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Peering Into Crystals for 1930

FOREIGN affairs: Germany will again declare the superiority of her schools. Italy may have a chance to send a foreign scholar to Oregon. Floating universities will carry 23,490 more college students around the world. Canada will export 28,767,200 bottles of beverages via underground seaways into U. S. P. G. Wodehouse will write a humorous story about English colleges.

Domestic: Iowa will try to make the Big Nine into Big Ten again. Prohls will raid another fraternity house and ten million Americans will gasp at wild college youths. Newspapers will call Pop Warner the "Old Fox" again. The O. S. C. Barometer will recall the disgraceful, now famous, "apple-core case." Notre Dame's football team will spend three days of fall term on their own campus. Twenty-nine sports "experts" will select all-American teams, honoring 195 different players. Oregon will neglect to sign up a tennis and swimming "major sport" coach. A famous college president and a movie queen will die on the same day, stories of same being carried on pages 37 and 1, respectively.

The arts: College Humor will publish 15,379 jokes on college petting and 754 cartoons of "studies" with "x's" for eyes. The look-and-listen films will present 23 college pictures, 22 of them with last-minute touchdowns. Twelve students will attend a big intersectional debate. Oregon will stage another vain contest for a new alma mater song.

The fashions: College men will not wear garters or hats. Spring will see five street pajama crusades on five camp. Dirty cords will still be a la mode on formal occasions, like recitals. High school students will "out-collegiate" the college men. Skirts will be—now what could have smashed that crystal?

An Empty Honor?

ABOUT this time every term some 90 or 100 students on the University of Oregon campus are being heartily congratulated on having their names enrolled on the so-called scholastic honor roll for having received no grade below II in the examinations of the preceding term.

Of recent years there has been considerable discussion here and elsewhere as to the justification of such an institution as an honor roll, but it must be admitted that it has certain advantages. It provides an incentive for scholarship, it gives some measure of recognition to those who devote their time to scholarship rather than to the numerous outside distractions of college life.

An honor roll, however, if it is to be a true honor roll, should be vastly different than that now in force on the University of Oregon campus. It should take into consideration the number of hours carried by a student, the average made, and, if possible, the type of work carried. The Oregon honor roll takes into consideration only whether or not the student receives the grade of III in any of his courses. In fact, a student may have his name published on the conditional honor roll and yet receive a flunk in some subject through an incomplete or the failure of the instructor to turn in the grade.

Under the present system it is conceivable that a student might make 19 hours of I and one hour of III, totalling him 98 points, and yet be denied the honor roll, while another may make 12 hours of II, totalling 48 points, and yet be placed thereon. Neither is it exactly fair to compare the grades of a student who fills his schedule with such subjects as military science, magazine writing, and art appreciation, with one who takes such things as organic chemistry, advanced biology, and money and banking.

It would be impossible to attain the ideal in drawing the plan for a new honor roll, but certainly there could be one formulated which would be more satisfactory than the present. Perhaps the most practical way would be to take the point system as a working basis, placing on the honor roll, say, everyone making 65 points or over. Another alternative would be to place on the honor roll every student making a II average or better.

Neither of these would take into consideration the weight of the individual subjects carried, but it would place the honor roll on the basis of giving some approximation of the worth of the students of the university.

Full Speed A-Pledging

LOUD lamentations of fear expressed from fraternity row when the University adopted its

dormitory policy at the beginning of fall term have dwindled to a low diminuendo of whispers with the start of winter term.

Those who viewed with alarm the proclamation that no men could be pledged out of the dormitory without someone else moving in have found little in the status of the fraternities at the start of the new term to complain about.

"Mortality" was comparatively low. Few men dropped out at the end of the term and what casualties there were had little evil effect on the houses. New men entering school were pledged to help fill in the blanks. The "evils" of the new system were far from detrimental. Both the dormitories and the fraternities are practically full.

Rush week this term consisted of one day and the new men were hurriedly "pinned" before they even had the chance to visit a few houses. Naturally, selection was based upon one day's observations. Such haste cannot be said to be conducive of good judgment and successful orientation in the night fraternity is pretty much of a long chance.

Deferred pledging, while it has its drawbacks as well as its good points, is the logical step which has solved the problem of pledging for a number of eastern, middle west, and western universities and colleges.

The Divine Unrest

WASHINGTON wants a football team like Stanford's; Cornell wants "collegiateism" abolished; Northwestern wants unlimited cuts; Oregon State wants fewer apple cores at football games; Iowa would like to get back into the Big Ten; Princeton thinks modern slang is a prostitution of the English language.

Oxford champions the dignified college student; Antioch desires to see free and equal social initiative for women; Stanford wants more student conventions; Pittsburg cries for freedom of the press; Vassar maintains the cause of smoking for women.

