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## New Era for Sure

AT EVERY student assembly one phrase is predominant in the speeches of campus leaders, whether they be the student body president, the graduate manager of the University, or chairman of the rally committee. "The University has entered upon a new era," these speakers tell us, and the assembled students listen calmly with scarcely a show of approval or doubt.

"A new era," they say, hoping by constant repetition to drive home a point so obvious that we wonder how any member of the student body overlooks it. A new era for sure, and here are adequate proofs of it:

"Doc" Spears and his undefeated Oregon team, which is without a doubt in the best condition a Webfoot eleven ever was at this early stage of the grid season.

A new constitution, created last spring term by a group of conscientious students after weeks of work.

Reorganized student body finances, putting the administration on a firmer foundation.

A band of over 75 pieces that is unrivaled for the quality of its playing and display of pep. A band that did wonders in Seattle and Portland and helped put over the Oregon-Washington game. And lately a proposal by John Stehn to add a 30-man drum and bugle corps to the musical organization.

The high national ranking of the schools of music, medicine, architecture and allied arts, business administration, and journalism.

A freshman handbook of traditions adjudged the best published in the United States.

A yearbook that is being improved with each edition and which last year claimed wide renown.

A famous Oregon spirit that is growing stronger with the years.

Oregon students, read the above proofs carefully. Get them in mind. Then will you realize why we join with student leaders in saying "A new era."

## Spoon-Feeding Industry

NEW YORK CITY: The sum of \$150,000 weekly is to be raised by an Emergency Employment committee consisting of financial and industrial leaders in the city, with the president of the Bankers Trust company at their head. The money is to be used to create \$15-a-week salaries for 100,000 unemployed men who are the heads of families. Work in public parks for which the city has no appropriation will give several thousands employment under this plan.

Springfield, Illinois: Governor Emmerson has picked 45 of the leading bankers, industrialists, and social workers of Illinois to serve on an emergency unemployment commission. The commission is to meet soon to endeavor to figure out ways to employ more people, both by reducing hours and days of work for those now employed and by speeding up public construction work in the state.

Washington, D. C.: President Hoover has appointed a special unemployment committee consisting of cabinet members, which will assist state and civic commissions in their endeavor to handle the present unemployment situation.

News items of this sort, which one sees in nearly every newspaper of late, are disquieting. It looks as though the United States is no longer in a position to be condescending toward the "dole" system for the unemployed in Great Britain. The raising of special sums by individuals to pay salaries for civic work, and the proposed reduction of working times in order to employ more people may properly be considered as modified forms of the dole, for they are methods of spoon-feeding invalid industry.

Unemployment was very real to college students who looked for work this past summer. It is not very often that a prevalent economic condition breaks through padded academic walls of the universities to the students in the way that the present business depression has.

Enrollment figures from universities in all parts of the land show that more students have registered this year than last, an increase which registrars attribute to a belief that many men and women, unable to find work at a satisfactory salary, prefer to come back to college on the strength of reserve funds.

It will be interesting to observe what happens to these increased enrollment figures as the school year grows older. Shrink they undoubtedly will, and if conditions are not improved a year hence, we wager that very few university publicity agents will be mailing their enrollment figures to the newspapers next fall.

But misfortune may be healthy; and financial worries may do something worth while for the young men and women of America—jar them out of a complacency in regard to their futures born of an unnaturally prosperous decade, and bring home to them the realization that even in this advanced day the old law of the survival of the fittest is in force. He who has the best education will be farthest removed from economic anxieties when the business cycle is unfavorable.

We read that Deady has rare collections hid on upper floor. Must be the foot left by the campus prowler—or better yet—we may find some of our lost fountain pens or pet clams.

Hooray! The report comes in that jobs have been found for 125 students. What in the world will the other 2800 do?

## A Boon to the Mind

ORGANIZATION of a group in the University to forward plans for free lectures and educational talks on the campus is worthy of considerable commendation. This group is called the Committee on Free Intellectual Activities and has as its purpose the enlargement of the intellectual scope and broadening of the educational area.

It is their aim to bring to the campus persons who are particularly qualified to deal with questions undertaken by the various departments in the University. An attempt is being made to secure lecturers who may travel through this vicinity unseen or unheard. Plans organized by this committee call for special sessions where distinguished scholars may lecture. This extra-curricular instruction has met with hearty approval from officials of the University and it was found that special funds could be had to secure a scholar who would not otherwise come to Eugene.

