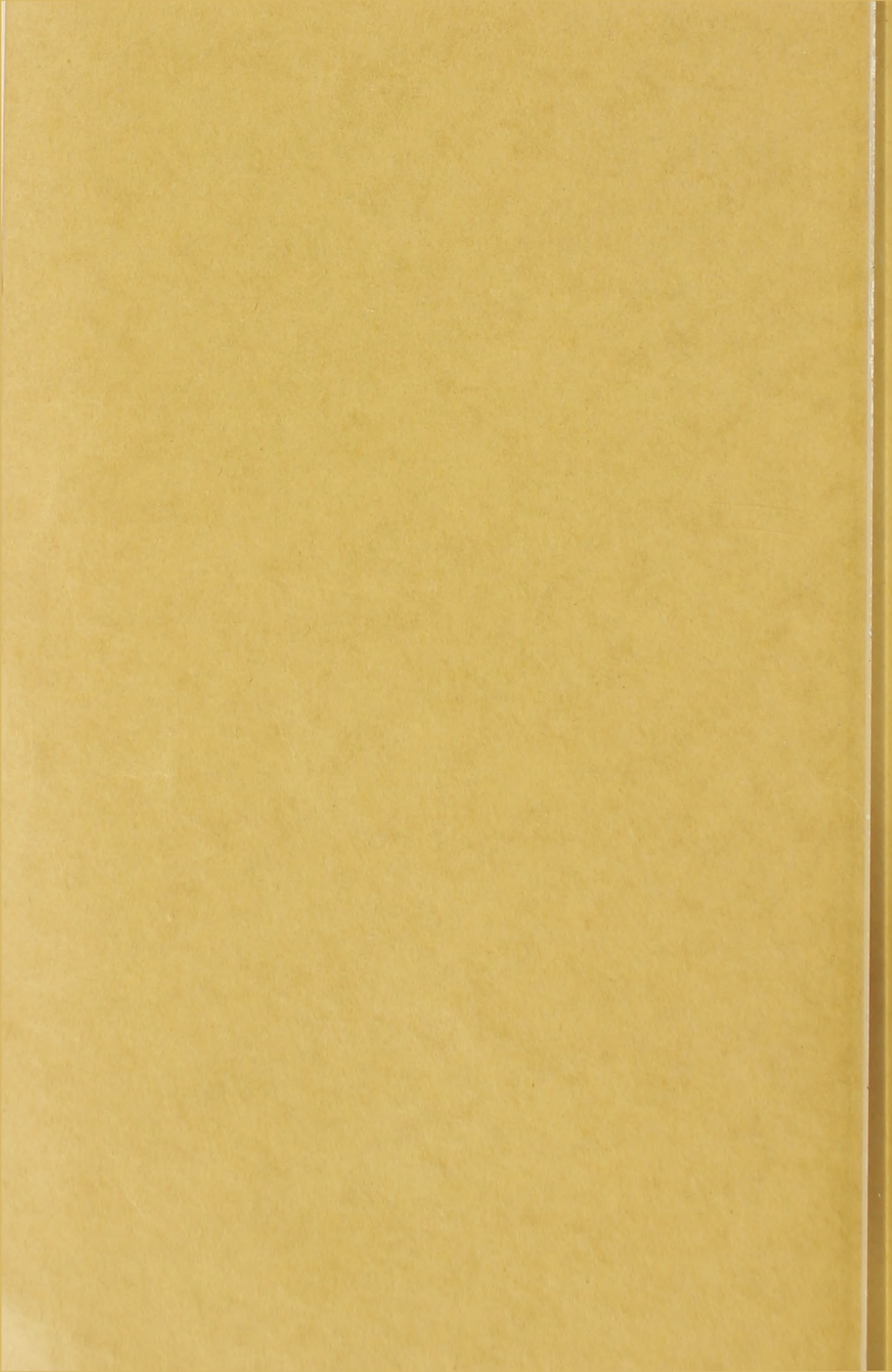


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The Charm of Old Willamette

TO AN appreciation of the Present, Past, and Future of historic old Willamette, this publication is affectionately dedicated by the student body. Here are chronicled the aims, achievements, and dreams of a recognized agency of modern education in the Northwest. May their record serve as a transcript, both to those who have gone and to those who come, of the wholesome service rendered by the University to the youth of the Pacific Northwest.



