland.

E. V. SLAUSON MAKES 118 POINTS IN TEST

Twenty Eight Men Pass Physical Examination

Of the 47 physical education students who were signed up to take the physical ability tests at the men's gymnasium last Thursday morning, 28 passed the test with a score of 25 or over, 17 did not take the test, and two men failed to make the required 25 points to pass it.

The highest score made by any of the men taking the test was made by Edgar V. Slauson, freshman, who scored a total of 118 points. This is one point less than the record which is held by Eugene Richmond, sophomore. To make his points Slauson high-jumped five feet, which gave him 21 points, climbed the rope in 12.2 seconds for 23 points, bar vaulted six feet four inches for 22 points, ran 192 yards in 23.2 seconds for 27 points, and swam the required lengths of the tank in one minute, 20 seconds, giving him 25 points for that event, and a total of 118 points.

Others who passed the test are: E. Washbond, 43; Meredith Landaker, 45; B. Withycombe, 36; Tony Greer, 80; P. Nieva, 51; W. M. Wayne, 34; T. Rose, 31; Austin Shepard, 33; H. Vidgoff, 30; K. Knowles, 45; B. Marsh, 40; R. Morrison, 58; W. G. Eddy, 57; C. Willison, 41; F. Baumann, W. Shaw, 31; T. Chapman, 53; W. Winter, 36; L. Steen, 50; W. Hinds, 58; S. Skavlan, 48; L. H. Luck, 65; R. Fleming, 79; E. V. Slauson, 118; E. Finley, 79; H. D. Stalker, 54; R. C. Martin, 76.

SKIPWORTH SPEAKS TO LAW FRATERNITY

Judge Skipworth, of the circuit court of Lane county and regent of the University, addressed the members of the Oregon chapter of Phi Delta Phi, national law fraternity, at a recent banquet. Judge Skipworth pointed out that lawyers should always strive to retain the confidence and respect of the jury and the court. It is imperative that a lawyer keep his methods above reproach, he said, for if he once loses the respect of these, it is the client as well as he who suffers.

SENIORS MAKE CHANGE IN BALL COMMITTEE

Two changes have been made in the personnel of the Senior Ball committee. Arthur Gale, who was in charge of decorations for the Ball, which will take place February 6, entered Dartmouth at the first of the year. His place as chairman of decorations will be filled by Laurin Reynolds, a senior major in architecture. Reynolds has practically completed plans for the dance, but for the present they are to be kept secret.

Walter Kelsey will be in charge of the ticket sale in place of Douglas Wilson. The number of tickets is limited and will be placed on sale soon. The ball is the only strictly formal affair of the year, and plans have been afoot for several weeks for the feature, programs and decorations.

Clarence Toole is in charge of the Ball and his committee chairmen are as follows: assistant chairman, Geneva Smith; patrons, Margaret Stahl; invitations, Jo Anne Warwick; feature, Jane Bodine; publicity, Margaret Vincent; refreshments, Edna Murphy; construction, Maurice Warnock; music, Wendall Lawrence; floor, Floyd McKelson; programs, Warren Small; lighting, Frank Roehr.


A meeting of the committee will be held Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the Administration building.

ADMINISTRATION BEGINS 1926 CATALOGUE WORK

Catalogue copy was sent to the various university departments today by Mrs. Clara L. Fitch, secretary of the catalogue committee. This material will be returned to Mrs. Fitch with corrections and amendments by the heads of the departments and will then be collected and made ready for the printer. The grade bulletin will be issued in February and the general catalogue the first of April.

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