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The student body of the University of Oregon is for a great part composed of self-supporting young men and women—students who are dependent upon their own resources for the successful completion of their college course.

As a rule the students have no money for foolish expenditure. As a rule, they are obliged to exercise rigid economy. In spite of this however, their intense loyalty makes them willing and generous in support of their different organizations, and should a charge of disloyalty be brought against them they would resent it strenuously.

Yet in one respect the students are responsible for an annual disappointment to the faculty, and many of the alumni. It is not on account of disloyalty, but rather from a sense of false economy, perhaps, that students, as soon as examinations are over rush home as rapidly as steamer or stage can take them.

Of course every week spent at the university means additional expense to the student, but the week of commencement is a calendar and one during which the university is as truly in session as it is during the second week in March or the first week in May; and this final week should no more be excluded in the calculation of the students' yearly expenditures than any other.

It is the most valuable week in the university year. The preceding portion of the year has been full of hard painstaking work that leaves the student little time for recreation and for getting a breath of the real atmosphere of college life, an atmosphere that pervades an institution at no time so strongly as during commencement week.

The best of music and oratory, the ablest efforts of a company of students that have for years been a part of the University's life, the coming and going of alumni who have been and are successful in their chosen spheres, the best discourses that pulpit, bar, press and bench can produce—all these are characteristic of this one week of the year

Then there is one other phase that should be remembered. The students who compose the senior class are our friends. They have been intimately associated with us students for years. Their work has been done faithfully and well, and as a testimonial to their successful efforts the University enrolls their names among her alumni. That moment is one of the greatest reward in the student's life and is not a time when, deserted by those with whom he has labored and to whom the bonds of friendship—college friendship—has linked him closest, he should receive plaudits from strangers, comparative or absolute.

Let's have a change of sentiment! Let's do things right! Let's stay and give our seniors from now till seniors cease to be, a right hearty God-speed! If we don't, when we are seniors we'll wish we had.

Under the editorial caption, "An Improper Announcement," Eugene's evening newspaper took occasion last Tuesday evening to criticize the OREGON WEEKLY in the following paragraph:

The Oregon Weekly is a newspaper, the publication of which is authorized by the regents of the University of Oregon. Any political matter or announcement in such a journal is manifestly improper. The University of Oregon has never been drawn into politics nor should it be. From this point of view the editors should not have allowed the publication of a notice in the issue of May 14th, signed by the president of the Varsity Republican Club, calling the attention of the members of the club to the fact that there can be no registration for the June or November elections after May 15.

The criticism was no doubt made in the proper spirit, but it was certainly uncalled for. In the first place, the OREGON WEEKLY is not a publication authorized by the board of regents, nor is it under the supervision of the faculty, excepting that body by virtue of authority over all student affairs, could at any time demand its cessation. The publication is strictly a student affair. In the second place the idea that any political matter or announcement in such a journal is manifestly improper savors of weakness. Political editorials of party coloring would be improper but political announcements of any university party club are most proper. A citizen's right to vote is not a privilege but a duty, and none ought to be better able to realize this than a college man. True politics should evolve the highest ideals of citizenship. Let the students of the University of Oregon ally themselves to whatever political principles they deem best for the nation's welfare.

The inter-state collegiate meet at Seattle last week, was an event of its kind which we wish to see established as a permanent affair. The result was a partial victory for Oregon. The field meet was a great victory for U. O. securing, as it did, the inter-collegiate championship of these states—Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The debate, though, was very unsatisfactory to the Varsity. From the expressions of dissatisfaction expressed by the Seattle people over the contest, we have reasons to believe the Oregon boys merited the decision.

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