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Dramatic Defect

OREGON just lost another game. But that isn't news. Oregon has lost many such games, and we risk violating no libel law by predicting they will lose more. We are used to it—especially when the opponent is a California team. But wait; we're not playing a game of hot-foot with Tex Oliver, nor are we attaching any significance of defeat to the mastery of Oregon's coach. Nor are we going to blacken the hearts of those players who served under Oliver. The "Oregon is Going Places" policy, to which we heartily subscribe, will meet sure demise upon such sophomoric charges as have been dished out to players and the coach in past years.

First, without eloquent phrases that might place us in the apple-polishing, or back-slapping category, we will get to the point—congratulations to Tex Oliver. Secondly, to the cohorts of the gridiron who marched under the banner of Oregon's colors—although backwards, sometimes—also felicitations. Our handshake is not ephemeral, nor insincere.

OLIVER

came to the University under conditions that, behind the scenes, were not too well sprinkled with sunshine. The trail of forgotten and debunked coaches at Oregon is a long one; the wolves have trampled well the wilderness that fringes the trail. Oregon's record of coaches in the 15 years preceding Oliver's first season is a sorry one, blighted by alumni political pressure. It was a period of losing games and losing money, to say nothing of losing prestige. And with those losses was also lost the true spirit of sportsmanship which should have been dealt those unfortunate coaches who fell by the wayside. The causes, we may venture to say, sprung from the University of Oregon, its students and alumni. The effect was to mark Oregon as a "coaches graveyard." As such it remained, the tombstones reading with monotonous small-type: Maddock, Smith, McEwan, Spears, Callison.

Thus, when last year the powers looked around for someone to replace Prink Callison they found no huge list of big names, nor did they meet anyone of prominence who would risk what job he had for a dubious one at Oregon. True, many an eastern and mid-western coach would give his eye-teeth to break in the Pacific Coast conference. But they looked at Oregon—and shuddered. "No thanks."

TEX

Oliver also wanted to break in the Coast conference, and had done mighty well at the University of Arizona. He knew, all right, that Oregon delighted in making its list of coaches a list of dead-eats. But Tex was an ex-army man, and had made many a bloek and tackle himself on men bigger than him. It was a chance, and he risked it. Oregon, as usual, went hilarious with confidence and said, "At last it's our turn." Meaning to win.

The genial Tex came and saw, and remained to conquer. In the first couple of 1938 games his team won games that were supposed to be tough—and were. The old Oregon spirit returned for the time being. Even sports-writers, those perennial neophytes of the pen that writes color, joined in. "Rose-Bowl!"

But, sadly enough, the wheel of fortune stopped. The Oregon team telegraphed a pass-defense weakness clear across the country to Fordham. Stanford had capitalized on it. Then followed Southern California, California, and Oregon State. Oregon managed to beat a stubborn Idaho team, and showed signs of greatness in downing the Wash'ngton Huskies who could complete only one forward pass against them.

BUT

while all this adversity was going on, while Oregon was called a "two-bit team," a team "the bloomer girls of Mills college could beat," and other dangerous epithets, there was something miraculous in the air. Not once did anyone cry: "Get a new coach."

There is the bright cloud in Oregon's murky sky. To date Oliver has been feted weekly, an organization of "Monday Morning Quarterbacks" helping him along sans criticism, the student body displaying more pep and spirit than ever before under a losing coach, the alumni strangely silent about a new coach, the players one hundred per cent behind him. Well, it's a new thing to Oregon, this flavor of optimism and good-will, and it leaves a lot of people breathless.

To no one but Tex Oliver can we give the credit, and we do so gladly.

Oregon is not, and never was, a citadel of football greats, nor is it an athletic coliseum. It is doubtful if Oregon can afford a Rose Bowl team—it costs dough on the line to get the players. It is doubtful that next year's team will make the front pages of California's newspapers with their genius, but remembering the few quarters of rough-tough football that Oliver's men showed them this season, they may well beware. If anything takes them to the top it will be because "Oregon is Going Places" with that admirable display of confidence and sportsmanship they have shown Tex Oliver.