When spring came to Willamette in 1924, Queen Kathleen was Crowned

When Tradition is Progressive

UNIVERSITIES wanting in natural tradition of a constructive nature, have created attractive myths to enliven their histories. This, in the instance of Willamette University, which was founded in 1842, has not been necessary. The bare facts concerning the establishment of the school are fraught with poignant beauty.

In the catalogue for the year 1886-1887 one reads, besides the characteristic data supplied in such publications, a history of the school and of its progress up to that time. Founded in 1842 and opened for public instruction in 1844, it had grown from a small elementary school to a university with an academy and a grammar school under its supervision. The university in 1886 conferred degrees in arts, law, medicine and music. As one scans the lists of graduates and students he has an ever-present feeling of surprise on seeing therein names of a large number of the men and women who have made Oregon and the Northwest great.

But the traditional is significant only in so far as it applies to the present. It is interesting to note that Willamette is not only the oldest institution of higher learning west of the Missouri, but that today it ranks with the best schools in the west. Jason Lee, founder of Willamette University, served as the President of the first board of trustees; but this statement is not of so great importance as that the spirit and the ideals of Jason Lee and his followers yet pervade the campus and govern the policy of the university. Willamette has been from its origin a denominational institution; this is not at all of worth unless one remembers that in practice it has been at all times non-sectarian and has been Methodist only in financial backing and support.

During this period the two tall cotton-wood trees, that have guarded the university from its infancy, have seen strange things. They alone recall the days when Alvin E. Waller, whom one in love calls "Papa Waller", formed bricks for Waller Hall from the clay of the athletic field

and assisted in the erection of this building. They remember with mirth the years when gentlemen called at the Women's College (dormitory) for tea on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, and at no other times. These cottonwoods, having seen students come and go for half a century, dream even as do the students, of a bigger and better Willamette created by the developing of intellect and of the intellectual appreciation of all that goes into a school.

To Wind the Maypole

IT'S AS OLD and as new as Spring to wind the Maypole and crown the Queen of Love and Beauty. May Day is a frolic full of impulsive pleasure in the vernal season, but withal the most quaintly formal of the traditional collegiate practices.

To begin with there is the character of the queen. She cannot be one of your rough-and-ready college flappers (to date Willamette has never even had a queen with bobbed hair) but she must be gracefully dignified — "ladylike." Not purely ornamental, however, the May Queen is one who has served the student body organization unselfishly and efficiently. In short, the May Queen is the sort of girl that every ambitious college man believes he would marry if he had enough nerve to propose but someone always has beaten him to it, and invariably the Queen is already engaged.

May Day has grown into an entire week-end of festivity, beginning with the campus clean-up Thursday afternoon, and ending with the Junior Frolic Saturday night. It is the time when old grads flock to the campus to thrill again to the wistfulness of:

"Oh Springtime at Willamette
There's naught could sweeter be—"

Friday afternoon occurs the official coronation and May Pole exercises. Friday night comes the Junior Play, one time in the year when the local opera house is guaranteed to be chock full.

Next morning, bright and early, May Morning Breakfast is served on the campus. It is like an informal alumni banquet, so many graduates are present. Every campus-ite leaves off breakfast at his boarding-place and eats waffles at the tables behind Chresto Cottage.

In the afternoon a baseball game and track meet fill the hours. In the evening, a canoe fete on the river concludes the formal program.



Clay from the athletic field was formed into bricks for Waller Hall

Freshman Glee

FOR SEVENTEEN years the freshman class has sponsored an annual Glee contest in which all the classes of the university participate. This spring the freshmen astonished everyone by winning their own contest.

It is the first time in eight years that a freshman class has won this contest. The determination of this year's manager to stage the most elaborate Glee yet held, was fully realized. Although the armory seats about five thousand people, several hundred were turned away at the door. If Freshman Glee continues to grow in popularity, it will soon, of necessity, be held in a pavilion.

To the students, Freshman Glee means the apex of class spirit, since it furnishes four original songs for student singing, and an objective toward which every student can strive.

Glee Clubs

THE WOMEN'S and Men's Glee Clubs of Willamette University have for several years worthily represented the school by their annual tours. These tours are made in the spring by stages chartered from Salem. This year the women toured through Eastern Oregon and Central Washington. The men traveled through Western Washington, giving concerts in a number of the coast towns.

