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**EMPLOY FOOTBALL METHODS****Debaters Will Form a Squad and Train Regularly Twice Each Week**

Football methods will be introduced in preparation for debate this year, if plans discussed at a debaters' meeting on Thursday afternoon are carried out. The meeting was called by Mr. Samuel Eliot, assistant in psychology and public speaking, who is to have charge of the debate work this year. A large number of freshmen and a few upper-classmen attended the meeting. The plan suggested by Mr. Eliot and approved by those present, was for the body of debate aspirants to form a squad, much like the football squad, from which men for teams would be chosen. Membership in this squad would be voluntary and aspirants for teams need not belong although it would be best for them to do so. The squad would take the form of a volunteer class in debate, using some good text book, and meeting twice a week. Most of the work would be of a more or less theoretical nature, but all theory would be given practical application in the meetings of the literary societies, of which all men on the squad would of course be members. As soon as men are appointed on society weekly debates, they would prepare working briefs of their aspects of the question, which would be submitted to Coach Eliot for a helpful criticism. The idea as stated is not to establish a censorship over the literary societies but to aid those members of the societies who wish to develop in the knowledge of the theory and practice of debate with the aim of representing the University in forensic contests.

The coach emphasized the fact that there will be very few experienced debaters in college next year and that a large squad will simplify the work of the coach who will next year have to develop a team largely from green material.

Just who will have charge of the new class is a matter of doubt, but it is possible that the work of supervision will be divided between Mr. Eliot and Dr. H. D. Sheldon.

The debaters at the meeting voted to recommend to the committee of the student-body on Oratory and Debate that the first preliminary tryout for the interstate debate be held on Saturday, December 12, which recommendation will probably be followed.

**TEAM HAS GONE ON AHEAD****Will Recuperate Between Games at the Coast—Are all in Fine Condition**

Coach Robert W. Forbes took the Oregon football team to Portland on the noon train Thursday. Assistant Manager Whittlesey went with the men, as Manager McEwen wished to stay in Eugene and take care of the excursion on Saturday. The men who went Thursday were Captain Fred C. Moulten, Dudley Clark, Louis Pinkham, "Sap" Latourette, Wm. Kiltz, McKinlay, Wm. Main, Lester Means, Walter McIntire, "Brick" Michael,

**THOMAS R. TOWNSEND, '09****President of Student-Body, who Presided at Assembly Wednesday**

Ben Chandler, Victor Voigt, Verner A. Gilles, Ralph M. Dodson, Leland Hurd, Hickson, Sullivan, Trainer Hayward, Coach Forbes and assistant manager Whittlesey.

Practise will be had on Multnomah Field. Between games the men will be taken to the sea-coast to recuperate.

The Oregon team is in prime condition, full of fighting spirit and is prepared to give O. A. C. a hard rub. Coach Forbes is confident of victory. Norcross has been having secret practise at O. A. C. and some new plays are expected from the Aggies which may puzzle the Varsity men for a while.

**FINAL INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN****Oregon Rooters Make Final Arrangements for Portland Game at Assembly**

Last Assembly hour was given over to the student-body for a final instruction meeting prior to the O. A. C. game.

President Campbell was the first speaker. He advised the students to take victory in a gracious spirit and if defeated, not to be downcast in the time of adversity.

Ralph McEwen and Professor Glen exhorted the students to be loyal and go to Portland in a body, not in little squads. In this way a much stronger impression would be made. "No loyal supporter of the University will go to Portland on any but the excursion train," was the general opinion.

The climax of the meeting came when Mr. "Eugene" Hartog was called upon to speak. Those who heard him were treated to a rare exhibition of eloquence which they will never forget. Claiming to be like John the Baptist, a bearer of good tidings, he assured them of his confidence of success and of his faith in the team. Incidentally, he paid a rare tribute to the Oregon student-body which, he said, had the best esprit-de-corps he had ever seen, either in America or in Europe. If the people of Eugene would stay behind them, such a spirit could never be defeated.

Plans for the Portland demonstration, in charge of Arthur Van Dusen, were discussed. The parade will leave the Portland Hotel at one o'clock, and will contain nearly every automobile in the city. The University supporters have reserved one section of the grandstand for the Oregon rooters, and another contiguous to it for the co-eds. A committee of thirty-six students was appointed to decorate the special excursion train which leaves Saturday morning at 7:10.

The yells and songs in Loosley's "hymn book" which have been reserved especially for this game, will be used.

A large brass band will accompany the excursionists and sit in the rooter's section at the game.

No rally was held in Eugene as the team went on ahead and everyone was busy with preparations for the trip. The demonstration in Portland however, will approach the nature of a rally. The time is one o'clock, the place, the Portland Hotel. No girl.