

Rhodes Scholar From Oregon City Tells Ways Of English University

WORCESTER COLLEGE, OXFORD, ENGLAND.—(Editor of the Enterprise.)—For some time I have wanted to write your paper a few impressions of Oxford, but the press of various duties—pleasant and otherwise, has crowded out an opportunity for such.

To the average Rhodes scholar Oxford is a much more pleasing topic to write on in his second term than in his first. (I might explain that the academic year is divided into three terms of about eight weeks each) for in his first term he is continually oppressed with the general newness of things, and the awkwardness of being placed in the midst of an English University when fresh from an American University where one enjoys so much freedom.

To illustrate how one's freedom is hedged about here, all the colleges, 22 in number, composing the U. of Oxford, are surrounded by high walls surmounted with spirals of iron spikes, and these are supposed to be (and are, except to a few experts) an effective barrier to anyone entering or going out. The gates of the colleges are closed at 9:15 P. M., after which time no undergraduate can leave college, and if he be out after that hour he is subjected to a fine, depending in amount on the hour of his return. But everyone is supposed to be within college at midnight, and if one should transgress that rule, he would probably be "sent down" (slang for "canned"). If he had not a previous excuse from the Dean, then every undergraduate is supposed to wear his gown when out of college in the evening, and if he be so unfortunate as to be caught by the Proctors, (known as "Progs"), whose duties are to patrol the city searching into various and sundry places for students conducting themselves in any manner improperly, he will be fined five shillings. If at any time a student be found smoking with his gown on, he will be fined the same amount. Then one must always wear his gown when going to lectures, or going to a Don (faculty member) for tutoring, etc.

No student is allowed to frequent any public house, (saloon, etc.) at any time, or be in restaurants, hotels and billiard halls after 10 o'clock P. M., and if any student be caught talking with a girl he will be fortunate if he escapes so holistic decapitation. These latter rules are very good in themselves, but can be carried to absurd lengths. For instance, one of the Rhodes men from the States, who came over this year, and whose character, I may say, is quite above reproach had been to a theatre, and while waiting outside after the show for his companions to come out, he merely displayed his Southern gallantry in a social amenity to a young lady in passing, but was seen by a proctor and suspected of an ulterior motive, and, as a result, was summoned before the head proctor to be dealt with severely. On statement of the facts, and in consideration of the fact that he was an American, hence unfamiliar with the customs here, he was "let off" with a fine of 1 pound (\$4.96) and "gated" (not allowed to be out of college after 3:00 P. M.) for the rest of the term (3 weeks).

Naturally an American is, on the whole, "bored" with such regulations. In fact, few of the Americans wear their gowns in the evenings, preferring to take their chances with the "progs" and pay the "five bob" when caught than to submit to the regulation. There is a good story here of how an American was caught out one night without his gown. The steps of Queens college are supposed to be neutral territory, and the proctor cannot get you if you are on them. This chap was caught near these steps and hastened to take his position on the steps. The proctor thought he wouldn't be outdone, and knew that this student would have to leave before twelve, as she would have to be in college that hour, so he, the proctor, decided to camp on the steps and wait for the American to leave, when he would get him. So both parties stuck it out, each eyeing the other cunningly. When the clock reached about one minute to twelve the American walked complacently up the steps and entered the college gate at the head of the steps (being member of Queens

college) much to the chagrin of the proctor, who didn't think he was being "raged" all that time. I do not, however, wish to criticize such regulations, for they were made for our English brethren and not for us Americans. The question is often asked: "Do the Rhodes scholars get into the life of Oxford?" From my knowledge and observation I can positively say that they do, both in scholarship and athletics. It was only last year that the Oregon won here at Worcester—won a great scholastic distinction by taking a first in "Greats" (Latin, Greek, philosophy, etc.) and it is true that the scholarship of the Rhodes men is far above the average of the Englishmen. Perhaps you have noted that last autumn in the freshmen sports (track work) the Rhodes men from different parts took 63 1/2 out of a possible 72 points, and of those the Americans took 43. This was so notorious that action was taken by the athletic board and Rhodes men were barred from entering the freshmen sports in future. At Worcester college here there are five Rhodes men, two third-year and three first-year men. All of these have taken very active part in the college and varsity athletics, varying from the varsity boxing team and sports team to the college Rugby team, or tennis team, or rowing crew. At present rowing is the all absorbing topic, and in about two weeks the Torpids (or toggers) will be rowed. I have the good fortune to be in the first crew, the college boat, along with another Rhodes man (from California). Each of the colleges enters one Toggler (boat of 8 men) in the races and a few of the largest colleges enter two Toggles. The Toggles are rowed on fixed seats, and the "elights" in the summer term are rowed on sliding seats. The races are rowed on the Thames (known as Oxford as the Isis) and on first sight of that river you would wonder whether truly a boat race could be rowed on it as here it is about one-third as wide as the Willamette at the suspension bridge. The arrangement is as follows: The boats are divided into three divisions, there being about 30 boats in all (some colleges having two toggles) and the first seven of the races of the boats in the third division (numbers 20 to 30). They are lined up in their order, with about fifty yards of open space between each boat. The object is for each boat to try and "bump" the one ahead of it—i. e., to literally strike its bow against the stern of the boat ahead, (except the leading boat which, of course, tries to "row over"—keep from being bumped. When any boat bumps the one ahead of it those two boats pull over to the side and are out of the fight for that day—in other words the boat that made the bump went up one place. After the third division has finished the second division races, and then the first. This process is continued for six days. Thus a boat might go six places if it were sufficiently good and not too near the top of the first division. The most interesting part of the rowing season to the crew is the training, which is as follows: Get up at 7:30 a. m. (dragged out by the cox), take a run, and then a cold shower; at 8:20 a huge supper (breakfast) is indulged in, (all the crew men eating together). At the expense of different men in college, sets of two men taking it upon themselves to furnish the breakfast; a list of which is allowed after which we take a cold shower at the baths on the river, and have "tea" which consists of one cup of tea and two "dog biscuits." At 7:00 in the evening we all eat together at the training table and another hunky meal is served. At 10:30 it is the duty of the cox to see that we are all in bed. Of course no smoking is allowed, or drinking of strong drinks. As a result the men are wonderfully fit when the races come off. I think I have dilated sufficiently on this topic for the present, to exhaust your space as well as my time. Spare time is even scarcer in training season than at other. G. BERNARD NOBLE.

NEW SHIPS FOR COAST ORDERED

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TWO BOUND OVER TO GRAND JURY

GIBSON AND BISSELL ARE RELEASED ON BAIL AFTER FIRST HEARING

TELL STORY OF AURORA-CANBY TRIP Jug, Filled With Brandy, Alcohol and Water—Two Drinks of Beer Caused all Trouble, Says Gibson

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