Immediately after the beginning of the fall term, each year, tryouts are held, at which time between twenty and thirty voices are selected for each club, any student regularly enrolled in the university being eligible for membership. The programs, as given, include ensemble numbers, and vocal, violin, and piano solos; and are varied by the introduction of readings, stunts, and college songs.

Forensics

FOR THE past two years Willamette has been able to boast of speakers of championship caliber—speakers who in oratory, debate, and extemporaneous speaking have brought renown to Willamette throughout the western states.

Every school has its orator, but Willamette has its orator plus—Leland Chapin. Last year he won first place in the State Peace Oratorical Contest. This year he won second in the State Old Line Contest. Among the other orators, whose abilities are scarcely less marked than those of Mr. Chapin, are Roy Skeen, Merle Bonney, Rawson Chapin and Percý Hammond.

Debate

THE TWO memorable squads of nineteen twenty-three and of nineteen twenty-four included Robert Littler, Robert Notson, Rodney Alden and Ward Southworth of the first of those squads; and Robert Notson, Ward Southworth, Victor Carlson, Warren Day and Ralph Emmons of the second.

Since then Robert Littler has entered Stanford and has become a member of Delta Sigma Rho, national honorary debating fraternity; and Robert Notson has become a member at large of Delta Sigma Rho.

These debators have taught men of the prominent colleges from coast to coast to speak of Willamette in tones of deepest respect. And this respect continued to stand this year, although the squad consisted of four inexperienced men—a freshman, two sophomores, and a senior—with a new coach. The team consisted of Joel Berreman, Charles Redding, Rawson Chapin, and James McClintock. This team won five of the ten decision debates on its schedule. The season included a tour through the Western states, on which some of the strongest debate schools of the country were met. Mr. Redding and Mr. Berreman took the trip, and so successful was their work that Coach E. R. Nichols of Redlands University has requested copies of their speeches for inclusion in the Pi Kappa Delta national debate annual. Considering their record this year, one may expect great things of the team next year.

Women's debate continues to be popular at Willamette in spite of the brevity of the schedules for the past two years. Varsity women debaters are quite as able to argue as men, and wax vastly more enthusiastic.



Beyond Chresto Cottage

Extemporaneous Speaking

LAST YEAR as a signal indication of the prowess of her speakers, Willamette became a member of the Pacific Forensic League. In the Pacific Coast Extemporaneous Contest held this year at Stanford University, Ward Southworth represented Willamette.

