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HELP IMPROVE THE CAMPUS

Much has been said recently about the University in regard to needed improvements. Among these improvements has been mentioned that of a larger and more beautiful campus. The importance of this fact needs no discussion. It is too evident. But something might be said on the means of attaining that end. Most of us look forward to the appropriation as the one means, and the landscape gardener as the one instrument by which we will have a campus of which to be proud. But there is always a possibility that the University will not receive the long looked for appropriation and without money our landscape gardener cannot carry out very extensive plans of improvements. Considerably handicapped by the lack of funds, Captain Briggs has, nevertheless, succeeded in making a great transformation in the appearance of the University grounds. The students owe it to the institution to assist him wherever and whenever possible if not by active beautifying work, at least by refraining from marring the attractiveness. It has grown to be a custom with managers and boosters of various student enterprises to use the shade trees about the campus for advertising purposes. Huge posters and placards from time to time are tacked in the most conspicuous places. We all know the effect which a bill board in the residence section has upon us, know it destroys the beauty and cheapens our opinion of the surroundings. Just such

an effect will be produced upon visitors to our campus if we allow such eyesores to be displayed. Bulletin boards are provided in each building for such purposes. Why not use them?

Another thing that should be guarded against is the tendency to abandon the walks and cut across the lawn in the effort to "get there quick." The effect of this practice is too obvious to require mention.

The exercise of a little thoughtfulness in such minor actions as these will save the superintendent considerable annoyance and assist greatly in improving upon the attractiveness of our campus.

STUDENT CONDUCT.

It has been one of the University's proudest boasts that the students entering her doors scarcely more than irresponsible boys are sent forth into the world as men competent to engage in the battle for existence; that she engenders in them a spirit of independence and self-reliance and that while she gives to the country citizens of high efficiency in workmanship she at the same time gives to the world men of genuine personal worth who are able to command the respect and esteem of their fellows.

To maintain this high ideal has been her endeavor. To do so by the co-operation of and a tacit agreement with the students is her hope. The University has few restrictive regulations and rules of conduct by which to control the actions of her students; and very few indeed have been the occasions when such government has been needed. The students for the most part, have always been and still are respectful of their good names and that of their alma mater.

However, among so many as are gathered under her roof, there are always some who are somewhat lax in self-discipline and who very often assert privileges that do not belong to them. Such an instance occurred last Thursday night while the Seniors were presenting their class play, when a group of students gathered in the gallery and throughout the evening indulged themselves in what was intended for good-natured joking and raillery directed at their fellow classmates on the stage. Their actions created a great deal of disturbance and caused considerable annoyance both to the audience and to the actors. Be it said to the credit of the University and her student-body that those engaged in the affair were for the most part freshmen. While they should be severely

censured and are deserving of a stinging reprimand, they should not be too harshly judged.

The motive of self-indulgence which prompted them is a common one. Their fault was in their want of consideration. They have yet to learn that there are bounds to student license which if overstepped, approaches to hoodlumism; they have to learn that they have reached the stage of life when youth and inexperience do not excuse their follies; and above all they have to learn that not only they, but their institution suffers for their misdemeanors.

Let us hope that the all-but-serious consequences of their actions will prove an experience of great benefit to them. The University has a pride and confidence in her students. It devolves upon each one of them to give justification for this feeling.

ORDER OF THE "O"

Why should there not be an "Order of the 'O'" at Oregon? Chicago University fosters the "Order of the 'C'" and claims to derive great benefit from it. All who have won their athletic emblems are entitled to membership in this order. It is designed to keep up a high standard in athletics and to promote college spirit. Older and younger athletes come in touch with one another and college traditions are perpetuated. The organization is not close. It meets but once a year and the dues are nominal.

Men who have had the honor and responsibility of representing their institution in competition are likely to have a more intense college patriotism than others. When such men band together for the advancement of their alma mater the result cannot but be good.

JUNIOR WEEK-END.

At a meeting of the 1909 class last Thursday, the matter of introducing the custom of a Junior Week-end was brought up. The week-end, as planned would take the place of the present University day, but instead of the one holiday, there would be a two-day celebration. On Friday would be the usual observance, the general improvement work in the morning, the co-ed. dinner at noon, a track meet if possible in the afternoon and the Junior orations in the evening. On Saturday an intercollegiate baseball game would be the attraction, winding up the two-day festival with a Junior prom in the evening. Many colleges throughout the country observe this custom and