



IS WILLAMETTE READY TO ENTER THE CONFERENCE

Question Must be Decided Within the Next Few Days.

MANAGERS TO MEET IN PORTLAND, DECEMBER 5

Many Arguments Advanced for Taking Step at This Time—Poor Schedule of Last Two Seasons, Big Argument for Joining.

WHAT THE NORTHWEST CONFERENCE IS.

 The Northwest College Conference is composed of the following colleges: University of Idaho, Washington State College, Whitman College, University of Washington, University of Oregon and Oregon Agricultural College. It was established for the purpose of enforcing higher standards of eligibility on athletes representing the various colleges, and for the secondary purpose of convenience in arranging schedules. The conference agreement provides for certain scholarship standards, a limit of four years' service to a man in any branch of sport, high school graduation or equivalent before one may represent a college, one year's residence before a man who has represented one college may represent another, the ineligibility of an athlete who has received money for athletic work, and various minor matters. The conference agreement makes no reference to the making of schedules. For convenience, however, the representatives of the conference colleges meet once each year to make their schedules for the year as well as to make any changes thought advisable.

BY PAUL T. HOMAN.
 President of the "W" Club.
 "Shall Willamette enter the Conference?" is at present the most discussed question on the campus among those who have the athletic interests of Willamette at heart. It is especially urgent at this time, for it must be settled before the 5th of December, when the representatives of the conference colleges meet at Portland in their annual session.

Among all who take enough interest in the proposition to express an opinion, the sentiment in favor of joining seems to be unanimous. At a meeting of the "W" club last week, every wearer of the varsity emblem expressed himself in favor of Willamette's taking her place where the merit of her athletic teams entitles her to be, among the conference colleges. This sentiment, practically unanimous on the campus, and backed up by the recent alumni and friends of university athletics, among citizens of Salem, seems practically to assure Willamette's entrance this year.

For the benefit of those who do not understand the situation thoroughly, it is not out of place here briefly to analyze the situation.

Willamette is occupying a peculiar situation in Northwest athletics. Rising from the slump of a few years ago, she has for the past four years put out teams in three major sports which were on a par with those of most of the conference colleges. The advance has been so rapid that until last year the subject of entering the conference was not pushed for fear that a slump was due to follow. The slump, how-

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THE CRITERIONS AND ADELPHIANS HOLD JOINT

Interesting Program Given Before Large Gathering Last Wednesday Evening.

Last Wednesday evening the Criterions and Adelprians met in the chapel. A good, well-planned program was given. Roll call was answered by suggestions to the program committee. Miss Helen Goltz played a mandolin solo which was much appreciated. Percy Dawe gave a very interesting and intelligent book review, "The Bible in Spain." Following this was a piano solo by Miss Cox and a violin solo by Miss McMully. The debate upon the question, "Resolved that a Business Course Should be Maintained in all High Schools," was well prepared and rendered. The affirmative was upheld by Armstrong and Lyons, the negative by Harper and Bled. The negative side won, largely, owing to Harper's persuasion. The meeting adjourned after a sort parliamentary practice, led by Miss Clark.

Dr. Sweetland will get Dobie's goat yet. Join the conference and give him a chance.

That bell. Won't some martyr do something?

SENIORS ELEVEN MAKE PROGRESS

Gilkey and Mills Strong Contenders for Fullback Position.

"Nothing to say" was all that could be extracted from Ben Neustal, coach of the Senior Football Team, when consulted as to the strength of the '14 aggregation. This reticence of the coach and the air of mystery which generally pervades the atmosphere around the upperclassmen leads us to suspect that some dark horses are lined up.

The Affiliated Senior Class—Laws, Theologues and Arts combined—will most certainly make a formidable aggregation.

