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A COLLEGE HOUR.

A very few years ago a small college in the East inaugurated the custom known as "the College Hour." The idea has since spread until during the past year almost every university in the country has at least discussed it and in most cases the result of the discussion has been very favorable to the plan started by the eastern institution.

The custom originated in the college mentioned to promote democracy, broadmindedness and good wholesome college spirit. The results have been that the fundamental desires of the originators have been amply satisfied by the organization. A more democratic feeling, a better and broader understanding between college faculty and students and a far better college spirit has been found to have been the sequel to the organization.

Briefly outlined the "College Hour" is as follows: Once a month the faculty and students of the University get together in an informal gathering. The gathering is always held on the college campus. Usually the affair is presided over by one of the four classes of the institution which observes the practice. Very often the affair is held in the college gymnasium where no other large hall is suitable. Every student and every member of the faculty is invited to be present. Once to-

gether it is the main object of the class which acts as host to see that every person is introduced to every other person and to see that not only students meet students; but that also students meet faculty. Short speeches and toasts, are often delivered and usually the college glee clubs and yell leaders are in evidence.

In this way the students, who, during the remainder of the month are separated, are all brought into one organization and college enthusiasm is kept up. After football season is over there is always a tendency for college spirit to die down, and so the "College Hour" practice has proven a great boon in keeping this necessary element up to the right standard.

Many universities in the West have taken up the plan. Almost every institution in the Northwest is now considering the plan. It is needless to say that it would be well for Oregon students to think it over. If we can get any plan which will make us more democratic, more broad and more enthusiastic over the University of Oregon, we want it by all means.

BRAIN ASSOCIATION

Prof. Wilder of Cornell University, who several years ago organized a brain association has now about twenty human brains on file. The qualifications for membership to the organization are that the applicant must bequeath his brains after death to the society for purposes of research and investigation. For many years the medical department of Cornell University experienced great difficulty in securing normal brains for study until at length Prof. Wilder saw a possible solution to the situation in the formation of the society which includes even such noted personages as Goldwin Smith. One member of the faculty of the University of Oregon has bequeathed his brains to the association and states that he will secure application blanks for any student who wishes to do likewise. Who will be the first?

THE INDOOR MEET.

The University's first indoor meet which was held at the armory last Friday evening was a great success, both from the standpoint of the spectators and from the standpoint of the managers. It is the intention of the department of physical instruction to make such a meet an annual event hereafter.

Track Manager Bean whose energy and enterprise made the event a success cleared a neat sum of money

which he will no doubt be able to find use for before the Varsity track season has ended.

Trainer Hayward also deserves great credit for his work in connection with the meet. The showing made by some of the new men who have been under his instruction but a half year, is quite encouraging.

To Mr. J. O. Watts, who presented the silver trophies which were presented to the winners of the class cross-country and class relay races, and to the merchants of the city of Eugene who presented the prizes for the different events, the students of the University express gratitude. The merchants of Eugene have always supported University enterprises in fine order and their especial generosity for this event is heartily appreciated.

THE EUTAXIAN SITUATION

In another column of the Weekly the precarious condition of the Eutaxian Woman's society is discussed at some length in an address by Prof. Luella Clay Carson to the members. The remarks made are quite timely and to the point. It is time that the women of the University should show the organization a great deal stronger support.

When the two men's organizations—the Laureans and the Philologists—are both in such flourishing condition it is time that the feminine pride of the members of the Women's organization should assert itself. If a little more energy and interest were displayed by some of these members who have been prominent in the work in the past, it is needless to say that an era of new life would be experienced by the society. The Eutaxian society is the only one of its kind in the University to which women may belong. Why should our women not support it? Why this spirit of lassitude on the question? In the halcyon days of its youth the Eutaxian society was a strong organization. Why not bring it back to its old standard?

The Oregon Monthly wishes to state that owing to lack of space Mr. May's story, "The House of Content," was not printed in full. Much of the beauty of the style was thus curtailed. Mr. May is a careful writer, giving much attention to the color and rhythm of words. The Monthly regrets that it was unable to print the story as originally written.

The last issue of the Weekly was put out by the members of the Weekly staff under the supervision of Mr. Merle R. Chessman.