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SOME MISREPRESENTATIONS

Enemies of the University of Oregon have made an attempt to create a prejudice throughout the state against the University and the appropriation bill through a gross misrepresentation of facts. It is asserted with great zeal by these individuals that the University of Oregon hires a football coach at a salary of \$1500, for a little over two months' "instruction." As a matter of fact the University pays not one cent of the coach's salary, the whole amount being paid out of the gate receipts from football games with other colleges. Furthermore the students of the University, in whose hands this matter rests, have never paid \$1500 for a coach.

A second argument being used against the University is, that the increase in the appropriation is 300 per cent per annum. As the University has received \$78,500 for the past two years, it is no difficult problem of mathematics to show that the increase is only 59 per cent. Even if the advance were from \$47,500 to \$125,000, increase would be only a small amount over half of what the enemies of the appropriation bill have asserted.

A third argument used is that the University has shown bad faith in pushing this bill by going to the courts on technicalities. Any one wishing to look up the records will find that the

enemies of the University were the first to appeal to the courts when the Secretary of State refused to file their petitions and that later they carried their case to the Supreme Court. The friends of the University have appealed to the courts only once and then when the title of the bill to come before the people in June was generally admitted to be unjust and misleading.

The examples here given are but instances of the means which are being used to defeat our annual appropriation bill. Students, during the April vacation which commences next Monday should do all in their power to offset these statements which have been circulated all over the state.

THE ATHLETIC OUTLOOK

Oregon's track men made a most commendable showing at Portland Saturday when they won the Indoor Athletic Tournament on the Columbia University indoor track. The close score between Oregon and O. A. C. kept the final result of the meet always in doubt and showed how evenly matched were the aggregations of athletes representing the two institutions.

A very marked change was manifested by the work of the Oregon men on Saturday. The results show very plainly that victory for the Oregon team will not depend this year on the work of a few stars, but that on the other hand the team is decidedly well balanced and capable of picking up many second and third places in addition to a good number of firsts. The work of the new men on Saturday was a noteworthy feature of the meet. In Downs, Seivers and May, Oregon has three new distance men who will prove valuable point winners in future years. Moon, in the sprints, is another valuable man.

On the whole, the Oregon team is well balanced and capable of holding its own with other Northwest Institutions.

The real strength of the base-ball team has not yet been manifested. The game on Saturday, with three of the best men on the squad out, can in no way be regarded as an indication that the Beaver team is weak. The team is practically the same as that of last year with the addition of two strong freshman players, Coleman on third base, and Henkle, in the pitcher's box.

On Thursday and Friday the Oregon nine will meet the ball tossers from Whitman College who have been coached thoroughly in the national game by Gordon B. Frost, Oregon's ex-football coach. Then Oregon's real

strength will show itself and possibilities for the Northwest championship can be better determined.

THE SYRACUSIAN PLAN

Syracuse University has for several years followed out a utilitarian policy in the department of public speaking which has been most effective. The plan at present is to furnish student speakers from the Junior and Senior classes to the towns and cities for miles around, for all kinds of public functions. The results have been beneficial both to the University and to the students who have participated in the public speaking.

Under a system like the above, much benefit can be obtained. If the speakers are carefully chosen and well trained before going out to speak they act as an excellent advertisement for their college and for higher education. From the standpoint of the student speaker the training to be derived from public speech before a strange audience is invaluable. No part of his education, especially if his ambition is to be a professional man, can be more helpful than a few months' experience of this nature.

While the University of Oregon has not as yet adopted any definite policy in this regard, there is no doubt but that this kind of a system has found much favor with the members of the faculty. On Grant's birthday eight upperclassmen from the University will address the public schools of Eugene on the famous civil war general who afterwards become president. Other addresses are planned later on.

If taken seriously and conscientiously the students who take part in this work can derive an untold amount of benefit. The policy started by the University of Syracuse is a good one and the University will be taking a step in the right direction if the plan is fully carried out in Oregon.

While the April vacation lasts students of the University will have a good chance to work for the University appropriation bill.

Much information, totally false in character, has been spread about the state with the result that people who do not keep in touch with the newspapers are to a great extent ignorant of the true facts of the case. These persons, most of them fair-minded, will be only too glad to be disillusioned by students direct from the University. This week will give any student great opportunity to show his ability as a campaigner for his Varsity.