Whether Baldy Mills will be full as usual or will be beaten out by Frex Gilkey, who is now at that part, is yet to be decided. In either case, Austin and Heist will be on guard. Both half-back positions are crowded with contestants, but the last season's training of Penn and Shorty Tallman in these positions, make them the most promising candidates. Proebstal's knowledge of the game has won for him the position of quarter-back, while both Baker and Riley are promising candidates for the center of attraction. Murray Wheat and Sherwood are contesting for the left tackle position, while Allen of the Theologues, has right tackle clinched. Alford, a recruit from the Aggies, and secretly Coach Neustal's favorite, will probably play at right end, while several Laws are fighting for the left end position.

With the line plunging and kicking of Mills, and the brilliant defensive work of the guards at breaking up plays, the upperclassmen have a team, offensive and defensive, which bids fair to win the inter-class championship.

SENIORS DECIDE ON DESIGN FOR THEIR CLASS PIN

Will Have Same Insignia on Both Ring and Pin—May Take Choice.

HOPE THAT SEAL WILL BECOME OFFICIAL ONE

Miss Esther Plumer Is Designer of Emblem—To Have Class Number and Beaver in Center, Surrounded By Words, "Willamette University"

At the recent meeting, the senior class decided upon the design for the class ring, accepting the one presented by Miss Esther Plumer, chairman of the ring committee. The seal will be of gold, with the inscription "Willamette University" and the class numerals in Roman figures about the edge. The center will contain the figure of the beaver, just like that on the University seal. The design has been chosen with the hope that succeeding classes will adopt it, changing merely the numerals. This would start a distinctive Willamette ring or pin, by which a Willamette graduate could be identified after leaving college.

The seniors have decided that each individual may have the choice either of the ring or pin, according to his taste. A majority will wear the rings, but several will have pins.

CLASS GAME NOW ARRANGED FOR

Penalties To Be Exacted From Each Side in Case of Defeat.

The committee appointed to decide upon and arrange for a football game between the two underclasses have decided that the same shall be played upon December 6.

The arrangements provide that in case the "Frosh" win the contest they will be allowed to have their class numerals on the grand stand. Otherwise it is to stay off until after May day, according to the usual custom.

In case the Sophomores lose on the next recitation day following the game, that is the day that they are able to recite, they will each wheel their opponent in a wheel barrow from the front of Eaton Hall to the front of Waller Hall, just as the students go to chapel.

 * Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. *
 * Thanksgiving Vespers, Webster- *
 * ian Halls, Sunday at 4 p. m. *

 * Paul Homan has been made *
 * treasurer of the fund for send- *
 * ing delegates to the Student *
 * Volunteer Convention at Kan- *
 * sas City, and payment of sub- *
 * scriptions should be made to *
 * him before December 1. *

"W" CLUB ELECTS NEW SET OF OFFICIALS

Decides to Push Matter of Entering Conference With Vigorous Campaign.

At the meeting of the "W" club held last Thursday evening, officers were selected for the coming year, and many important matters discussed and decided.

It was decided by a unanimous vote that Willamette should enter the conference and the organization appointed a committee consisting of Eric Bolt, Brazier Small and Raymond Rowland to take the matter up with the students and investigate the arrangements necessary to securing membership. Paul Homan, the new president of the "W" club is an ex-officio member of the committee and will direct the campaign for securing the sanction of the student body and the support of the alumni in the proposed move.

Resolutions were adopted condemning the Sunday travel ruling and urging all members of the club and alumni to work for its repeal. It is probable that a petition asking for the revision of the ruling will be submitted to the faculty.

The new officers of the club are: Paul Homan, president; Waldo Mills, vice-president; Raymond Rowland, treasurer; Brazier Small, secretary.

PORTLAND WANTS DR. SWEETLAND

Many Favor His Selection as Director of Athletics at Multnomah Club.

The following article appeared in the Morning Oregonian for Saturday, November 15:

A move is on foot at the Multnomah club for the appointment of Dr. G. J. Sweetland, Jr., as director of athletics, should the club directors decide to carry out the policy outlined months ago.

Eventually the clubmen want an expert coach, capable of handling the football, baseball, basketball and track teams, and Dr. Sweetland has been piling such a remarkable record with the mediocre material at Willamette University during his five years at the Salem institution, that athletic folk all over the Northwest are beginning to sit up and take notice.

