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Semi-Centennial Ode

On the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Founding of the University

By Mary Lowell Rebec

I

Time, that is ancient but certain of foot,
That shepherds the slow-moving years
Till he brings them all home in the night,
Safe in the covering lodge of a long
and inscrutable night,
Time, the plodder, the plougher of
trifles,
Who turns up indifferent mould
To leave it patterned with bloom
Or scarred with the wind whips of
chance,
Who sits by his furrow for none,
Be it prince, or scholar, or slave,
Time, the shepherd, the plowman,
The weaver of infinite fashion,
Crawls,
With Today on his back
And a ponderous Past at his heels,
Incessantly towards a Tomorrow,
A Tomorrow we never shall know,
A Tomorrow up-reaching to grow
Into measureless morrows that seem
forever to flow,
And bland,
Into some blossoming end,
Out in a current of life more vast,
Out where the venture and strain
are past,
Where Time as he leisurely lingers
Shall hold in unhesitant fingers
Sure proof of the good at the last.

II

In the spacious lap of Time
Fifty years is but a rhyme
Snatched from out the epic whole,
A paltry portion, not a goal;
Fifty years is but a plan
Sketched and hoped for,
A fragment that the hand of man
Stretched and groped for.
Of the crowning structure man
designs,
Of the consummation man di-
vines,
In fifty years he only sees
The far penumbral prophecies.

III

We pull at the skirts of Time
today,
In supplication,
That he pause a moment while we
pay
Our due oblation
At the feet of those who set the
mark,
And laid the stone,
And dreamed the dream of things-
to-be,
Oftimes alone,
And where fore-runners lifted
torch
We consecrate
Our hands to carry on the light,
Be it hard, or late,
Our eyes to searching where no
man
Has ever been,
Our ears to listening where the
voice
Persuades within.

IV

Here in this valley where the winds
blow sweet
As ever blew from down Hymet-
tus' side,
Where morning suns rise up on
chastened feet
To drop at twilight on the pillow-
ing bills that bide
In sleep forever by the western sea,
Here where the springs bring pop-
pies fair
As ever dangled from Persephone's
hair,
And summers wave their lilac veils
Across the looping skyline trails
In unforgettable magiery—
Here seemed it good to fix a walled
domain
Where, pondering, youth should
justly learn
The things that have been and the
things that are,
And through four precious years to
train the eye
To choose between the vanity that
smiling
Offers warm and frothing cups
And that patrician truth that
lackeys none
But holds its sway by willing ser-
vitude.
So here today it seems the fitting
rite

Finance System

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Inhabitants becomes much heavier
than on the city dweller.

In the case of the average city
worker, his income is not dependent
on his property holdings, but with
the farmer it is. Consequently,
when the rural districts have had a
bad year through crop failure or
marketing difficulties, they must

To bow in memory of that enter-
prise
Begun one-half a hundred years ago
And dedicate anew our hill-en-
circled ground,
Ourselves, our youth, our all,
To that imperious dream which
pulled
From out the prostrate clod the
wide-eyed man—
The wish to know, to push the cur-
tained door,
To wrestle with the dark till it
disclose the stars.
And now for one brief moment,
In the pause and inmost session of
our hearts,
We lift the vessel of our high de-
sires,
Knowing it holds above our heads
The deathless things, sufficing for
a life.
The properties and chattels of a day
Turn to censorious dust
And pass with all the baggage of
mortality.
But he who holds this shining chal-
ice up
Has fortified his heart for tricking
fate,
And though he knows full well that
since his age began
Defeat runs barking on the heels
of man,
He still has learned, uncoweringly,
to wait,
To thrill with ancient pleasure in a
sunset sky,
To hush with wonder when the wild
geese fly
To suck up beauty as the wild rose
can,
And as the noise and press and
barter cease
With nature's old felicities to come
to peace;
Then in the nightfall, as the hour
grows late,
Companioned by the memory of all
the great,
He may behold that constellated
space
No man by day is given privilege
to face.

