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FAREWELL ADVICE

The present issue of the Weekly is the last of the year and the last the present editor will ever be connected with. With the present issue the editor closes three years of service on the paper—two as associate editor and one as editor-in-chief. This is the longest time ever served on the Weekly by any student and it is only natural that the retiring editor should look forward to a rest from the arduous duties of the paper.

The editor puts down his pen for good with mingled feelings of relief and pleasure; relief to be free from the cares of the hardest job in college and pleasure in realizing that the Weekly will next year be guided by such a conscientious and truly capable writer as Mr. Earl F. Kilpatrick who has been unanimously elected to fill the office.

That the new editor will be a credit to the paper and the paper next year a credit to him goes without saying. Never was the Oregon Weekly in better hands than will guide its career in 1908-9. To the new editor and his staff the present staff wishes the best of success in their efforts to put out the best paper Oregon ever had.

Before closing his newspaper career, however, the writer has some few parting suggestions yet to make. From the work done by the women of the University all year and judging from the excellence of the recent women's edi-

tion of the Weekly, it is evident that the feminine students of the Varsity are becoming more of a power in the University and for this reason should by all means be united into one large body. The Associated Women Students of the University of Oregon would be a fit name for the new organization. Our sister institutions, Washington on the north and California on the south both have a women's organization and find it an excellent institution. At present, girls at Oregon are hampered when any line of work is taken up by them because there is no nominal head to assume charge of matters and no one likes to step forward and take the initiative. The recent edition of the Weekly would have been put out much earlier in the year if there had been a women's organization to take charge of it sooner. The women can be a still greater factor in the University and will be if united into one big organization. The new association would not in any way bar women from the regular student body; but would merely for convenience give them an organization of their own.

Many institutions have an annual women's day. The time seems scarcely ripe for this at Oregon; but it is a good thing to keep in mind. Until this tradition is established at Oregon it will be wise for the women to continue putting out an annual women's edition of the Weekly; but it should be put out several weeks earlier hereafter than it was this year.

Speaking of special editions—they are a good thing. Almost every one causes a great deal of comment outside of the University and hence much free advertising is done. There is one more special edition which should become an annual custom. This is an edition by the engineers. At many institutions the engineers have a separate paper of their own; but as we already have two papers at Oregon this would be unwise. A special annual edition telling of the practical work done by our students in Civil, Electrical, Mining, Mechanical and Chemical engineering would be a very valuable addition to the list of annual special editions.

By all means Oregon should have a band next year. This matter was agitated to some extent last Fall, but was let drop. A number of excellent musicians will enter college next Fall who, combined with the nucleus already at hand can compose a band of musicians of which the University can be justly proud.

Oregon may as yet be a trifle small

for a co-operative store; but it will not be many years till students in the departments at Eugene can run one to advantage. Such establishments have proved paying propositions at other colleges.

Debaters and orators should next year be given good "O's" for representing the University. Oregon is one of the few Universities in the West which does not follow this custom. The granting of the emblem would stimulate young debaters as well as old and would result in more competition for places and more victories in forensics for Oregon.

The last suggestions of the year are now offered. The retiring editorial staff wish to thank all friends who have supported the paper for their good will; we wish to thank the manager of the Oregon Weekly for many favors rendered and our advertisers for prompt response to the financial needs of the paper. With best wishes for the future of the University of Oregon and of the Weekly we say Farewell.

A PARTING HOWL

In all the various phases of college activity at the University of Oregon there is not a student official who does so much work and receives so little credit for his labors as does the editor of the Oregon Weekly. His position is the only one demanding a great amount of work which lasts during the entire year. Not only during either the Spring, the Fall, or the Winter must he devote all his energy to the cause of the students but every seven days during the entire college year he must bear the responsibility of producing all the college news of the week and editing his paper. Never is there a Monday during sessions in either semester when the editor is not tied down to his paper.

For all his labors this individual receives neither college credit from the faculty nor a salary from the students. Therefore from the standpoint of pure justice it is only natural that the matter should have a claim upon the attention of both faculty and students. If the subject be fully discussed in the spirit of absolute fairness it is quite possible that a remedy for the situation may be found that will bring the editor-in-chief something more than his hard earned "honor."

The question of giving college credit for work done on college publications is not a new one. Practically all colleges have at one time or another had the proposition to decide. Today in the majority of the educational insti-