He is unquestionably the best all-around man the Northwest has ever seen.

Prior to coming West, Dr. Sweetland coached all the teams at the University of North Dakota, and consistently with state championships for four years in all branches. He was in football, baseball, track and basketball what Dobie is in football at Washington.

Since taking hold at Willamette, Dr. Sweetland's efforts in football have been given most publicity, but it is a fact that he has done equally well in the other branches. He developed a quarter-miler in McInturn, who could reel off the 440 in less than 51 seconds, besides several other stars.

His team easily defeated Pacific in its meet last spring.

In baseball and basketball, too.

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MANY IN FAVOR OF ENTERING THE CONFERENCE

Cub Goes on Still Hunt for Opinions of Various Campus Leaders.

LARGE NUMBER COMMIT THEMSELVES TO NOVICE

Dr. Sweetland, Prof. Henke, Gilkey, Paget and Bolt Among Those Who Make Statements—Did Not Know They Would Be Published.

With orders from the acting editor the cub started out to gather statements concerning whether or not Willamette should enter the conference. The first man he tackled was Dr. G. J. Sweetland, the curly haired athletic director, with the long stride and the wonderful football plays.

"What do you think of entering the conference, 'Doc'?" was the opening shot. The doctor pushed back his chair, shoved a couple of papers from the Multnomah club and a half dozen letters from eastern schools in his pocket, reached up on top of the desk and placed a picture of first team's mascot squarely in front of image of Captain Bolt and elucidated as follows: "Now, I tell you, I'm going to take no part in this business myself, but it's up to the students to decide. We have a very good football team this year, and will have a better one next. We'll never be as weak again as we were this year. We'll never have as poor a lot of material to pick from. Whoever coaches this team next year should have no trouble in turning out a winning team."

"But, doctor, won't you tell us whether or not you are going to be here next year," was the second volley. "No, I can't say definitely where I will be next year. You don't need to worry about that though. There'll be a number of experienced men on the squad next year. They've all got the fighting spirit and no matter who coaches them, they'll make a good showing, and then I haven't left this place yet."

Being fairly well satisfied with the results of that conference the cub sauntered forth into the hall and engaged in conversation with Prof. Henke, the man who discusses things from the psychological point of view. In answer to his query the professor said, "I favor Willamette entering the conference. I think it is the thing to do."

The next victim was Errol Gilkey, president of the Kioshe Klub, and ex-officio president of the student body. Raising his chin to the angle of about 45 degrees, and after spending some two minutes studying the insignia over the entrance to Eaton Hall from the interior side, he said, "I believe that Willamette has clearly demonstrated that she is in the conference class. The only difficulty is the financing of the proposition and I believe that can be worked out all right. I'm in favor of entering."

Manager Paget, the man who has piloted the team through two seasons with financial success, was the next man cornered. He said: "Well now, I don't think we'd get beat all the time and if 'Doc' stays here, I think we can clean up some of those teams. The only question is finances, and I believe we could come out all right if we don't play too many basketball games with outside schools."

Eric Bolt, captain of the football team, and exponent of co-education, was the next imposing figure to attract the cub's attention. After carefully scrutinizing the inquirer, he began, "Well, I tell you, old man, Willamette really belongs in the conference. Of course, you understand that we're not as well qualified to

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The Collegian staff extends their deepest sympathy to their absent chief over his late bereavement.

In his absence no one has thought fit to wield the editorial pen and this column will therefore be filled with other matter for this issue.

The editing of this number has been in the hands of the associate editors.

An Off-Side Slam.

"Willamette can't play football much. The reason why she won, Was Unps that called our line off-side Each time we made a run."

Say, Oregon, in the other games You've played and didn't win, How many times were you offside And got called back again?

Why blame it onto unfair play And say "the game ain't square?" You get the same dose every time— You're offside everywhere.

At Albany, who was the guilty one, Umpire, linesman, who? You got called back more times up there Than you did at W. U.

And down at Portland, when you met Your muddy Waterloo, You still played offside more than when You played at W. U.