V

And be it iris-girded May,
Or gray November,
Not any man who loves the good
But shall remember
The gentle presence that so late
Walked, poised but merry,
Along our busy fretted ways—
True sanctuary
Of gracious thoughts and toler-
ance.
O wise dispenser,
You spilled a fragrance on our
years
Like swinging censers.

VI

With cadence of tidal seasons
A frail generation moves on,
June with its climbing perfection
Is only a rose-breath and gone.
But after one spring comes another,
Swelling one blossom to two,
Pushing forward forever
The better from out the few.
So youth, we kneel and we hail you,
On ourselves the slack of sin if we
fail you,
No bludgeoning fate can assail you,
Naught but low choice can defile;
Yours be the radiant fluttering
wings,
Yours the sweet dawn-lighted prom-
ise of things,
Yours the high magic of gods and
of kings,
Ours be the staff at the stile.
We lift to you glad and gift-bearing
hands
As you lean to the running and slip
from the bands
On your road to the far delectable
lands
That our own eyes have strained for
the while.

VII

Time, never-resting, unwearied,
Gathers his pack to be gone,
Checking our rash exultations,
Driving our blind feet on;
Time, unperturbed and impartial,
Shall draw 'twixt the just and
the ill,
And men are but spawns in his
wallet
And move by the turn of his will.

pay their taxes from out of their
capital, part of the tax going to the
support of the city schools.

The data obtained by Dr. Rainey
is being used in trying to devise
a scheme that will change the pres-
ent unsatisfactory state of affairs
to a more equalized system of dis-
tribution and levying of tax funds.
A form of state income tax has al-
ready been advanced publicly and
will be pushed by the educational
forces of the state.

Homecomings

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state to get them in shape after
the rally tonight.—1920.

Honoring "Bill"

Hayward field was the name ac-
cepted this morning for the new
athletic field. The student body's
share of the cost was \$7,000. The
new field will seat 4,000 people
in the covered grandstand, and
3,000 more in the bleachers.—1919.

The "O" Begins to March

One of the best features of the
program, which has never been
pulled off before, is the plan to
get all of the Order of the "O"
men back at this time to march
around the football field before the
game starts.—1920.

Uncle Sam Approved

The plans for the dances are al-
most completed, and arrangements
have been made with the govern-
ment so there will be no war tax
on the admission.—Homecoming,
1920.

Guests Who Won

In the evening Oregon went to
the dance with the Cougar skin
over its shoulders and what was
left of the Cougars went to the
dance, too, for the cougar is a tame
bird.—Nov. 12, 1922.

A Tip, Webby!

The Lemon Punch salesman could
sell stoves in the middle of the
Sahara. The principal argument
was that if you didn't want to eat
them, you could sit on 'em.—Side-
lights on the 1922 game.

Figs 'n Rooters

Ban is put on Pigging at Games.
We've got to be rooters, though.
—Headline after the '19 game.

It Happened Annually

As an added precaution against
the transportation of the "O" on
their Hello, the Kappa Kappa
Gamma girls are taking their greet-
ing sign indoors at night, and are
thus hoodwinking the marauders
who would profane the campus by-
word.—1922.

The Co-eds Lead

Lineup of the rally march in 1920:
women of the University, old grads,
Order of the "O" men, Oregon team,
coaching staff, band, and rooting
section.

Steers' Game

The final score of the 1920 game
was 17 to 0, against Washington.
Big Bill Steers made every pointer
of the fracas, the third consecu-
tive win over the northerners.

The Faculty Objected

A big serpentine march was
staged during 1 o'clock classes
Monday to celebrate the victory
over Washington. An impromptu
dance at the armory lasted until
4:30. These are under ban, but
the faculty has as yet taken no
action.

Noisy Bachelors

Bachelorhood, for the second con-
secutive year, has won the prize
given to the organization having
the best noise-making contrivance
in the Homecoming parade.—1922.

