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CHARACTER AND SCHOLARSHIP.

On another page are the rules governing athletics in the University of Oregon. With little exception the rules are good, and, if followed, will help to further the motives of the Athletic Committee of the Faculty, namely, to make character and scholarship of first importance. When an organization makes character and scholarship secondary considerations, it has no business in the University. This institution is, at the present writing, neither a sporting club nor a reform school, and therefore the above regulations will work no hardship on the U. O. athletes. Be it said to their credit that our athletes and athletic managers are usually students first of all. The Faculty should be backed by the student body in establishing rules and regulations that become an institution of learning.

A MISTAKE.

The statement has been made that athletics are the only student body enterprises that incur debt. That is a mistake—a grave mistake and should be corrected. Please don't anybody believe it. Perhaps the \$180 track team deficit caused such a statement. It might be well to make some observations on that question here. The students need have no great alarm over this question. Although there is no provision for the student body assuming the indebtedness of the track team, yet it will be done and it is right that it should. But no

one should be frightened over that. After the apportionment has been made and miscellaneous matters arranged if a tax should be levied it need not be for as much as twenty cents each. So the track team need not worry us much, but there are a few lessons that we might learn from its condition, among which "to live within our means is not the least important."

SOME THINGS THAT SHOULD BE DONE.

The meeting of the Associated Students held for the purpose of acting on the amendment which proposed to transfer the five per cent compensation heretofore granted the treasurer, to the miscellaneous list of the Student Body treasury, was an interesting one. One side of the proposition was printed in the Morning Register of October 18, and the other side was expressed by the rising vote of the students when the amendment was passed on.

Omitting, for the sake of originality, any particular view on the question discussed, the great concern expressed for the five per cent treasurer's fee indicated certainly a great expenditure of energy which, if properly directed, might avail something for the University in general and ardent opponents of disloyal students in particular.

While the amending process is going on it might be well for the different study body organizations to make some provision by which the association shall assume their deficits. The track team, for instance, (the reference is made solely for the sake of an example) on coming into the organization made no provision for its deficit, and it was only because the executive committee saw fit to pay off some of its indebtedness that any money was taken out of the miscellaneous fund for that purpose. If it ever should happen that other student body organizations should need money badly, those that have not arranged for the student body to bear deficits might be disappointed. Of course the same might be said of other organizations, excepting The Oregon Weekly, which went into the association with the provision that "all deficits shall be borne by said association."

The attention of students in general might be called to the fact that our Constitution is a bad one and needs fixing. Two or three instances have occurred this year in which it has been entirely disregarded, but some of the amendments "referred to the committee" at our last meeting were intended to smooth the matter over, although this wasn't generally understood at that time.

Come let us reason together.

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