Now, Oregon, come, be good sports, You used to have that rep:— Ain't this the truth, tho' said it be— Your m... had so much pep?

They couldn't wait till the ball was snapped, They couldn't, if they tried; So they pawed the air with heads and arms, And started—clear offside?

It seems that least that you can do Is hush your little roar And say you're sorry you told the yarn, Won't do the same no more.

And while you're fixin' the trouble up, To clear your own good name, You might as well be brave, and say We played a darn good game.

PICKUPS

All Freshmen at Princeton must be able to swim at least 20 yards.

Idaho had no difficulty in winning from Whitman at Moscow by the score of 29-3.

Since a girl is now editor-in-chief of the Montana Kaimin, the co-eds will receive the recognition due them.

U. of Montana humbled the much heavier team of the Agricultural College of Bozeman, by the score of 7-0.

The Dartmouth football team, regarded by many as the best eleven in the East, was beaten by the Carlisle Indians 10-5.

In a fiercely contested game played on the O. A. C. campus, November 15, the Oregon Aggies defeated the Washington States 10-2.

The Idaho-W. S. C. cross country run last Saturday was won by Pullman, who outdistanced Idaho, taking all three first places.

The game played at Albany, between Albany College and Pacific University, ended with the close score of 20-19, in favor of P. U.

The O. A. C. Rooks completely outclassed the Chemawa Indians

throughout the game played at Corvallis, Saturday, the score being 24-3.

Following their own inclinations, the Freshies of Southwestern University have shown themselves distinctly original in wearing "chic" purple caps.

The conference heads of the Northwestern colleges will hold their annual session in Portland, December 5 and 6, to draft schedules for conference games.

President Kane of the U. of W., was unanimously chosen president of the National Association of State Universities at the meeting held recently in Washington, D. C.

There is a movement now on in the schools of the Northwest conference for an inter-collegiate wrestling tournament, to be held this winter either at Portland or Spokane.

"Cabinet Responsibility for the National Budget" has been chosen as the question for the annual triangular debate between the universities of Oregon, Washington and Leland Stanford.

Though Oregon fought a stubborn brilliant game, surpassing Dobie's huskies in punting, they lost to U. of W. at Portland, 10-7, thus giving Washington clear title to the conference championship.

FOUR KLOSHE KLUBERS SOON TO BE MARRIED

Announce Their Intention at Meeting Held Last Monday Evening.

At a business meeting of the Kloshe Klub, held Monday evening, the question of new quarters and club rooms in connection with places to sleep and all the other accommodations so much desired by many members of the club was up for discussion. The meeting adjourned with a committee appointed to investigate the matter.

Following the meeting, the manager suddenly attracted attention by announcing, "I've hit upon the scheme. Let's have some members of the club get married. Then the rest of us can stay at their home and the faculty ruling against frats will be of no avail. We'll not call it a frat; we'll just say we board at the house of so and so."

The next question was, "Who shall get married?" There was a long discussion and finally a call for men who would volunteer to become martyrs to the cause was made. Four of the best looking men in the club stepped forward and shook hands upon the proposition that they would appear at school next fall with helpmates.

From the promptness with which certain men came forward, there was an inclination to believe that they had already given the matter serious consideration.

As the meetings of the club are entirely secret, the names of the would-be husbands are withheld. The heads of the club are however taking the matter up with a certain organization known to be tired of life at Lausanne and the Collegian has detailed two reporters, one a member of the Kloshe, the other a resident of Lausanne to keep the developments carefully reported.

Adelantes.

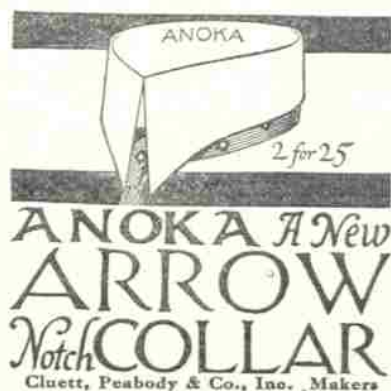
Friday afternoon the Adelantes, under the chaperonage of Miss Laura Austin, took a trip through India. Roll call was answered with "Spice from India." Members who did not respond were given a subject by the president, on which they talked for one minute.

