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LAUREAN DEBATING SOCIETY

Has Had a Most Prosperous Year— Four Men on Varsity Debating Team

The Laurean Literary society, the oldest in the University, held its last meeting Saturday evening. During the past year the Laurean society has had a most prosperous year. Four members of the organization, Bond, Whealdon, Townsend and Eaton have won places on the Varsity debating teams while the interstate oratorical contest was this year won from Idaho and Washington by a Laurean member, Jesse H. Bond.

In intersociety debate the Laurean Freshman team, although a strong trio, lost to the Philologian Freshmen by a close two to one decision. In the freshman class some remarkably strong material is on hand, who, from all signs, can fully keep up the reputation of the society in years to come.

Debating work in the Laurean society halls has done much to turn out many strong and able men. Among the noted Laureans who have been graduated from the University of Oregon are Judge Lawrence T. Harris, Judge E. O. Potter, and Judge Chas. Moriarty. More recently the leading lights have been no less stars than Clifton (Pat) McArthur, Judge Arthur L. Frazer, Fred Steiwer, '06; Walter C. Winslow, '06; J. B. and T. E. Dodson, '06; and J. R. Latourette, '07. In the past the Laurean society has had good men; in the present she has good men, and in the future she will always have good men.

The final examinations begin next Wednesday and will continue for a week and a half. A number of students will leave as soon as their examinations are over. The boys that go to the Y. M. C. A. conference at the Breakers have been granted special examinations by the Faculty.

Capt. Briggs very generously and willingly cut all the roses that were in bloom to send to our friends in Portland for the Rose Festival last week.

W. S. C. expects to have an enrollment of 1800 students next year.

Girls and Gossip

It is one of the most natural things in the world for girls, when they meet to discuss the good or bad qualities of a friend or acquaintance. To tell of their good qualities, to discuss the reasons or causes for acts of kindness or unkindness, of charity or selfishness is very natural. As we know, comparisons are the most natural and the clearest means of explanation, and it cannot be judged entirely out of place to compare the good traits of one characted with the poorer traits of another and vice versa. This reasoning may not seem just to the enemy of gossip—but it is true, nevertheless.

The real harm done among girls in this manner is that the conversation grows, and appears in a different light when it oversteps the bounds of a friendly chat. The girls must not throw broadcast, what they have been discussing among themselves. If a girl could only learn that if she must repeat, the repetition shall not exceed the original in any manner whatsoever. The tone in which the comment is said and the occasion make all the difference in the world. If girls would remember this it would do more for the lessening of gossip than all the non-gossip clubs that could be formed.

E. Ray Fountain, '07, is renewing old acquaintances at the dormitory as the guest of Harold Merryman.

Norwood R. Charman, the popular captain of basketball has secured a lucrative position for the summer at Los Angeles, Calif.

Cora Thomson, ex-'07, who completed a course in Berkeley in December and has since been doing post-graduate work, passed through Eugene last week on her way to her home at Clackamas, Oregon.

Miss Edith McGeary is expected to arrive in Eugene soon. She will visit Miss Helene Robinson and will remain until after commencement.

Professor Dunn gave high school commencement addresses at Tillamook and Ashland recently.

Miss Pearl Hawthorne went to Portland Wednesday to the Rose Festival.

CLOSES PROSPEROUS YEAR

Philologian Society Has Won Triumph in Oratory and Debate During the Past Year.

Never since the days when literary society allegiance meant more than politics to the University student have the Philos been so prosperous as this year. An increased membership with some exceptionally strong freshmen has enlivened the society.

Bert W. Prescott, '08, has reflected credit upon it by winning the intercollegiate oratorical championship of Oregon. Two well known Philos, Kilpatrick and Nicholas, secured places upon the interstate debate teams. The crowning success of the year was a hard-won victory over the Laurean freshman team. Philologia was represented in this contest by Lee B. Hoisington, Ben E. Beatty, and Chas. W. Robison.

Some of the Philologian alumni have been especially active during the past year in political, educational and professional circles. Allen Eaton and L. R. Alderman have just closed a successful fight for the University appropriation. Henry McKinney has been elected to the legislature, Walter Whittlesey is teaching at Cornell; Frances Galloway in East Portland High School; John Veatch is boosting for Yamhill County; George Goodall is secretary of the Railroad Commission; James Gilbert and I. M. Glen are teaching in the University. Many others are doing valuable work and reflecting honor upon the society.

Registrar Tiffany has received a large number of applications for freshman standing. Several high schools have exhausted their supply of applications, sending for more. Three high schools which have never before sent students will be represented as well as several who have not been represented for several years.

An "outlaw" team defeated the third floor of the dormitory at baseball on Saturday by the close score of 9 to 7.

Billie Williams, '10, is temporarily lame as the result of a slight accident