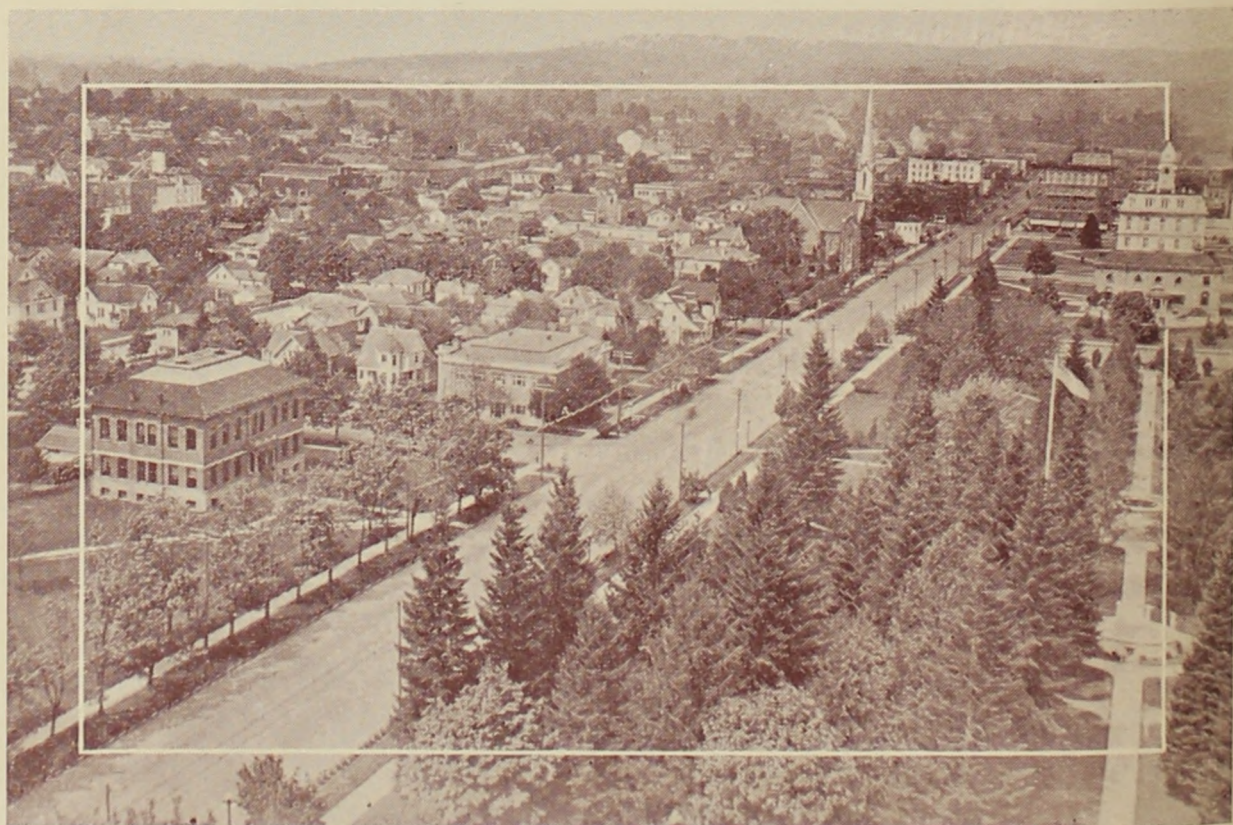
Drama

THE Public Speaking department, headed by Professor Rahskopf, has made decided advances this year. Professor Rahskopf seems to have a keen insight into what the public wants and how they want it.

Willamette has for eight years been a member of

Theta Alpha Phi, national dramatic fraternity. Theta Alpha Phi, realizing that the first interest of a dramatic fraternity is the development of dramatic talent in the University as a whole, this year invited several students of the Public Speaking department who are not members of the fraternity to participate in its last production as guest players. It is hoped that this policy may prove so successful that it may be continued in the future, making Theta Alpha Phi the center of the dramatic work of the institution. "Icebound" was recently presented. An earlier production of the year, given for the benefit of the debate squad, consisted of three one-act plays: "The Man on the Kerb," "The Four-Flushers" and the "Rider of Dreams."

Among the outstanding productions of the year is the Junior play, "Mr. Pim Passes By," the vehicle of the class of 1926 is well adapted to humorous interpretation. The Junior plays, for a number of years past, have been coached by Mrs. Smith of the Ellison-White School of Portland.



State Street, Salem, Oregon

Athletics

WILLAMETTE University is a regular member of the Northwest Conference, though she does not carry a full Conference schedule in Spring Sports. Despite the comparatively small student body Willamette has turned out and promises to turn out in the future teams that are hard to beat.

Willamette was early in Northwestern Athletics, and won the football championship of the State in 1899, but her real prominence in athletics dates from the coming of Doctor Sweetland. In 1913 Willamette surprised the



Willamette Gymnasium

whole West by beating Oregon, 6-0. In 1915 R. L. Matthews came to Willamette, and despite reverses built up a reputation that brought her into the Conference. He was followed by Roy Bohler, who for two years stood consistently for clean athletics and helped to maintain the University's place in the Conference.

Willamette has been not so much in a slump the past four years as the victim of too rapid expansion. In 1921 she played Chemawa, Pacific, C.P.S., Multnomah and Whitman, losing to the latter two. In 1924 Willamette met Oregon, Washington, Whitman, C.P.S., Pacific, Linfield and the College of Idaho.

In 1923 Guy L. Rathbun came to Willamette, and soon after the new \$125,000 gymnasium was finished. He found things pretty badly disorganized, but they did not long remain so. Willamette teams fought—and most of their losses were by very small margins.

Rathbun has steadily built up his team, and his efforts culminated in the University of Oregon-Willamette game last fall when the Bearcats clearly outplayed their much-touted opponents. The game ended a scoreless tie but only after Willamette had earned a touchdown only to have it ruled out because of a foul made after the ball had crossed the line. As it was, the game was considered a moral victory for the Bearcats.

The remainder of the season was close and hard fought, the scores being 14 to 13, 7 to 6, and the like. A new grandstand seating 2500 people was used for the first time at our Homecoming game. With all but five lettermen back, the outlook for the next fall is excellent. Because of Willamette's small student body, the Conference allows freshmen to compete on our varsity teams.

In basketball the Bearcats also showed improvement, winning several close games and losing to many of the larger school by very close scores. Since only one man is lost through graduation, a very successful season is contemplated.