The trip was one delightful surprise after another. Few of us had realized before what beautiful architecture and what wonderful gardens India boasted. The lecture which accompanied the lantern pictures, made us feel like India was a real country instead of a spot on the map.

Teutonia Verein.

The Teutonia Verein met at the home of the Misses Heist on Saturday evening, November 15. Members were met at the door with the injunction that German only should be spoken during the evening. One feature of an interesting program was a German spelling contest. Many German songs were sung, which gave a real German flavor that was delightful. Refreshments in keeping with the evening were served. These meetings are very profitable to the members as they give a chance for the practical use of the German language.

There's a slump in the "show" world. Band, get busy.



Many In Favor Of (Continued from Page 1.)

enter as we might be, but I think we'd make it all right. No hard feelings, old man, no hard feelings."

The cub then stationed himself on the famous register in Eaton Hall, where all the girls gather to discuss the new dresses that have appeared on the campus and to wonder how in the world "he" ever happened to see anything so interesting about "her." Every girl that appeared for the entire sum of 120 minutes was questioned as to her opinion on Willamette entering the conference and they all, with three exceptions, stated their approval of the scheme.

Queries were also made about the Sunday travel ruling, and although the list, included prominent Y. W. C. A. workers and some Sunday school teachers, almost without exception they voiced their approval of the teams traveling on the Sabbath.

For two whole days the cub put in the majority of his time ascertaining the opinion of the different personages invading the campus, and his final report reads that every one from Janitor Clark up to Gilkey, president of the Kloshe Klub favor the idea.

Portland Wants (Continued from Page 1.)

Willamette has always given its rivals stiff opposition, despite handicaps. Willamette has so far outgrown its non-conference rivals in all departments of athletics that admittance to the conference is obligatory if any games are to be played.

No immediate action is contemplated by the Multnomah club directors, and it is not even known whether the Salem wizard would consider the position in case it was offered. But his friends are not letting the opportunity escape and are getting in their boasts early, so as to be in on the ground floor.

 * To Literary Society Reporters: *
 * Your writeups must be handed to Associated Editor Barton *
 * at or before chapel Monday *
 * mornings, or they will not appear. *

Y. M. C. A.

Last Thursday afternoon the Y. M. C. A. girls had the very great privilege of listening to an address by the Rev. Henry T. Babcock, the pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city. The theme of his talk was taken from the tenth verse of the forty-sixth Psalm: "Be still and know that I am God." "In the original," said Mr. Babcock, "the word 'to be still' really means 'to let go' so the verse might be interpreted 'Let go—of that which is standing between us and God'—and let God reveal himself to us. No one ever strays from the personal intimate knowledge of God except against all that God can do to reveal himself."

"The keeping of the morning 'Quiet Hour' will aid in forming the habit of 'letting go' so that we may find every act of the day in touch with God's direction."

As Mr. Babcock is so soon to assume pastoral work in California, the girls greatly appreciate his sparing time to address them.

Adelphians.

Last Friday afternoon was one especially to be remembered by the Adelphians on account of the excellent program rendered. In response to roll call, eulogies from faculty members were heard from all sections of the room. One number of the program, which was of unusual interest to all, was the talk given by Miss Clark, on "Legends of Oregon." A quaint little Japanese song was rendered by Florence Cook, while Miss Demming, by the reading of a short but interesting story, gave us a "Glimpse into the Future." Miss Mary Wiens read a character sketch of unusual merit which portrayed the keen perception and originality of the author.

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Old Lausanne

Among those who have recently called at Old Lausanne are, Mrs. Henry D. Kimball, Mrs. William Cook and Mrs. Blackerby.

Clarence Sprague, of Portland, was a Hall caller recently. Mr. Sprague, who is now at Pacific University, was formerly a Washington High man.

Mr. Whealdon of Boise, Idaho, called at Lausanne to ascertain whether his daughter, Ruth, withstands the turmoil and strain of college life.