While this is an excellent idea and may hypothetically work efficiently, cooperation of faculty members and students is necessary to bring about its physical operation. Although at times students are serious-minded and so scholastically and intellectually inclined that they will attend an evening meeting to hear a learned speaker. However, it has been shown many times that the majority will not be present on such occasions. For this reason we believe that the classroom should be thrown open to those particularly interested. In case this is found impossible, some entertainment should be announced to make the evening sound attractive to the sometimes capricious student. After all, he is the type needing the extra-curricular instruction.

This committee should not confine itself to lecturers. Demonstrators of various sorts may prove of interest to several departments on the campus and might be scheduled for a class period or two. Too, the committee may arrange work of a laboratory nature including visits to places of special interest.

A substantial organization with a worthy cause, we believe, ought to be supported by every student and official on the campus. Quick action will be essential, as Mr. Townsend, chairman of the committee, declares, because "if action is delayed a few days until the person in question has left the region, that opportunity is lost."

## Early Greek Organizations

(This is the first of a series of articles revealing the formation and early history of fraternities on the University of Oregon campus.)

Back in 1900, those good old days when Villard wasn't quite so wheezy and Oregon had only 200 men in her student body, the first Greek-letter fraternity on the campus, namely Sigma Nu, was installed.

It was just 28 years after Oregon's founding and some of the prominent men in University affairs were clamoring for a closer relationship through affiliation with a national fraternity. So, taking time-off from studies and sports, Luke Goodrich and Clifton McArthur, acting as instigators, looked into the matter and found a chapter of the national Sigma Nu established in California and another in Washington. Isolated almost entirely from the eastern sections, the two western chapters were only too glad to welcome a third group which would reassure their standing.

With the problem of finance confronting the Oregon leaders, there ensued probably the first, if not

the only, "football installation" in fraternal history. It so happened that on December 1, 1900, the Washington football team was scheduled to play a game here in Eugene, and, although that was to be the date of the installation, there was not enough money available to pay the traveling expenses of the "installers." However, when the football team arrived it was found that it had been well padded with Sigma Nus, and in the evening, after the game, the weary but loyal athletes installed the Gamma Zeta chapter which thrived as the only campus national for its first four years. The charter members were Luke Goodrich, Clifton N. McArthur, Clarence M. Bishop, Clyde A. Payne, Charles A. Redmond, Condon C. McCornack, Frederic J. Ziegler, Edward N. Blythe, and Richard S. Smith. Goodrich was at the time president of the senior class. McArthur was associated students president, manager of the track team, first editor of the Oregon weekly, and probably the most outstanding man of his day. It is he whom McArthur court is named for.

With the coming of the World war, every fellow in the house enlisted at once. Records show no outstanding events in the period of readjustment following the war.

In 1924 the chapter house at 11th and Pearl streets was gutted by fire, which routed the members out during the night. Although the old house was not destroyed altogether, it was rendered uninhabitable for awhile and is still standing today. Not until 1926 was the present house erected.

Among prominent alumni are: Fred Steiwer, Dean Walker, Bart Spellman, Bob Cronin, Dick Smith, and Brick Mitchell.

Sigma Nu is classed as a military fraternity, having its founding at the Virginia Military Institute in 1869. The officers of the Oregon chapter are George Stadelman, commander, Edward Fisher, lieutenant commander, and Kelsey Slocum, treasurer.

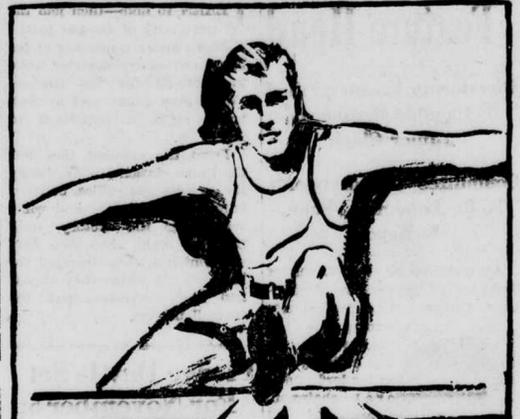
## President Hall Returns To Eugene on Thursday

Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, president of the University, will return to the campus tomorrow after attending the Pacific Coast Regional Committee of the Social Science Research Council in San Francisco, which was in session Monday and Tuesday. Dr. Hall who was one of

the founders of this organization acted as chairman of the group.

The committee, considered by scientists to be one of the most prominent organizations of its kind in the nation, made its program for the year.

Today Dr. Hall attended the inauguration of Robert Gordon Sproule, the new president of the University of California at Berkeley.