In baseball this year four games have already been won

Willamette has long ranked high in tennis and has consistently defeated the larger members of the Conference. In 1922 the Bearcats took the undisputed championship of the Northwest. Last year Oregon was defeated 4 matches to 1, and the team suffered its only defeat in the Pacific Coast Championship meet, in which it tied for second place. Last year's squad remains intact and promises to have another victorious season.

Oregon State High School Tournament

IN ONE of the most exciting high school tournaments to date, Salem High School won the state championship in basketball. Salem earned the right to play in the finals by defeating Wallowa Thursday afternoon 25 to 10. Friday, in a stiff game, Astoria was defeated by a score of 22 to 12. In the semi-finals Salem defeated McMinnville by the score of 30 to 12. McMinnville had previously won from the small high school of Arago by a score of 37 to 14. This game aroused as much interest as any, in that the school is barely large enough to supply a sufficient number of boys for the team.

Franklin got into the finals through a siege of hard games. Her first victory came Thursday over Medford; the score was 32 to 16. The next day Pendleton, one of the cleverest teams in the tournament, was defeated at the hands of Franklin, who then met Eugene in the semi-finals, Eugene having earned the right to this place by defeating Hood River in a one-sided game that ended with a score of 39 to 6.

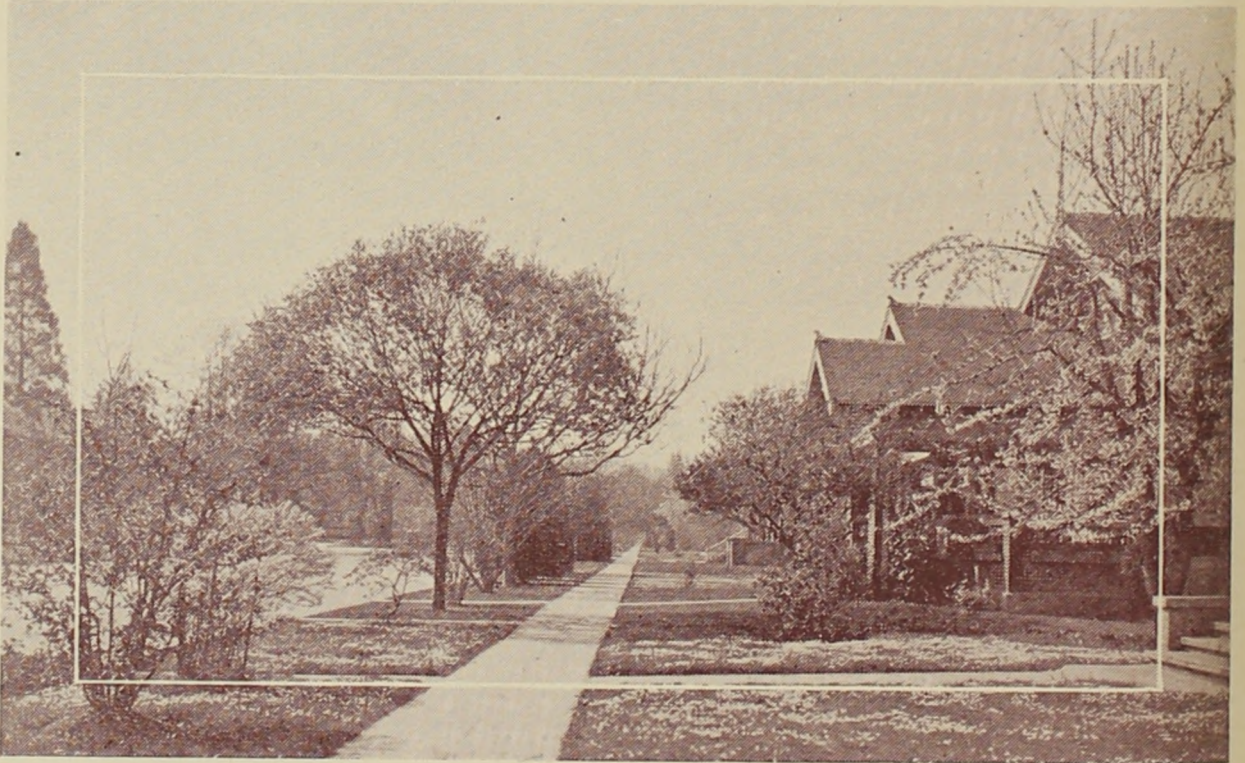
The final game between Franklin High and Salem was surprisingly fast considering the hard series in which each team had taken part. Scallon, the star of Franklin, played a clever game. His shooting from the field was uncanny, but Salem's close guarding cut his effectiveness. Ellis, of Salem, played a scientific game of high rate. His team seemed to be ever sure of themselves and showed a degree of team work that was admirable.