Few are the college newspapers of today which do not have some pet theory they would like to see put through. Collegiate editors sit down at their typewriters, scratch their heads, and pound off an editorial on a topic. Stirring up controversies and arousing a little thought, constructive or otherwise, is their pet hobby—and they ride it almost to the ground. The undergraduate press is full of ideas and is seeing the world through red glasses.

Pacific wants second-team sweaters; Michigan thinks all religions should co-operate on the campus; Idaho wants hell-week retained; Michigan State wants fraternity exchange dinners; Utah would like a Union building; Penn State thinks the no-captain football scheme best; Washington State wants khaki R. O. T. C. uniforms relegated to the museum.

When a great writer creates a heroine in one of his books, women readers are prone to copy the heroine's traits, an eastern book critic declares. Campus women of the present generation must have been reading the endorsements on the back pages of popular magazines.

A professor back east saw his first football game the other day after five years in this country. It isn't often that a fellow gets seats behind the goal posts four years in succession.

Crew is an easy sport, complains a Washington football player, you scrimmage sitting down. That's nothing. How about swimming? You lay down to do that.

The University of Hawaii recently forbade men to wear their bathing suits while playing tennis on the campus courts. The weather man makes such a ruling unnecessary at Oregon.

Now let's see, when is the next holiday?

lemon toddy

BIG ROBBERY!!!! WUNTRY

Three members of Bagpipes and Kitties (Nat. Scotch Frat.) woke up from a faint on the floor of the Igloo yesterday crying that they had been robbed of \$26.25 each.

Dean Biggs immediately issued a statement that Oregon men do not steal and turned the matter over to the Homelock Shearans detective agency.

LEMON TODDY'S ALMANAC FOR 1930

(Not sponsored by Lydia E. Pinkham)

The following is an incomplete forecast of the events which will take place in the new year recently introduced. Occult things have aided the Soda Jerker in throwing this shadow before us, as black cats, dice, crystal balls and slot machines. As he writes, he sits on a high chair, wears a long robe of cobwebs, a revised dunce's hat and no teeth.

THE ALMANAC

January—Rhineheart issues the annual statement that Oregon's basketball team is certain to win the Southeast title. The Spi's hang out their mattresses again after the high school conference and the frosh serve dishwater at their Glee. Oregon women break their New Year's resolution not to smoke more than three packages of cigarettes a day. Mr. Moll will be mistaken for House of David Leader by prominent W. C. T. U. ladies.

February—On Feb. 12 Oregon students will go into a huddle because no holiday was declared. Tom Stoddard will get a chance to make a speech. Dean Jimmy Gilbert will announce a full holi-providing everybody gets "I's" in all their mid-terms.

The Psi Kappas will break their last New Year's resolution—that they will no longer be known as the big men around the College Side. They also resign from "The Big Three."

Pres. Hall will be photographed by George Godfrey along with the senior who went a 11 day without smoking on the law school curb.

On Feb. 31st an Oregon student will be placed in the stocks and fed dog biscuits for painting "God Bless O. A. C." on the Forestry building at the Corvallis institution.

Steve Smith will shave his moustache to please Dr. Boyer.

March rolls around.

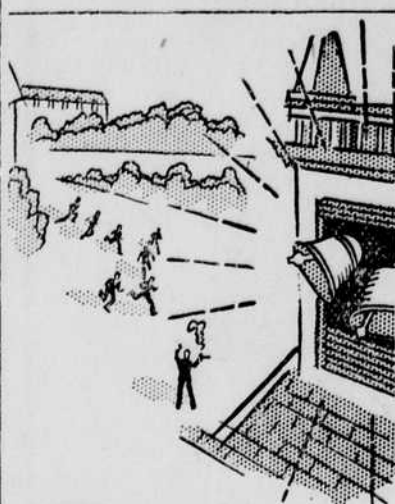
Successive installments of the almanac will be published as the future is unfolded.

FORUM

ON FILIPINO STORY

To the Editor:
When I look up the Oregon Daily Emerald dated December 11, my attention was attracted by the headline, "Sergeant in Army 28 Years Has Interesting Time With Filipinos." I went on reading to find out what made Sergeant Conyers have an interesting time with the Filipinos. After reading about a third of the article I came across a group of words, which I believed more interesting than the headline. Sergeant Conyers said: "The natives are lazy, but cowards." I do not deny, but if he means to say that all Filipinos are lazy, but cowards, I don't exactly agree with Sergeant Conyers, due to the fact that some Filipinos work as hard as some of the Americans do. Laziness and cowardliness are not only cases among Filipinos but also to Americans.

LORENZO SAMPILO.



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