So's Your Old Man

We lost count of the guns in the
excitement of the kick-off, but evi-
dently there were enough shells
brought along for emergencies, for
later during the game when touch-
downs were made, a special salute
of one gun was fired.—1922.

Genesis

The first Homecoming game was
played in 1914 and Oregon won,
beating Whitman 29-3.

Yards and Glory

1917 was the last year that Ore-
gon defeated the University of Cali-
fornia. The score was 21-0, and
Bill Steers ran 60 yards for a spec-
tacular touchdown.

Under Noise's Rule

By the whole-hearted cooperation
of the Eugene merchants, we have
been able to get 50 trucks to carry
the students to the parade. Added
to this, five big passenger cars have
been donated by the Terminal Auto
Stage company.—1922.

Cardboards

This was the first time that a
cardboard letter stunt was pulled
during the game. The stunt was
very effective and received many
compliments from the spectators.
Shy Huntington was the person who
suggested this feature and the ani-
mated "O" arrangement was plan-
ned by Oberteuffer.—1921.

Co-ed Racket

The men's yell practice of today
had nothing on the girls in 1921. A
song practice was the prelude to
the big game. The leaders re-
quested that the girls practice songs
during meals, or preferably between
courses, so that the girls could put

Only Girl Grad Of '78 Admires Youth of Today

Mrs. McCornack Relates Old Time Traditions; Dances Taboo

By Margaret Hensley

"When I was a student at the
University of Oregon we majored in
studying, because, you know, there
weren't any outside activities, and
few other diversions. In spite of
this, I don't think that we learned
as much as young collegians do now-
adays." The speaker was Mrs. Ellen
Condon McCornack, first girl gradu-
ate of Oregon, and one of the two
surviving members of the class of
1878. Judge R. S. Bean, LL.D.,
United States district judge, is her
brother-in-law, and only living class-
mate. They did preparatory work
elsewhere before entering Oregon.

Young in spirit and interests, this
pioneer student loves the campus
with its well-kept grounds, modern
buildings, and gaily dressed girls.
She has been in touch with college
life and development here ever
since graduating for she lives only
a mile out of town. Each year at
Homecoming time Mrs. McCornack
attends the campus luncheon.

"No, I'm not going to the big
football game but the excitement
and holiday atmosphere on that day
vim into them at the crucial time.

Shades of Equality

The girls' stunt will be to carry
yellow balloons to add color to the
affair. There will be a pajama
parade Friday evening—for men
only.

Before We Grew

The business men of Eugene fur-
nished surprise eats for the frosh
bonfire makers: sandwiches, not the
thin sandwich lettuce leaf filling,
but huge slabs of bread with real
meat inside and a smoking cup of
coffee with plenty of cream and
sugar—all at 3 o'clock in the morn-
ing.—1921.

Slapstick

More than 3,000 students and
alumni are expected to be in line
when the big Homecoming luncheon
is served in the Woman's building.
Heretofore, the lunch has been
served in the men's gymnasium,
where, besides eating, a favorite
sport of the participants has been
to plaster the walls, floor, and ceil-
ing with beans and other articles
of the menu. A corps of 50 student
deputies will act as policemen and
enforce order.—1921.

Vandals and Water

The 1922 Homecoming bonfire
nearly wasn't. A premature blaze
almost sent it up in smoke—but for
the timely intervention, etc.

High Cost of Rooting

Rooters caps must be bought.
They cost 85 cents apiece.—1920
dictum.

For Benefit of Co-ed

A new feature of the game will
be a scoreboard which will give
not only the score, but the name of
the man carrying the ball, the num-
ber of downs, the minutes to play,
the yards to go, and in fact every-
thing necessary to make the game an
open book to those who watch.—
1921.

Visitors

Ralph Starr, ex-'01, who played
football in the early days of the
game at Oregon, working at full
back in the season of 1900 when
the team scored its biggest victory
over Washington, was among those
who came back for Homecoming.
He and Clarence Bishop, all around
athlete of his day, piled up perhaps
the highest score that the Universi-
ty has ever made, 97 to 0, against
the old Portland academy.—1921.