The Band

THE VARSITY band is a student organization of twenty-five active members with its own governing officers. This organization participates in college pep rallies, concerts, athletic contests, and celebrations. The band awards are a gold lyre "W" pin for one year and a lyre "W" pillow for four successive seasons.

Fraternity Life

ONE pleasant anticipation of a college student is the hope of one day becoming a member of a fraternity or a sorority. It is true that the friendships and associations which are formed in the "House" are the most pleasant part of one's college career.



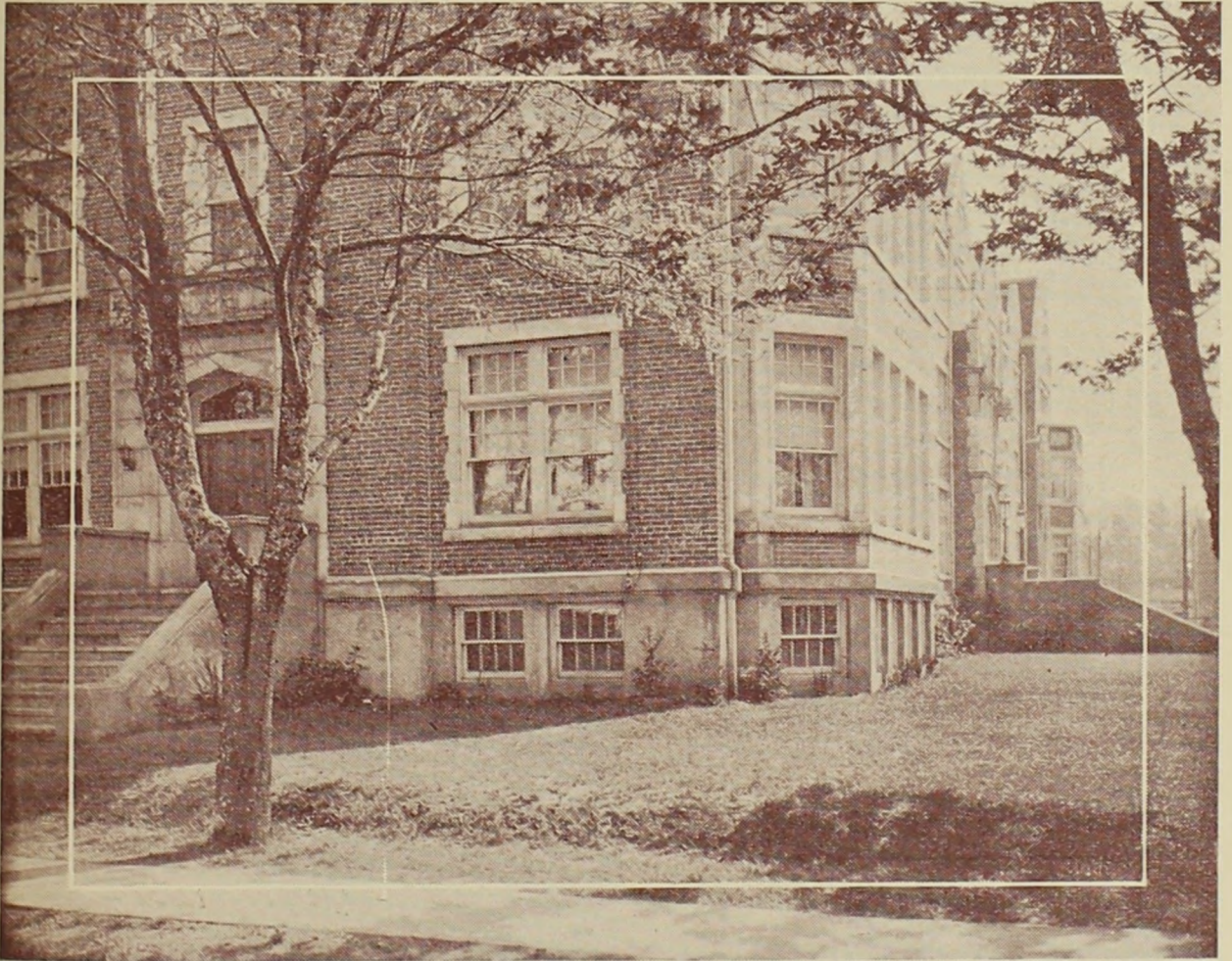
Summer Street, looking in the direction of the campus

The fraternities and sororities at Willamette are not Nationals; they are, nevertheless, of an exceptionally high standard and play a large part in the activities on the campus. When the consent of the Board of Trustees can be obtained the organizations will take steps towards Nationalization.

