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TO DEAFEN with little bells the spirit that would think. Victor Hugo.

Evidences of Sportsmanship

IT IS not the Emerald's purpose to interfere in Eugene high school's muddled athletic situation. But there is a pertinent relationship between the affair and university athletics in general.

Without assuming to know the intimate details of the squabble, the Emerald would place the blame for the trouble on the high school and school board officials who made concessions, no matter the degree of their importance or unimportance, to the belligerent students.

Simply because of the enforcement of an ineligibility ruling in the case of a football player, a group of student-enthusiasts took it upon themselves to "right" matters by doing as much harm as possible about the school. A strike was settled very much in favor of the self-styled martyrs whose conduct warranted their expulsion from the institution.

A similar incident in Baltimore called forth the following editorial comment from the Baltimore Sun:

Professionalism in college football is bad enough. But when the desire to win at all costs invades and dominates high school athletics, the situation created is intolerable.

It is said that without the assistance of a youth named Michael Noonan, first ruled ineligible to play and now expelled from City College, that team will probably be defeated by Polytechnic in the football game today. What does that matter, so long as the team does its best and makes a clean and courageous stand against the opponent? If the spirit of sportsmanship still exists at "City"—and we are loath to believe that it does not—the school would much rather be defeated without Noonan than win with him. The evidence that he is ineligible under agreements in interscholastic sport seems irrefutable. If it were not, the youth's outrageous conduct toward Dr. Burdick would be sufficient to stamp him undesirable material for clean and honorable athletic contests.

The unfortunate position in which City College has placed itself is emphasized by the fact that the Noonan boy is not the only member of the team debarred by the conditions of eligibility which rule the City-Poly game. If these boys should not play in this game, they should not have played in any prior matches of the season. And childish protests by the student body against the operation of regulations in the interest of clean sport can only serve to strengthen the unfavorable comment which the Noonan incident arouses.

It is indeed bad enough when students are so fired with the desire to win that they are ready to do anything from wrecking the school building to white-washing (literally) the principal in protest against a very legitimate ruling. But when these same students are permitted, even for a time, to dictate and remain in the institution, the condition is intolerable.

How much appeal does the Sun's suggestion of "playing the game for the game's sake" hold for the aver-

age high school or college football fan? Just try to tell these students that it is far more honorable to play the game without the contested player and lose rather than to play with him and win, and see how popular a note it sounds. The Emerald was recently criticized for suggesting that the game is played to win, and not for its own sake. That, we were told, is the same as admitting that sportsmanship is dead; that idealism is dead. Where is the evidence of sportsmanship and idealism in the conduct of the high school belligerents? Our point is this: The revolt is not a passing childish outburst. The spirit that is being evidenced now and the attitude it forms are going to be carried over into the colleges by these same students (and they are representative of thousands). That same desire to win at any cost, while tempered by less-bending rules, is going to be ever-present. There is food for thought in this situation.

Library and Assembly Hours

"WHAT kind of 'salve' is that on the fireplaces in the library?" asked a young and innocent student.

If the question is asked on Thursday, the word doesn't mean much, for nothing is less soothing or conducive to peace of mind than to hear the announcement: "The library is closing for assembly."

No matter how deeply engrossed in a reserve book one is, no matter how limited the time to study, one must leave.

If the ruling was made in the hope that more students would attend the weekly gathering, it has failed. The students go home. The bait has to be unusually good to draw them to assembly of their own will.

Why pretend longer that such a rule increases attendance at lectures? Surely when such a regulation has failed of its purpose (largely because of uninteresting speeches) and remains only as an annoyance, it should be discarded.—W. L.

Don't Give Them Dangerous Ideas

THE Seven Seers, when in trouble, need our support about as much as the army needs the boy scouts. So we leave the columnists to defend themselves from the attack levied by a member of the faculty in a communication appearing in today's Emerald.

We write, rather, in defense of the Emerald. The relation of publicity to success is the problem of the complainant and the Seers. But when Professor Smith suggests blackmail, we must register a protest. He seems to be aiming directly at the integrity of the Seers in a malicious effort to undermine their amateur standing.

The suggestion offered is likely to have a bad effect on the staff. We can't accept it. Furthermore, we don't want anyone else to advance such dangerous and unethical ideas to our workers.

Let it be understood that if blackmailing is to be at all resorted to, it is reserved for the use of the editor alone. With each staff member a potential black-mailer there must be some centralization of authority.

Checks should be made out to the editor, personally.

On Revising Opinions
To the Editor:
The best test of criticism is its

As Others See it

Lord and Lady Nicotine (Ohio State Lantern)

Other campuses are being stirred by controversies over co-ed smoking at the present time. From time to time there has been discussion over it at Ohio State but it never quite reached the dignity of a controversy.

And that, we are prepared to face the world and say, is a good thing. Such discussion and such controversy, although it may be interesting, leads to nothing and is just a waste of time. If Miss Co-ed wants to smoke a cigarette now and then, she'll do it and there'll be no one to raise a forbidding hand—that is with any degree of success.