The Knights' Day

The Homecoming rally will be
in Villard hall. The new underclass
honorary, Oregon Knights, will be
presented in a body and introduced
to the assembly.—1921.

More Bleachers, Please

The seat sale for the big game
Saturday afternoon is getting to be
a source of worry. Where to put
all the people that have asked for
reservations is a question. The en-
tire alumni and O. A. C. section is
sold and O. A. C. wants 1,000 more
tickets.—A week before the 1919
game.

In 1919 the frosh bonfire was 40
feet high; and Oregon won from
the Aggies, 9-0.

Royalty in 1922

The 1922 Homecoming ball, the
first to be held in the Woman's
building, was featured by the clever
dancing of Hokumliowapus, a
member of the Tahitian royalty who
recently arrived from the South Sea
Isles enroute to Chicago where she
expects to pursue the terpsichorean
art.

is thrilling. I never miss the Home-
coming cafeterias because at them
I am young again." Mrs. McCornack
said, and with a friendly smile
went on to explain that she ap-
proved of athletics but was afraid
that some of the players would get
hurt. Besides she doesn't under-
stand the complicated technique of
football.

"The Semi-Centennial celebration
has been splendid and I have en-
joyed every phase of it even if it
does remind me that I can no longer
get by with a plea of being 'just
35'." the co-ed of '78 remarked.

Faith in and respect for the
youth of this generation was ex-
pressed by the former student who
enthusiastically declared that she
was not one of the knockers who de-
plore everything that young people
do. In the old days boating on
the millrace, and picnics and
socials for dances. A certain rule
made by authorities declared that
no student would be permitted to
attend dances, thus eliminating one
of the chief forms of 20th century
amusements.

Most of the 78 students on the
campus belonged to either of the
two literary societies. Eutaxian for
the girls, and Lauman for men.
These took the place of the student
body organization and were incor-
porated when plans were being made
for a library in order that they
might "hold property. Entertain-
ments, plays and musicals, to which
people from the entire countryside
came in buggies and on horseback,
were given to raise money for books.
The first ones that formed the nucleus
for the present wealth of vol-
umes are preserved in the library
as treasures of the University's in-
fancy.

Women debaters who know as
much about affairs of the day as

men and publicly declare their opin-
ions were unknown on the campus
48 years ago. It was considered
absolutely unladylike for a co-ed of
that time to "orate." Even at com-
mencement time, when her boy
friends delivered their lengthy and
learned orations, she had to read
hers. Mrs. McCornack, in reminis-
cing, chuckled as she told how she
memorized her paper and only pre-
tended to be reading it. On the pro-
gram of the first graduation exer-
cises her oration was called an essay
in order to comply with require-
ments of the faculty.

Y. W. Helps Students Secure Employment

An unusually large number of em-
ployment calls have been filled by
Y. W. C. A. so far this year. From
September 20 to October 15 over
100 students have received employ-
ment through the Y. W. C. A., Miss
Florence McGowan, campus secre-
tary, reported yesterday.

Over \$900 in wages have been re-
ceived for labor secured through
this bureau. If this average con-
tinues, the Y. W. C. A. will have
caused over \$8000 to be placed in
student hands before the school
year is finished.

Inauguration

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is to find some method of organiza-
tion that will break down the ex-
cessive departmentalism that now
prevails, particularly among the
social sciences.

Necessity of finance for research
and educational work was outlined.
The opportunities of the Universi-
ty should not be confined to those
on the campus but extended to the
people of the state in general, the
speaker said.

Following the address, benedic-
tion by Levi T. Pennington, D.D.,
Pacific college, closed the inaugural
ceremonies.

Remember - -

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out to University students
and alumni at the Anchor-
age, tea hour on the mill
race.

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tory of old Oregon.

WHAT WILL THE NEXT HALF CENTURY BRING?

The installation of Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, as President, prom-
ises greater development of the University.
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The University will become more than ever an institution of the
people.

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ed department store" is laying plans for a greater organization
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