There are five fraternities, three sororities, and a women's dormitory, at Willamette. Since there is no men's dormitory, the fraternities help in a large part to solve the housing problem. As the cost of living at a fraternity is not prohibitive, many students who are working their way through school are able to live at the houses.

Social Enticements

I WONDER what kind of social life Willamette has?" —a perfectly logical question, since all work and no play offers very little enticement to the would-be student. Social activities center around the various literary societies on the campus, five of which are for women and four for men. Weekly meetings afford excellent opportunities for practical work in public speaking and a



"Come away to Old Lausanne"—Lausanne Hall, Women's Dormitory

study of the arts, followed by a social hour. Joint parties given at frequent intervals during the school year are perhaps the most important events on the social calendar.

The Y.M.C.A. and the Y.W.C.A. are active organizations whose motives are to foster among the students the highest ideals of Christian fellowship and living, and to

inspire for Christian service and leadership. It is of interest to know that our Y.W. president this year was executive of the student Y.W.C.A. in the Pacific Northwest. The "Y" is also a basis of splendid social life.

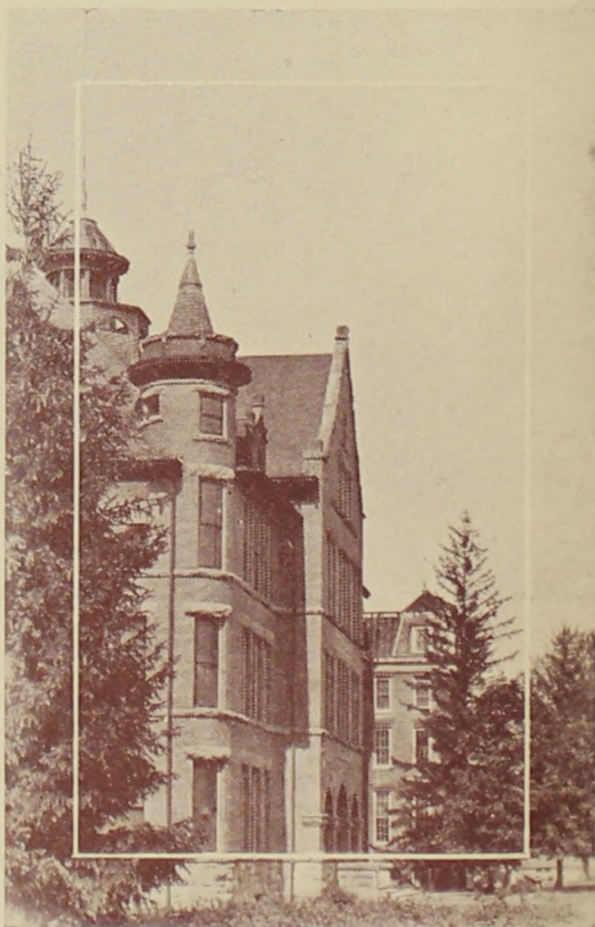
There are four Greek letter honor societies on the campus, three of which have national standing: Theta Alpha Phi, national dramatic fraternity; Pi Gamma Mu, national sociological fraternity; Beta Chi Alpha, national annual fraternity, and Alpha Kappa Nu, local honorary scholastic society.

The Beethoven Society has been recently established on the campus to promote the appreciation and rendition of music.

Various groups of students meet from time to time to discuss and study subjects relating to their particular interests. Under this classification come the Philosophy Club, the Writers' Club, the Classical Club, and the groups studying student problems.

Homecoming

HOMECOMING, which was managed by Elaine Oberg in 1923, and by Leland Chapin in 1924, is fast becoming an interesting and pleasurable institution. Many alumni responded to the invitation to return for an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and to look the campus over.



