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SEEING STARS

They say that a man at the bottom of a mine shaft can see the stars at mid-day. But the extent of his horizon is a little patch of sky.

University training is supposed to give breadth of mental horizon, yet often it consists in a deep and narrow delving which may yield richly in the gold of truth, but robs the delver of the fuller day.

There is something sublime in the unconscious sacrifice of those who thus give up the full day for a tiny bit of sky, who choose rather to work a small vein of knowledge or endeavor for what it may yield, than aimlessly and pleasurably to prospect over the entire field. Much of the sublimity of the sacrifice is lost when the delver begins to assert that the bit of blue above him is the whole expanse of heaven; that the star that feebly assists his candle is the bright sun of truth, by which all the motions of the planets are to be explained.

The misfortune would seem to be not that he delves deeply and shuts himself out from the full enjoyment of the upper air—that is, sacrifice and praiseworthy endeavor—but that he forgets that there is a wider world with a brighter day and other toilers even as himself with other stars to guide.

If the student specializes as soon as he enters the University, his attention is apt to be so centered on his chosen work that he never gets a realization of the vast extent of the other fields about him, or the worthiness of the efforts and aims of other workers.

There can be no stronger argument

than this for general culture courses.

The engineer who derides English training, and yet cannot spell correctly; the Economics student who belittles the effort of the engineer; the professor who concedes no virtue to courses other than his own; all these have either never looked carefully and thoughtfully about them or have forgotten the revelation that was theirs before they narrowed their effort.

This would not say that many of the greatest contributions to human lore and happiness have not come from men of narrow horizon. Men of one idea, of single aim are prophets and teachers and reformers and patriots. Men who recognize no other aim and no other idea but the one for which they work, are bigots and fanatics. The first four are products worthy a university. They are the ones that carry with them into the bowels of the earth the remembrance and appreciation of the bright sun and the busy toilers above.

Men sometimes think that the university is achieving the complete appreciation of the total of human endeavor because of the broad spirit of tolerance which, they say, pervades college circles. There, they say, every man's politics is unquestioned, his religious belief respected, his ideas on any subject given courteous hearing.

Yet indifference explains these phenomena as well as tolerance. A man's opinions and beliefs and ideas are unquestioned, not because they are realized as coordinate with one's own, as the effort of another according to his light, but because they are a matter of indifference. Tolerance which would be praiseworthy on the basis of mutual appreciation, is not so when grounded on a degree of self appreciation that causes anything concerning another to pale into insignificance in the shadow of that which is one's own.

The Japanese style of photography and painting of landscapes is to have some comparatively small object, as a tree, occupy the entire foreground, with the accompaniment of rivers and mountains in the background. The view of the realm of culture attained by him who persistently specializes from the start of his college career may be likened to the Japanese picture with the background left out.

If the American university is to give to the nation a better type of men and women than it has heretofore had, their superiority will lie in the fact that while possessing the ability and the inclination to delve deep to the hiding places of secret truth, they have yet had the vision of the wide field that enables them to appreciate the labors of others in the right perspective, and to link their effort into the eternal purpose.

FORTY UNPAID

"Forty students have not yet paid their subscriptions," says Manager Dean Goodman. "Receipts are now ready for those who wish to square their accounts before the year is over."

"My phone number is Red 5501 and my address the Delta Alpha house."

Bean Holds Several Records

Ormond R. Bean, manager of track and baseball, who closed his season with the O. A. C. meet and the ball games yesterday is the first and only man to hold two separate and distinct managerships in University athletics at the same time. He has given both teams as many games and meets as they or anyone else could wish and has come out nearly even with the finances according to an unofficial report, every cent of his receipts and expenditures being covered by vouchers as has never before been the case. This in itself is quite a record considering the fact that this is the first year that Oregon has ever had a paid coach for baseball and also that the team has played about two games a week all through the season and that baseball here is not yet a paying proposition. Then for the first time in the history of the University all of the suits and bats are under lock and key. Bean has also elected more captains than any other manager having presided at the election of four and voted on one other.

Clarke Captain of Baseball

Oregon will be led in baseball next year by Dudley Clarke, '10, also football captain. He was elected Saturday.

Clarke has been handicapped this year by having to play on the infield, whereas his real position is in the outfield and it is there of course that he shows up to the best advantage. Clarke until this year has always done good work in the outfield and next year he should be a tower of strength for Oregon.

The final game in the fraternity league series was played last Saturday between the teams from the Dormitory and the Kappa Sigma house and resulted in a victory for the Kappa Sigmas. The features of the game were the pitching of Hickson, the work of Dobie at short and in the box and the number of two base hits during the game. After the game the winning team was given the cup offered by the management of the Midnight Doughnut.

Bill Hayward will coach the Multnomah track team this summer for the P. N. A. and A. A. U. meets. Huston and Hawkins will probably run with the club in the sprints and hurdles, Davis will enter the distances and Henry McKinney, '06, will go into the weights in one of the meets.

R. R. Poppleton, '06, has returned to his home in Portland after a brief visit in Eugene on his way home from San Francisco. Mr. and Mrs. Poppleton made the trip from Portland to San Francisco in their auto.

Roy Keats Terry, '09, and William G. Dunlap, '12, spent Saturday night camping out in the woods beyond Thurston.

If you are one of the delinquent forty Dean Goodman wants to see you.