

STUDENTS TO JUDGE DEBATES

Men of Interstate Experience Will go to Eastern Oregon to Judge League Debates

An innovation in the manner of selecting judges for the state interscholastic debating league has been proposed this year by Professor J. A. Churchill of Baker City. The scheme is to use men in this capacity who have been members of the University of Oregon forensic teams and to have the same set of judges for a series of debates between the various high schools in each district. Thus far only the Eastern Oregon district has accepted the system, but it is probable that the other three districts may follow suit.

Under the regulations of the debating league the final debate of the interscholastics is held annually at the University of Oregon. A cup presented by the Oregon regents is awarded to the winning trio at this contest. Professor Ezekiel E. DeCou is secretary of the league and the University of Oregon is the foster-father of the whole scheme.

The new plan as proposed by director Churchill will more than ever cement the league to the University of Oregon. The matter of selecting judges for the high school debates has always been a ticklish proposition. It is difficult to get men for these positions who are either unbiased or unprejudiced and when such men can be secured as a rule they are unwilling to serve in such a capacity.

Oregon men, who have weekly training in the matter of hearing and judging debates, are well qualified to act as judges. The fact that the high schools of Eastern Oregon have selected Oregon men is a great compliment to our students.

Four debates will be judged in one week as follows: Ontario vs. Baker City at Ontario, January 5; LaGrande vs. Elgin at LaGrande, January 6; Cove vs. Island City at Cove, January 7; Union vs. Pendleton at Pendleton, January 8. The men who have been proposed and from which there will be selected to make the trip are Jesse H. Bond, '09; Thos. R. Townsend, '09; John R. Latourette, '07; Walter C. Winslow, '06.

Voucher System Instituted

Financial troubles of the sophomores are over, say the members of that class. Lax methods will no longer prevail. Vouchers must be filed for all money drawn, and an auditing committee will scrutinize closely all financial records. Such was the will of the class at its meeting last week.

The Syracuse glee club takes its trip during the Thanksgiving vacation.

Minnesota will this year give college credit for work in the dramatic club.

The sophomore girls at Michigan force the freshman co-eds to wear green sunbonnets.

The sororities at Iowa have voted down the barn dance.

Eleven Dollars for Stories

Ruth Hansen, editor of the Oregon Monthly, announces a prize story contest. First prize is seven dollars and a half, and second prize, three dollars and a half. The contest closes January 12 and is open to all students not members of the Monthly staff. It is similar to the contest of last year, except that two prizes are offered instead of one. Judges for the contest will be chosen by the editor from the staff. All stories submitted will be considered the property of the Oregon Monthly, and all stories of merit will be published. Stories may be of any length, although three thousand words should generally be the extreme maximum limit. Stories with college atmosphere are preferred, but the nature of the stories is in no way dictated.

Walter Eaton, '09, won the contest last year.

Clever Calendar

"Christening Cap. Briggs' Duck Pond" is only one of a number of interesting and original cartoons from the pen of Willis LeMasters, which appear in the new University calendar, published last week. Good half tones of all the fraternity houses, and of the more prominent organizations appear. A calendar of this sort has never before been published here. The sale has already run into the hundreds. Many fellows are getting several, as they make ideal Christmas presents. A. S. Trew, the originator of the calendar, will have them on sale in Villard Hall on Tuesday from 8:45 to five o'clock in the afternoon.

Improvements at Dorm

Men of the Dormitory are happy. The new dance floor has at last been laid in the spacious reception room. The reception room will be divided in two parts by a temporary partition, as it is too large to be cozy. The partition will be easily removed whenever the floor is desired for dancing.

Telephones will soon be installed on all three floors of the building, say the authorities. Lights are now on until 12:15 o'clock instead of eleven as formerly, which is an innovation appreciated by the studious Dorm men. A series of pleasant parties are in prospect. It is possible that an opening entertainment will be given during Christmas vacation.

Robison is Editor

Sophomores met on Thursday last, and elected "Oregana" officers. Charles W. Robison was unanimously elected editor-in-chief, while Mr. Ray Walsh received the majority over Ralph Cronise for the managership.

This early election will enable them not only to spend a great deal of time gathering material, but also give them opportunity of gaining pointers from this year's "Oregana" officers.

CARNIVAL IS IN PROSPECT

Novel Idea for Evening of Merrymaking may be Suggested to Junior Class

"Week-end Carnival" may be a source of amusement to friends and students of the University on the second Thursday in next May, if the ideas of some enterprising students are indorsed by the junior class. Week-end carnival, say those who have planned it, would simply be a miniature "Trail" or "Pay-streak," which would be strictly of a college nature and would be held on Kincaid Field on Thursday evening. Concessions would be sold, or granted, as in any carnival, and a feature would be clever take-offs on college life with enough local allusions of a harmless nature to add a high degree of interest. Some of the concessions might be of such character as to set the needs, or the advantages, or the possibilities of the University before visitors in a graphic and striking manner. Such are the somewhat vague plans of those who are considering the advisability of suggesting the idea. Similar carnivals are held in other colleges. Just how well one would succeed as part of the program of the junior week-end is a matter that has not yet been seriously considered. The only available time would be Thursday night, as Friday evening is given over to the Junior Exhibition and Saturday night to the Junior Prom. The proceeds of the carnival could be given, say to its promoters, to the general student body fund and thus incidentally furnish a substantial source of revenue.

Cross Country Men Try Out

Cross-country tryouts were held Friday and Saturday by the juniors, sophomores and freshmen. The personell of the senior team will be decided without tryout. In the finals each class will have five representatives. The winning five in the junior tryout were Z. Riddell, captain, first; Claude Downing, second; H. C. Leonard, third; Roy K. Terry, fourth and Clarence A. Steele, fifth. The five freshmen to qualify are Reynolds, captain, Garrabrandt, W. Schumacher, Davis and Kelly. In the sophomore tryout C. A. Downs, captain, finished fifth, but was evidently able if it had been necessary to take a much better place. J. V. Rast, a dark horse, won first in good style followed by Harris, Keenan, Hoover and Downs.

C. A. Dalzell and Roy K. Terry are recently appointed members of the staff of Oregana, 1909. Other appointments will be announced soon.

O. A. C. will probably send a regiment of cadets to the Seattle exposition. The idea was suggested by the recent demonstration in Portland.

Mucklestone, a freshman, has been elected captain of the football team of the University of Washington.