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STRICT COMPLIANCE

Since our editorial urging a strict enforcement of the regulations relating to athletic managers, we have heard it said that it is not practicable for a manager to render an account till the season is over. We believe it is possible to render a statement even before the season begins. A document conveying the simple information that there has been no receipts or expenditures is enough to satisfy the requirements of the law in such a case. A complete statement can not be rendered until the season is over; a partial statement can be furnished at any time.

We would not have felt justified in mentioning the matter again were it not for the fact that there is one other phase of the question which leads to some general considerations which may apply to other people and to other departments as well as to athletic managers. The evident aim of those who framed the constitution was that the students should be furnished with accurate information as to the financial condition of the athletic department on the fifteenth of every month. As long as the by-laws stand unamended the students have a right, or rather it is their imperative duty, to demand such information.

We have noticed a lamentable tendency on the part of student body and other officials to ride rough shod over express constitutional provisions. Things have been done which clearly indicate that some men in power think the constitutions have been "out-dated like a last year's almanac" and that newer and better, or at least more

convenient, ways of doing things have been discovered. This may be so; but if we have outgrown our constitutional clothes, let us seize the first opportunity of having them remodelled. Until then let us observe the strict letter of the constitution whatever hardship it entails. Where recourse to amendment is easy, a bad law should be enforced with even more rigor than a good one. A strict enforcement will serve only to emphasize the need of its modification.

RAMBLING REMARKS

The football season is over and many comments might be ventured. We feel justified in using space for a few.

There is one thing which the team and University should be proud of. Every member of the eleven is a permanent student in good standing. There are colleges in Oregon whose enrollment has been reduced by five or six since the football season has closed. We expect all of our eleven to be with us at least until the close of the semester.

There are two to whom the team and the University should feel greatly indebted—Messrs Zeigler and Jakway, who tore loose from their engagements elsewhere, and gave so much of their valuable time and attention to coaching the team. They acted in an unselfish way and purely out of love for their alma mater and attachment to its best interests.

A captain for next year has already been elected and no doubt the athletic board will soon name a manager.

If it is not out of season, we would like to suggest that the manager begin earlier than some have been in the habit of doing to work up his plans for next year. It is not at all advisable to wait till the season opens and then begin to look around for a coach, and finally be compelled to content ourselves with what we can get.

We would advocate, also, a return to the practice in vogue for several years past of getting a coach from Berkeley if possible. The Berkeley men, without an exception, have given good satisfaction. The U. O. boys have become accustomed to their methods and it has become almost a second nature to them to play ball according to the instruction of a Kaarsburg or a Smith. There is always a preponderance of old men in the line-up and a radical change of methods, such as are introduced from an alien school of football, does not have a salutary effect. The old veterans are confused as to what really constitutes the most efficient maneuvers, and are loath to work in a harness that doesn't seem to fit.

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