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FRESHMAN DRESS

Many university student-bodies in various parts of the United States have this year established rules governing freshman dress. Some of the rules take the form of prohibition, forbidding freshmen to wear numerals, derbies, or "glad rags" of any kind. Others prescribe the wearing of certain articles, as caps of a certain pattern. The movement seems to be caused by a desire to "keep the freshman in his place." Washington maintains that there has grown up at that institution a class of "freshman bullies," big, self-important freshmen who disregard university traditions, and trample upon the rights of upper-classmen. At O. A. C. it is a custom for under-classmen not to wear white collars.

Fortunately none of these rules are in force, or need to be made, at Oregon. Aside from several salutary and harmless customs regarding the wearing of caps and corduroys, no rules are in force. The freshman class is the best dressed class in college, because its members have not yet felt the drain of college expenses upon their resources. The Oregon student is a good freshman and a good upper-classman. He does not need to be branded to be kept good.

LIBRARY IMPROVED

Mr. M. Hale Douglas, the new librarian, has arrived and is laying out his plans for increasing the usefulness and efficiency of the library. On account of the lack of funds this department of the University has been somewhat cramped in the past, but now the prospects for its development in the future are extremely bright.

During the summer a great deal of work was done in preparing the libra-

ry for use. The building was wired for electric lighting, many of the periodicals were arranged and sent to the bindery, many new ones were bought for the coming year, and books to the number of 250 were purchased. These books cover the departments of Education, English Literature, Psychology, Greek, German, Physics, Biology, and Civil, Electrical and Mining Engineering. Orders are now in for large numbers of books in most of the other departments. Many sets of reference books are needed and will be obtained soon. It is the intention of the library authorities to spend sixteen thousand dollars per year from now on for the purpose of buying books sufficient to give the University a fine library in the course of a few years.

YELL CONTEST

Yells and songs in considerable number have been submitted in the prize contest, but the committee is by no means satisfied with the quality of the offerings. The expected yell, the one that is to drown the noise of the Corvallis thousands at Portland, has not yet appeared. And the prize awaits the man who can produce it. Students do not seem fully to realize the imperative need for good yells and songs. The dearth of material for Loosley's canaries is appalling. This is meant seriously. If Oregon is to hold its own on the bleachers, new yells and songs must be found. They must be short, snappy, and alive. They must pulsate with Oregon spirit. Assurance has been given that the prize will be increased to seventeen dollars and a half by the Associated Students. Anyone who can write Spencerian verse in English Literature class, ought to be able to write a yell. The contest will probably close Friday. All offerings should be in at once.

TIME TO GET TO WORK

Material on the income tax from the Oregon Library Commission will soon be in the library at the disposal of candidates for debate. A great deal of material on the subject may be found in the books and periodicals already in the library. Now is the time for everyone who aspires to be an inter-state debater to read up on the question. Freshmen will find the librarian, and Mr. Eliot, the coach, willing and ready to assist them in locating material. Oregon has a championship in debate to pick up this year just as surely as she has one to regain in football. Idaho and Washington are both primed on the income tax question, so only thorough preparation will avail against them. Six places are open to competition and will go to those who best deserve them.

THE BARRETT CUP

John Barrett, Director of the Bureau of American Republics, who spoke in Villard Hall last Wednesday evening, offered, during the course of his remarks, a cup as a trophy of the foot-

ball championship of the Northwest. The cup is to become the property of the first of the three state universities of Idaho, Washington, and Oregon to win it twice. Thus the ownership of the cup may be settled in two years, and will not be in doubt longer than four years. Mr. Barrett offers the cup as a token of his interest in the universities of the Pacific Northwest. Mr. Barrett is a graduate of an eastern institution, but is a firm believer in the future of western institutions of learning.

GERMAN CLUB IN PROSPECT

"Sprechen Sie Deutsch?" For those who can answer this question affirmatively, an opportunity of linguistic development is soon to be offered in the form of a German Club. Students who have had two years of German will be eligible to membership. Dr. Schmidt, who will chaperone the new club, announces that no credit will be given toward graduation for work in the club. It is for those who wish to improve their knowledge of things German. Only German will be spoken at meetings; plays and readings will be given in German; German songs and games will be sung and played. Further particulars are expected next week.

The first rains of the year make apparent the need for more wrap-racks in every hall of the University. The need is most evident in Villard and in the Library.

The editor of every literary society and other organization contributing news to the Weekly should have a style sheet. It may be obtained from the editor.

Bert W. Prescott, '08, has been appointed alumni editor of the Weekly.

A. F. Kerr has returned to the University from his surveying work along the Oregon coast.

Eugene Hurlburt has returned to college.

Raymond H. Wood re-entered the University last week.

Mrs. Oberteuffer, of Portland, visited at the Beta Epsilon house and attended the alumni game.

Candidates for the football team at Carlisle sport the following distinctive cognomens: Harry Cries-for-ribs, David She-Bear, Napoleon Bear, Joseph Two-hearts, and Moses Friday. This on the authority of the Idaho Argonaut.

Harvard will this year grant the degree M. B. A., Master of Business Administration.

Purdue gives all wearers of the "P" a season ticket to all athletic events.

Hundreds of college students have been called into service in the Philippines to fight the cholera epidemic.

Idaho and W. S. C. will debate in the near future on the question of the guarantee of bank deposits.

Idaho has secured an assistant football coach, especially for the second team.