Miss Maurine Samson came all the way from Battle Ground, Wash., to see whether Sister Hallie was a regular attendant upon the local Sunday school services.

The most recent sorrow which has befallen the Lausanne family is the permanent absence of Evadue Harrison. Miss Harrison has gone to live in town with Eleilo Chapman, '14.

Harry Criechelew, ex-'15, has paid several calls during the past week. Though he maintains that his purpose was to inquire as to the welfare of the "old girls," it was perceived that his interest in the "new maidens" was in no wise lacking.

Mrs. Lena Kramer, Hall culinary artist, entertained most delightfully, the particular event being a birthday. Cake, chocolate, candy, songs and speeches were the source of enjoyment. The favored ones were: Clara Perkins, Ruth Johns, Ruth Winters, Ruth Tucker, Edith Lornsten, Eleanor Ruby, Anna Ryan, Lela Lent, Mildred Bartholomew, Helen Wastell, Ava McMahon, Lulu Weseman, Areta Jones, Florence Cooke, Aileen Ambrose, Flora Housel, Elmo Ohling, Gladys Warner and Lucille McCulley.

Philodorian.

Once more the Philodorian have been successful in starting a good precedent to be followed in the development of future literary programs. We hope it will henceforth be customary to have a new men's program, during the first weeks of the society year. The success of this year's "New Men's Program" indicates the worth of such a scheme. Mr. Stephen's department, "World News of the Week," was noteworthy especially for the large number of scientific facts related. The section, "Books Worth While," and "Literature," were also well up to Philodorian standard. In the first, Mr. Gralapp, reviewed Poe's "Mask of the Red Death," while the literary article contributed by Mr. Flint, showed Mark Twain at his best.

Teeters gave a review on the University of Missouri, Frank Bagley on the University of Cairo, and Richards on the University of Tokio.

Riley displayed exceptional ability with the trombone, rendering two pleasing solos, and The New Men's quartet, consisting of Hogue, Riley, Adams and Reetz, received ovations without number on their offerings. Criticisms were made by Ohling, Bain and Bullock.

Prof. Peck will speak at the meeting this evening on "South America."

Wonder why the Sophs and Freshies are so peaceful? Oh! Yes. Universal peace—too bad!

SOCIETY NOTES

The attractive rooms of the Websterian and Adelante societies were the scene of the largest and one of the most enjoyed of the social gatherings of the week on Friday evening when the two societies held their semi-annual "joint." The artistic decorative scheme of the halls was enhanced by clusters of huge shaggy yellow chrysanthemums and potted palms and ferns.

An immense spider web stretched across the room, and the untangling of the threads furnished the entertainment for the early evening, after which a short program, consisting of piano solo, McDowell's "Scottish Tone Picture," Miss Eva Hogue; reading from Riley, Miss Gladys Luthy; vocal numbers, "Angus McDonald" and "I Hear Thee Calling," Bond, by Harold B. Jory; and Schubert's "Serenade," by Miss Gertrude Eakin.

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One of the most enjoyable social functions of the week end, which was of an informal nature was the affair given by Dr. and Mrs. Ivan Belling, when they entertained in honor of the officers of the Y. M. and W. at their home on Twelfth street.

Progressive programs and music furnished the evening's entertainment. Dainty refreshments were served.

Those bidden were: Miss Ida Davis, Miss Kate Barton, Miss Mary Cone, Miss Helen Wastell, Miss Ruth Hodge, Miss Gertrude Eakin, Miss Mildred Bartholomew, Miss Genevieve Avison, Miss Eleanor Ruby, Miss Anne Ketel, Miss Ethel Casabere, Miss Lottie Penn, Miss Edith Johns, Geo. Vandervert, Eric P. Bolt, George A. Odgers, Tinkham Gilbert, Ben C. Neustad, Errol Gilkey, Seth Axley, Lester Proebstel, Paul Irvine, Rudolph Little, Leland Sackett, Fred McMillan.