To Tex Oliver we give a 14-gun salute.—V.G.

Finding a Misplaced Democracy

THE cause of student democracy is not a lost cause, but it is a rather well misplaced one. This is not the fault of the present officials, nor of any immediate villains of the past; it is a cumulative fault that has been growing on the campus for many years and for such a wide variety of reasons that enumeration here would be of little value.

However, when by perchance, some group or individual rises and does a distinct service to the misplaced cause of democracy on the campus it is fitting that such service should be duly recognized. The executive committee, through their efforts to have the complete constitution of the ASUO put in printed form and distributed to all student body members, are doing one of these unusual good deeds.

While it might seem inadvisable to congratulate them before their work has been actually accomplished, the progress they have achieved to date and the assurance that their portion of the work will be completed at today's meeting make felicitations timely. Then too, it is advisable, if their work is to be of any value, to give it all notice possible.

THE

mere printing up of a constitution is not enough to locate the lost cause, although it should be a means of starting the search. While the executive committee by their action can be the leaders of such an investigating party, they will be as lonely as Diogenes looking for his honest man, unless students will aid them. The cynics might say that what bothered Diogenes will bother the executive committee—in other words that people do not want to be democratic any more than they want to be honest.

But those are the words of the cynics. They should be dispensed with quickly and banished to the dour gloom that radiates from them. There is a little bit of democracy in every man, a little more in every American, and there should be just an added pinch in every college student.

By next term when the constitution and its maze of by-laws have been printed and distributed, everybody will have his lamp to start on his individual search for the misplaced democracy. The executive committee will earnestly hope that every man lights it by reading the document they have provided. And the misplaced cause will perhaps be a little closer to being found.

National Poll

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be written as unbiased as is humanly possible, it was also stated. With the aid of statisticians at the University of Texas, a proportional sample of college students has been determined from figures supplied by the United States Office of Education. Ballots have been carefully distributed according to this flexible sample over a cross-section of colleges selected as members for their strategic locations over the nation and for their outstanding newspapers. Results of local interviewing will be mailed to Austin for tabulation. National results will then be sent to the newspapers.

OREGON LAW REVIEW

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business manager; Wallace Kaap-ke, note and comment; Carl Helm, recent case note; and Edwin Welsh, book reviews. The faculty editorial board consists of all the law school faculty members.

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Edward L. Wells Will Discuss Weather Tonight in Villard

Edward L. Wells, meteorologist from the U. S. weather bureau in Portland, will lecture in Villard hall this evening at 8 o'clock on climate and weather, with particular reference to the Pacific Northwest. Mr. Wells, through long residence in the Northwest and experience in this field, is able to speak with authority on this subject.

The lecture is sponsored by the museum of natural history, the department of geology, and Sigma Xi. The public is invited.

NINE STUDENTS HELD

Students listed Tuesday as patients at the infirmary included: Margaret Ayers, Ethel Lofstedt, Rhoda Fulton, Althea Burghardt, Jean Broughton, Jean Graves, Charles Heitz, Clarence Higgings, and Samuel Hughes.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

- **Jim Bryant** will lead the regular meeting of the discussion group at Westminster house at 9 o'clock tonight. His topic is "A Radical Proposal."
- **Christmas Revels** decoration committee meets today at 5 in Gerlinger gym.
- **Fencing club** meets tonight at 7 in Gerlinger gym.
- **The Community Service group** will meet today at 5 in the YWCA bungalow.
- **Foreign foods groups** will meet at the YWCA at 4 p.m.
- **Women's hockey practice** is scheduled for 4 o'clock this afternoon on Gerlinger field in preparation for a game Thursday.

changed from Wednesday to Thursday at the same time. Master Dance will meet in Gerlinger at 7:30. All members be present. Phi Mu Epsilon meeting is present.

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