These are days of equal rights and privileges, of single standards, and if women want to "smoke they can and do claim the privilege. Most objections to it come from the other sex, of course, and that because the picture of the ideal woman in the male mind does not include a cigarette between arched, red lips.

Co-ed smoking here is not nearly as prevalent as it is in other colleges and universities, particularly in the East. Here it is still rare enough to attract attention. In some other universities a co-ed would not think of leaving for a football game without a package of cigarettes in her pocket. Here it is exceptional to see a co-ed smoking at a game and the only other places that any can be seen at all are in a few of the restaurants and occasionally at parties and dances.

Few, if any, of the smoking co-eds enjoy the pastime. They go at it laboriously and usually when a cigarette is half-consumed they throw it away with an air of relief. Most of them smoke simply because it has come to be considered smart and the thing to do. With them it is incense burned in worship of the god of fashion. If, through some inconceivable miracle, smoking for women should become passe practically all of them would abandon their fags immediately and perhaps heave a sigh of relief in so doing. They don't enjoy it, but then, that's their privilege.

On the other hand if an edict forbidding women smoking would be passed by some all-powerful body or person such as Congress, the practice would increase by leaps and bounds. Such are the ways of women, or wider than that, such is human nature.

Let them smoke, if they wish. It's a cinch they can't be stopped anyway. Besides, isn't the patron saint of smokers, Lady Nicotine, one of their own sex? Furthermore, as any co-ed will tell you on the slightest provocation, it's nobody else's business.

And that's that.

power to make one think. And the best test of the truly educated person is his power to think no matter how badly his pet prejudices have been hurt. Yet how many are willing to do this?

There is a spirit of pseudo-radicalism on the campus. It's the kind of thing that makes students render lip service to writers because it is the thing to do. And the "thing to do" is the rule of the campus. In other words the individual must conform—he must believe that all is well and that day by day everything is growing bigger and better.

Honest criticism—based on facts—has been notably lacking on the campus. Is it too much to expect that students will stop to think before decriing criticism of their opinions? Few opinions are absolutely incapable of revision. Let's shake off this college type of Babbittism.

W. M. L.

A Defender

To the Editor and E. Z. D.
I am writing this in defense of the Oregon Emerald, the ideals for which it stands, and the manner in which they are expressed. "E. Z. D." who find it "incumbent" upon himself to protest, seems to be in a frenzy as to the Emerald's "public opinion."

Truly this misinformed person has a wicked pen, and in defense of the enterprise for which we all labor, perhaps I should challenge E. Z. D. to a duel. I won't do this however—perhaps he is an exponent of the "manly" art of fencing, while I only can sling ink.

My dear E. Z. D., come around some night to the beloved Shack and see what a fool you are making of yourself by saying that the editor and the Emerald are not worthy of the respect of the Oregon students.

JOE SWEYD

Turnbull and Thacher Attend Press Meeting

George Turnbull and W. F. G. Thacher, both professors in the school of journalism, left yesterday for McMinneville where they will attend the district conference of the High School Press association, in session there over the week-end. Both university men will appear on the program.



The SEVEN SEERS
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Dr. Conklin and Taylor gave an entertainment for their beginning psychology students in the Condon library yesterday morning at 9:00. The room, in keeping with the early morning hour, was decorated with all manner and sizes of electric gongs. A huge dazzling spotlight played upon the students as they danced to music furnished by an orchestra in the geology room. The crowd was kept in constant uproar by one of the features in which several men tried rolling barrels down the aisles without hitting desks. Favors were distributed by the explosion of an immense bomb.



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(ambulance)

Officer Kidwell (R. O. T. C.):
What are you laughing at, Private Creath?
Alleged Private Creath: Mr. McElroy, Sir.
Officer Kidwell: Ah ha, you didn't know I was here did you?

"The wurst is yet to come," said a casual observer as a butcher chased a stray dog out of his shop with a butcher knife.

We heard one guy say the distraction in the Psych. attention test didn't effect him any. Said he'd been on a study table once.

"WE'RE LIKE A CIGARETTE STUB—DOWN BUT NOT OUT!"

SEVEN SEERS
Alpha Chi Omegas To Give Tea Sunday

Alpha Chi Omega girls are giving a tea at their chapter house Sunday afternoon from 2 to 6 o'clock for about 150 of the University faculty members. Receiving will be Mrs. Anna Hart, Marian Clear, Norma Stamp, Leota Biggs and Miriam Little are to give a musical program.



CAMPUS Bulletin

Physical Ability Test will be given at men's gymnasium, Saturday, Dec. 4, at 10 a. m.

Unaffiliated students may have pictures taken for the 1927 Oregonian at the Kennell-Ellis studio any morning, or by appointment.

Philosophy club: Meets Monday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 in Woman's building. Dr. Gustave Mueller will speak on "Is There Such a Thing as Beauty and What Is It."

M. McCullough Accepts Girl Reserve Position
Miss Margaret McCullough, '25, who is doing graduate work in the English department towards her

master's degree this term, has accepted a position as field secretary of the Girl Reserves in Astoria. She will assume her new duties at the end of the present term, but plans to continue her graduate work in the future.

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