Eaton Hall

Publications

WILLAMETTE has her share of publications. Besides the "Collegian," her weekly newspaper, and the "Wallulah," her annual, as the major publications, two pamphlets are edited by the students. One of these, "On Willamette," which is issued by the Associated Student Body at the expense of the board of trustees, serves the double purpose of establishing a contact with the alumni, and of interesting high school students in the University. This first edition is the result of long agitation on the part of students and alumni.

The second pamphlet, a college handbook, is issued by the Y.M.-Y.W. It publishes campus information for the enlightenment of the new students and directing of the old.

These two are, however, primarily purpose-publications. For an insight into the life and accomplishments of the students, one must scrutinize the "Collegian" and the "Wallulah."

Juanita Henry, the editor of the former, has been very successful in putting out a paper that represented the students of the liberal arts college. The enthusiasm that she has instilled among the student reporters with various hitherto untried devices has had its most apparent effect upon the underclassmen.

The "Wallulah," edited this year by Ann Silver, deserves special mention. The quality of workmanship done on the last year's book was the principal reason for this year securing the Delta chapter of Beta Chi Alpha, national honorary fraternity. With the 1925 standard to compete against, the staff of the 1926 Wallulah has published an artistic book whose inserts are colonial in design.

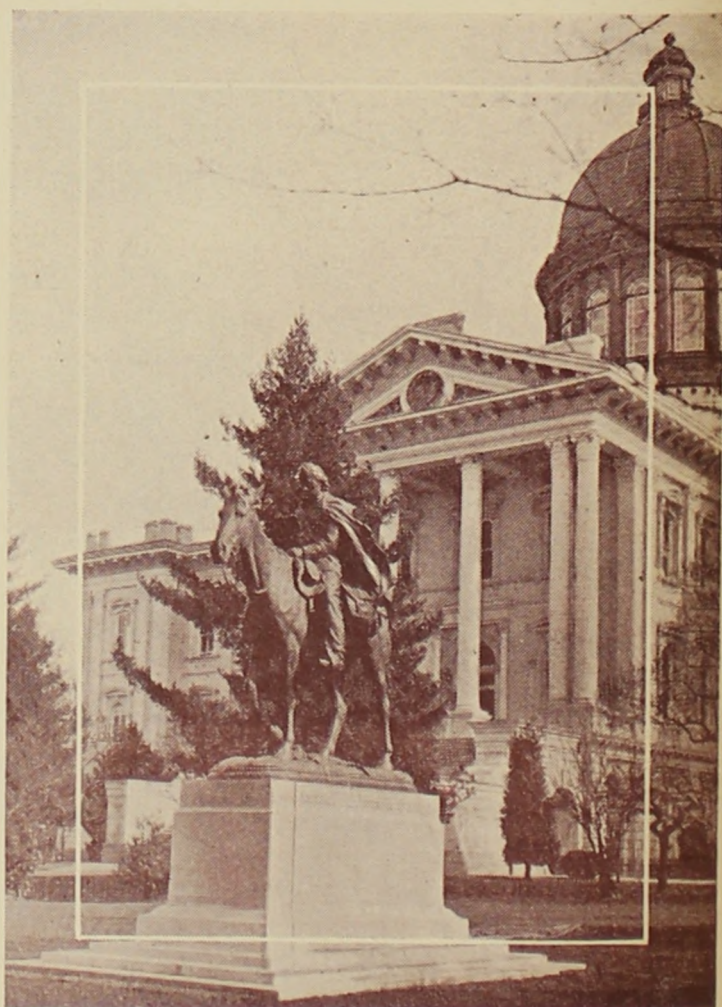
In accordance with a recent student body amendment, the Wallulah, which has been financed and edited by the Junior class, is hereafter to be a student body publication.

Curriculum

SAID A GIRL to her chum, "I am having trouble in arranging my curriculum." Her chum replied: "Oh, that's all right; it doesn't show, anyway." Perhaps your curriculum will not show very much, but it is an important part of your college career. Here at Willamette the greater portion of the students are enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts. Upon graduation from that department a student is prepared in the general arts, languages and sciences; thus he is enabled to enter a higher institution for the purpose of specializing, or he is prepared to go forth and try to conquer the world, if he so desires. Each department of the college of liberal arts is favored with excellent professors who take a deep personal interest in all of the students.

Spring Song

Oh 'tis spring time at Willamette
There's naught could sweeter be
And all of life seems gladness
At just the sparrow's trill—



"Circuit Rider" before the State House