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This remark seemed to quiet the agitated breasts of the frightened fair ones, and the waters immediately became quiet, subsiding with a hoarse growl into a quiet lake. This lake is still there, a mute reminder of the Wet Terror which threatened the Hall. When it freezes, the girls are going to get a skate on its shining surface—if a figure be permitted, they will slide upon the shimmering silver lining of their erstwhile cloud of trouble and dire apprehension.

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Is Willamette Ready To

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ever, has not occurred and there seems now less chance than ever before that one would occur.

On account of her position outside the conference, Willamette has been greatly handicapped in arranging good schedules. She has received little consideration in the making of conference schedules on the one hand, while on the other, none of the non-conference teams have been of sufficient strength to furnish interesting contests. So, caught "between the devil and the deep sea," we have wasted the efforts of strong teams on mediocre schedules. Nothing could illustrate this better than a glance at the football scores for two years past. Twenty-nine to 0, 71 to 0, 67 to 0, 63 to 6, such a list of scores as that all in Willamette's favor, means that she is in a good way to stagnate athletically for want of competition.

The three main considerations to be weighed before entering the conference are eligibility, finance and coaching. The former may be laid aside without discussion. The fact that every man on the present football squad is eligible under conference rules demonstrates that Willamette need not hesitate on this account.

The matter of finance presents a more serious problem. The expenses would be considerably increased by bringing in teams from a distance. Would revenues be increased sufficiently to cover the increase in expenses. It is impossible, of course,

to predict just how this matter would adjust itself. Those who have given the matter serious consideration, however, for the most part are of the opinion that the increased financial obligation would not be more than we could meet.

Football without a doubt would more than pay for itself. Two of the conference colleges are within easy reach, while the more distant ones would be a sufficient attraction to pay the expenses of bringing them here. As to baseball, the colleges have been divided into two groups, eastern and western, doing away with the long trips between the Willamette Valley and the Inland Empire. It is possible that Willamette could not take a place on the conference basketball schedule because of the poor support of the sport here. That matter, however, could be adjusted, according to expediency and need not keep Willamette out altogether.

The thing which, more than any other, causes doubt about the advisability of entering the conference is the fear that Dr. Sweetland will not remain at Willamette. The doctor has proved himself a wizard at producing strong teams from mediocre material and his departure would truly be a serious set-back. But this is only fear. "Doc" is still at Willamette, and very probably will remain. If for some reason, however, he should leave, I am not calamity-howler enough to believe that it would put us down and out completely. From this year's football squad, for instance, there should be left next year a complete line and backfield. With that material and the new men, Sweetland would do wonders. But such a squad, filled with Willamette fight, should make at least a credible showing under another tutor. But let's not figure on losing "Doc."

A condition which at present clouds the issue is the position of the faculty on Sunday travel. Even in the conference there would be little occasion for Sunday travel, but once or twice a year it would be necessary to do this or else lie over a day and sacrifice a considerable sum. Doubtless some adjustment of this difficulty can be made.

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direct advantage, of course, would be the better class of athletics. The secondary advantages are not less important. In the popular mind, the conference colleges are conceived as superior to those outside, principally because they receive more publicity. Willamette in fact is as strong and well-equipped as some of the conference schools, and she would take her place beside them in popular estimation, if she should join their number. Advertising for the school should not be the basis for entering, but it will be one of the results of entrance.

To put the discussion on a little higher plane, Willamette cannot afford to keep her eligibility requirements lower than those of other Northwest colleges. Joining the conference is essentially agreeing to enforce certain eligibility requirements. The whole trend of college athletics is toward higher standards. When Willamette is in a position to enforce the highest standards, she cannot afford to have them lower.

Before taking up the large obligations of conference membership, Willamette must feel that she has the loyal support of student body, faculty, alumni, and citizens of Salem. At present, that support seems strong enough to justify the step. When we are in, as I think we will be, it will be up to those same sources of support to do their utmost to make the venture successful. Willamette's path in the conference will not be always rose-strewn. Championships will be few and reverses possibly frequent. But who is there who chooses to be classed among the mediocre when he is in a position to take his place among the best?

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