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## THE WETFOOT

"ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FOOT TO PRINT"

GOOD MORNING! How DOES IT FEEL TO GET BACK TO THE GOOD OLD CORN COB MATRESS AFTER A WEEK-END OF LUXURY AND EASE. BUT DESPITE THE CORN COB MATRESSES, WE'D STILL DYE FOR DEAR OLD OREGON (AS THE SPINSTER SAID, POURING A BOTTLE OF SHOE BLACKING OVER HER HEAD.)

Little Phidias, our column prophet, says that inasmuch as Dad's day will soon be here, we can expect a very touching scene.

TODAY'S EPITAPH  
Mourn not for Julius Dumbest in the nation, Said Pigger's guide was A stable publication. Sadie, put down that flower pot.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING PIGGER'S GUIDE

1.—One of the first requisites

which is necessary for the proper use of this publication is a well developed sense of humor. If you see your name spelled with a T instead of an A, why just laugh it off. That's the reason that they put the address behind the name, so you can tell whether it is your name or not. Even this is not always infallible.

2.—When in search of a girl's name, the best policy is to shut your eyes, poke a pin in the page, and whichever name you punch, choose that. By putting your trust in providence this way you are much more likely to hit the right name than if you went at it according to directions.

3.—Whenever feeling melancholy it is always a good plan to open the pigger's guide and look for funny names. This is also a great help to the Emerald, as it is good for one feature story a year. If you are too lazy to look at the guide yourself, just wait for the story.

4.—You can tell if this year because of the red back instead of the conventional gray. This was instituted after all these years so it would make it easier for your room-mate to find it.

5.—It is also a great help if you carry it around with you at all times. In case you are arrested you are saved the difficulty of having to think up false names. Simply flip open the pages of this invaluable volume and take the

first name you come to. It is embarrassing if the first name which you see is your own and you give it unconsciously. This is to be guarded against.

### AIN'T IT TRUE?

I'll always trust a woman, And always give her a chance. But I begin to doubt 'er When she points out 'er Sorority sisters at a dance. Not clearly worded but then we have to have some poetic license (no license required, we're strictly amateurs.)



WE SEE WHERE ANOTHER INTRAMURAL SONG CONTEST IS BEING SLATED. THIS WILL GIVE OFFICERS A GOOD CHANCE TO CLEAR UP SOME OF THEIR POLITICAL PROMISES BY AWARDING JUDGESHIPS TO THOSE FOR WHOM THERE IS NO OTHER OPENING.

She was only a telephone operator, but she had his number. That being the case, we are positive it couldn't have been one in Eugene.

## Independent Men Meet This Evening To Organize

A meeting of independent men will be held at the Y. M. C. A. hut at 8 o'clock this evening in order to organize a social inde-

pendent group, it has been announced by H. Russell Lee. Men unaffiliated with either houses or halls are asked to attend.

Temporary officers are expected to be elected at the meeting, and a committee appointed to draw up a constitution.

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

Westminster Guild, foreign study groups, meets at Westminster house tonight from 9 to 10. All co-eds invited.

Alpha Delta Sigma meeting today at noon at the College Side Inn. Very important for all members to be there. Club constitution will be discussed.

Independent men interested in organizing "Oregon Independent club" for students not living in organized halls or houses are requested to meet at Y. M. C. A. hut at 8 o'clock this evening.

Meeting of the initiated Oregon Knights at 4:30 in room 4, Johnson hall. All members are requested to attend.

Congress club will meet tonight at 7:30 at the College Side.

Freshmen—Come to the Y. W. C. A. bungalow today between 4 and 5:45 to the Nits and Wits party. The nominating committee for the Fresh Commission will be chosen out of the group there. All come.

Orange, N. J., and East Orange, N. J., have different laws about Sunday movies. A theater owner whose building is located on the dividing line between the two cities ropes off the East Orange side of his auditorium, and thereby obeys the law in that city, while he puts on his Sunday movies in the Orange side of the theater.

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## Between Classes

Yesterday we saw DICK BOGUE looking scientific; MARY GALEY entering the A. D. Pi portals; DOROTHY ILLIDGE looking just plenty arty; JACK DANT eating snails; ELINORE CLEVELAND shuffling up University street; NED MARS wiping his glasses; KAYO MULLINS being entertaining; WALT NORBLAD walking up the street with his shirt out; POLLY JORGENSEN greeting old acquaintances at Condon; HARRIET HUGHES rushing madly to class.



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