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MISS YARNELL'S DEATH.

The death by drowning of Miss Edna Yarnell last Wednesday evening was a most deplorable accident. Miss Yarnell was a student in the University School of Music and was loved and respected by all who knew her.

The prompt and heroic action of the student who saved Miss Yarnell's companion at the risk of his own life is worthy of the highest commendation.

That the upper part of the millrace is not safe for canoeing by persons who cannot swim was known as well before this accident as afterward. The catastrophe of last Wednesday will however probably deter others from taking risks in what is otherwise a safe and pleasurable pastime.

Since the accident occurred there has been much talk concerning possible solutions of the question of canoeing on the mill race. Some wish to prevent it entirely, some would put a six inch keel on all canoes to prevent sudden upsets and others would prohibit young women and boys under 15 years of age from indulging in the popular pastime. Some have even gone so far as to wish to pass a city ordinance prohibiting canoeing entirely.

To suit all parties and still insure public safety it is essential that something should be done to solve the problem. At the University of Washington the same situation met the students where three students were downed last summer on Lake Washington. As a safeguard a regulation was passed making it a requirement that all canoes on the lake should have two air chambers—one in each end. In some cases a slight keel is used, but

this latter is objected to by many since it makes the canoes harder to handle.

The placing of air chambers in the canoes is a wise precaution and one which seems the solution of the canoe situation. It would be wise for those students vitally interested to suggest this plan at the mass meeting to be held at the court house to consider the boating problem.

THE ANNUAL EDITION.

In keeping with the annual custom instituted several years ago, the present issue of the Oregon Weekly appears edited by a staff selected from among the members of the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations. In addition to the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. news, however, it has been the intention to print as much college news as possible.

Since its organization in 1892, the local organizations, both men's and women's have grown annually until they now take a strong part in the list of student activities at the University of Oregon.

Some people get the mistaken idea that the Y. M. C. A. represents a distinct portion of the student body, which lives and has its pleasures apart from the rest of the college and directs its energies into wholly different channels. A moment's observation should be sufficient to dispel this illusion. The Y. M. C. A. is perhaps the most cosmopolitan and representative organization in the University. And it is in a way the most dependable. We find in all lines of work that the men who do things are Y. M. C. A. members. Taking a birdseye view of a few activities we see eleven association men on the football field, fifteen on the track, thirteen on the Glee Club. Every man representing Oregon in forensics this year is a Y. M. C. A. man. The president of the student body is also a member.

It is not to be denied that the right sort of a Y. M. C. A. man has aspirations and ideas somewhat different from those of other students, but this rather helps than hinders him in his work along other lines of student body activity.

Y. M. C. A. CONFERENCES

Since the gathering of a group of students some years ago at Northfield, Virginia, for a summer conference, the student conference idea has gained wide support both from students and from religious leaders throughout the world. The number and personnel of student conferences annually held in the United States is evidence of the place they have come to fill in the work of student associations. In fact it is not too much to say that the success of student associations in other lands and the consummation of the World's Christian Student Federation has been made possible through the student conferences. The strong leadership, the goodfellowship and the serious meditative work of these conferences are calculated to give students a broader

vision of the world and its opportunities for unselfish service, and to imbue them with a determination to embrace those opportunities.

ANOTHER COMMENDATION

Below is printed a commendation of the University and her work. The Ashland Normal School believes strongly in higher education:

"We, the members of the student body association of the Southern Oregon State Normal school, recognizing the supreme necessity and great importance of our State University in connection with higher education; its relation to all secondary schools of the state, and its general benefit to the state at large, do heartily endorse the bill passed at the last legislature appropriating one hundred and twenty-five thousand (\$125,000) dollars for the maintenance of the State University.

"Therefore, be it resolved, that we do all in our power to have said appropriation sustained by the people at the coming June election.

"(MISS) EMMA SHERWOOD,
"President.
"(MRS.) CLARA CORUM
"Secretary."

IN APPRECIATION.

Elsewhere in this issue, the Weekly announces the gift to the University by Mr. Webster Kincaid, '08, of one hundred or more bound volumes of state and government records. Such generous gifts exemplify the spirit of Oregon students toward their alma mater. Those who take work in the departments of economics and history have especial reason to appreciate Mr. Kincaid's donation. On behalf of these and the institution generally, the Weekly takes this opportunity to thank Mr. Kincaid.

THE ADVISORY BOARD

One of the institutions of the Y. W. C. A. is the advisory board, an organization of women in a college town to help the college association in its work. The University Y. W. C. A. is fortunate in having an active and efficient board. During March and April, the ladies have entertained the girls of the Association with a series of delightful teas, in this way adding greatly to the social life which is one of the aims of the association at large.

JUNIOR BULLETIN.

The editor of the Weekly has been requested to admonish gently those students of the Junior class who have failed to pay their class tax for the publication of the Junior Beaver.

For many reasons the managers of the Beaver have had trouble this year in collecting money and the tardiness of many members of the '09 class has been a source of much worry. To alleviate this trouble and to put the managers of the Beaver into a happy mood once more it is hoped that those members who have failed to do their duty will pay up.