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Why Young Men Go to College

The casualties of the so-called rough-house basketball games in the gymnasium which are the nightly entertainment of the athletically impossible are piling up. These games fail to draw a crowd of spectators unless there is a minimum for 14 on a side. Nothing is barred, save deadly weapons.

Eastern sportwriters have been relegating the W. S. C. crowd to a chilly place in the cellar, in their arrangement of the order of the best teams in the country. Even the Thanksgiving upheaval of traditions failed to drive

home the fact that over here on this side of the Mississippi river they can produce a grade of athletics that makes some of the eastern constellations look like the glimmer of five-ten-and-fifteen-cent-store Christmas-tree decorations.

At that we wouldn't trade it. We figure that we don't work as hard telling about the work of the men who represent the school as the men themselves.

We would be glad to give a few lines to the exploitation of girl's basketball, but as yet the sporting department has received no schedule of training hours. And to write we must see. But just the same we wish them a prosperous season.

But we do not connect the young men mentioned with any such violent exercise as this.

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MAN DIFFERS LITTLE FROM DOG, SAYS SMITH

"The distinction between the intelligence of man and of animals is less than is usually supposed," stated Professor Franklin O. Smith of the Psychology department in a lecture before the class in evolution Monday evening, given in the mathematics room. "No direct line can be drawn between instinct and intelligence, nor can it be said that man possesses intelligence and animals merely instinct. On the contrary, it is often true that the action of the animals is rational and that of man instinctive."

Professor Smith explained that mental life does not begin with man but grows by imperceptible graduations from the lowest forms of existence. The artificial distinction between man and the lower animals is fallacious and arises because man knows so little of the mental states of animals. The difference is merely one of degree. "The idea of some people, for instance," said Professor Smith, "that a dog has thoughts which it would like to express in speech, is a wrong one. The only reason that a dog does not talk is that it has nothing to say." This brings out the idea that the mental state of the dog is not so far developed as that of a man, but is not essentially different.

As explained by Professor Smith the mental state is not a mysterious intangible thing. The mind, he said is the relation between the stimulus and response, and the more organized or highly developed the activity, the better the response. All action can be explained on the basis of inherited structure and stimulation. In other words, our actions are the result partly of the experience of all our ancestors and partly of the nature of the stimulus which prompted the action.

The only difference between instinct and intelligence is that instinct is a tendency to a more or less definite mode of action, and intelligence is the ability to vary from that mode as the occasion requires. "One of the tests of intelligence is the ability to make a mistake and to profit by it. Experience is the great factor in intelligence. All our social, political, and economic ideas are the product of experience, in part due to the inheritance of our animal ancestors."

The next lecture in the series will be held next Monday night, and will be on the subject of "Parasitism and Degeneration in Relation to Evolution"

FORESTERS SERENADE MAIDENS

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co-eds flocked down the corridors to the vantage points. Each song called for loud appreciation from the girls and their applause always drew an encore until the boys began to tire. Then they sang "College Chums," turned out the light and left. As they passed the dorm, however, they softly sang "Good Night, Ladies," and the show was over.

The musical attraction was started by the forestry students who had been attending a meeting of their club and this crowd was swelled by late students from every corner of the campus.

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NISSEN OFFERS PRIZE FOR CLASS BASKETBALL

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NEXT WEEK

A prize will be offered to the class basketball team winning the tournament meet in the gymnasium next week, according to arrangements made by Coach Jerry Nissen, who is anxious to create an interest in inter-class athletics. The nature of the prize has not yet been made known but Coach Nissen says that it will be well worth trying for.

A meeting of all four class presidents will be held today to arrange a schedule for the tournament. The winning team will be selected by a process of elimination. Class meetings will probably be held to elect captains for each squad or they will be appointed by the proper class officer. An inter-department tournament has also been planned by Coach Nissen and he is especially anxious that the different departments take up the spirit of department athletics to further interest in basketball.

This prize offered to the winning class basketball team is the first one that has ever been offered at the university of Montana for athletics of any sort. Former president Clyde A. Dunaway of the University of Montana, gave to each class winning the inter-class track meet for a period of four years a shield to be kept in the university library. The class had its numerals inscribed on this shield which is hanging in the library. Four teams are represented on this shield.

Coach Nissen hopes that the classes will take immediate action in the election of their captains. His purpose is to run off the tournament games before the Christmas holidays to leave the remaining part of the season free for the practice of the team.

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Around the edge of the jerseys will be a maroon band, representing the copper and around the waist will be a wide ring of gold.

BASKETBALL MATERIAL VERY PROMISING

Motley-garbed and motley-formed men, some with high school, some with college and some with no reputations are to be found in the gymnasium each evening, after the routine of gymnasium class is over, exhibiting the Montana basketball team in the rough. From this medley of stars and lesser lights will be picked the quintet that will wear Montana colors this fall in an endeavor to uphold the honors which the football team heaped upon the campus.

There is nothing but joy beams falling from the sky of predictions. In that variegated color display lie hidden many men who promise to be as good on the floor as any man that ever played with this school, or even, perchance, though some school may object, that ever played in the state.



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Varsity Gets Games With Nearby Schools In Several Sports

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None of the games are certainties, for the Montana faculty committee on athletics must sanction each contest, but things look bright for the approval of most of the dates.

Basketball games are coming up with Oregon Agricultural college, Washington State college, University of Idaho and Gonzaga. It will be the first venture of the Grizzlies against the Oregon school.

Baseball games are assured with and W. S. C. and the track season will bring the Washington school here and send Montana to Moscow to meet Idaho. There is an effort being made to get Montana represented at some of the coast meets next spring.

But the best thing that Jerry tucked away with him was the football schedule. Whitman, W. S. C., Idaho, Gonzaga and the Multnomah club are the teams which have expressed not only a willingness but a desire to meet the Grizzlies next fall. With these four games, which will come late in October and in November, to start on Nissen is mapping out a schedule that will fill nearly every date of the season. Utah, North Dakota and South Dakota are the first school on the list and if the dreams of some of the students can be realized, athletic relations will be resumed with the state college of Montana and a game with them will be put on the list.

As a climax to the season, it is hoped to get Notre Dame university here on Thanksgiving day and the season will be loaded.

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