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## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

An interesting article on "Student Body Work" by Earl F. Kilpatrick in the April edition of the Oregon Monthly affords much excellent food for thought. Mr. Kilpatrick has made a statistical study of the number of men and women in college engaged in the different phases of University activity. He finds that the small student body at the University of Oregon carries on practically as many activities as many institutions with five times the enrollment. In debate, in oratory, in scholarship, and on the athletic field, he finds that the records of the University representatives in these various lines will make a most creditable showing.

The fact is clearly pointed out that while Oregon stands pre-eminent in so many lines of student activity that less than half of the students enrolled in the institution have done anything to bring this result about. Only 45½ per cent of the students registered in college are engaged in any work of a nature which can be termed student-body work. 54½ per cent remain indifferent to any enterprises aside from their college course.

Of the four college classes the Juniors naturally are the most active. Only eleven of the male members of this class are not connected with some enterprise. Forty-four important places are held by Junior boys. Fifteen per

cent of the '09 girls are engaged in student enterprises.

Forty-five and one half per cent of the Seniors take part in student activity. Of the Sophomore class 65 per cent of the boys and 11 per cent of the girls are devoting their extra time to the student body. Fifty-two and one-half per cent of the Freshman boys and six and on-third per cent of the girls are identified with student activity.

Student work in the sense as used by the author of this article is taken to mean any one of the following phases of college life—holding a student office, representing the University in any line of student activity or trying for such a place, contributing to student periodicals, or doing any sort of general work for the Associated Students.

"What we need," very wisely says Kilpatrick, "is not more talent; but more use of talent; not more time, but the dedication of more time to the glory of Oregon; not more students, but more work per student."

## STUDENT HARMONY.

The annual student body elections will be held next Wednesday at which officers will be chosen for the coming year. From indications there will be much keen, good natured rivalry over the offices where there is competition. Through it all, however, the best of friendly feeling exists among the candidates.

This year there are no issues to be decided by the election. Statement No. 1, the recall system, or the Columbia River fish bill are out of consideration. The question will resolve itself into a man to man contest. Partisanship and other prejudices will be cast aside. From indications the election will be totally devoid of any personalities or implications.

It is best that it should be so. We should not try to elect men or women to student offices in order that they may represent any faction. The kind of officers we need are men who are broad enough to represent the whole student body, men who have shown that they are fully capable of filling the offices fairly for which they are candidates.

Now in the matter of electioneering a few things should be borne in mind. Sometimes we become so enthused over our friends that we are likely to disparage our "foes" (?). Sometimes there is a desire to "knock," to throw exaggerated insinuations into one's statements. This kind of electioneer-

ing is not worthy of a college student. It is a commendable thing to work strongly for and to praise one's friends; but it is not a commendable characteristic to disparage one's foes by exaggerated statements. Let us all remember that "our friends are usually about half as good as we think they are and that our enemies are usually about half as bad as we deem them."

In electioneering, if it is done, let us be fair and impartial. There never was a time when the University of Oregon needed harmony among her students so much as she does at present. A split, a quarrel among us would be disastrous. Let us forget all personal prejudices in this election and vote purely and simply for the best man. Let us all be broad enough to cast aside individual interest for the good of the University.

## A GOOD EXAMPLE

Many years ago a wise philosopher established as a sure rule of success, the adage, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." For years the old norm has been a household word and a parting message of advice to many a young son just leaving his father's fireside to battle with the world.

Four years ago a freshman strong of arm and determined of nature, entered the University of Oregon. At once he became interested in athletics and during his first year in college was successful through faithful training in winning his "O" in the weight department of the Oregon track team. The next year he continued to train faithfully but was beaten out in the tryouts. With a commendable determination he still continued to train regularly and in his third year once more entered the tryouts. Again he was unsuccessful. This year, his fourth, this man again came to the front in the tryouts and as a result he will accompany the team north on the Eastern Washington trip as second place man in the hammer throw.

Men who are consistent, men who have the true Oregon spirit behind them, such as this man has, are the type who are needed by our University. Not only on our track team is this grim tenacity needed but in all departments of student activity. The man who will "try, try again," is of the type which will succeed not only in college but in the great field of life later on.

Every student should read the list of opinions of the University bill published in the Sunday Register.