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Better System Needed

The faculty rule, that the grades of students falling below C shall be posted at the end of each school month, and that the posted student shall be prohibited from participating in student activities until those grades are brought up to standard, is, without a doubt, a good rule.

No student who is below the minimum standard of scholarship set by the University is a fit person to represent his school in its contests.

But saying that the rule is a good one, is not saying that it is well applied; for in some cases this rule often works an injustice to the student. The writer recalls the case of an English student who handed themes to his instructor for a month, which were the product of his best literary efforts, and who thought that his work was satisfactory, for he received no contrary notification. But at the end of the month he was greatly surprised and mortified to learn that his work was not satisfactory, and that he had been awarded a grade of "E."

Suppose this student had been a prominent football player, and had been scheduled to play an important game the day following. He would have had no chance to have made up his work, his team would have been handicapped by the loss of his valuable services, and he would have been compelled to undergo the embarrassment of having all his fellow students know that he had "flunked."

This case is possibly an unusual one, for most students know pretty well the value an instructor places upon their efforts, but in cases like the one just cited, this rule certainly fails to work justice.

Out in actual life, an employee assumes that his work is satisfactory unless he is notified otherwise. If his work is not satisfactory, he is told so and requested to do better in the future. Then, if he fails to give satisfaction, he is dismissed and has no one to blame but himself. If an instructor warned his students during the month that they were below the standard in their work, they also would have no one to blame for the low grades accorded them; but, as it is, they may also blame the instructor for not making known the value of the student's work to him.

Is it any more than just that a student falling down in his work shall be warned before he is posted? Are not students worthy of as much consideration as any employer shows his employees?

The triumphant home coming of the basketball team brings strongly to our minds the fact that, although they have brought honor to their alma mater, they will get no token of appreciation from the student body, unless action to that effect is taken.

Some years ago, because of a small gymnasium with poor facilities, and because of a lack of serious interest in the game, the student body voted not to grant "O's" to Varsity basketball men. But such conditions are now things of the past. Our gymnasium has one of the best floors, for this game, to be found in the West. Instead of a few second

rate athletes aspiring for Varsity places, we have at least one hundred and fifty men trying out in the interfraternity and class teams, and a Varsity squad consisting of those who showed up best, is chosen from this number. That the Varsity team is no longer in prep school class, the recent trip through the Island Empire proved positively. When we stop to think of the rigid training these men are going through, and of the standing the game of basketball has in other institutions, we can not help but realize the injustice we show our men.

Some time ago an Emerald reporter interviewed numbers of prominent students on this subject, and, to a man, they were in favor of granting basketball "O's." Doubtless if it were brought to a vote of the student body, there would be no dissenting votes, for it seems to be only our neglect that stands in the road of showing our appreciation to the basketball men. It is time for the students of this University to bestir themselves and give to their athletes the tokens of appreciation they are justly earning.

The editor wishes to say just a word in praise of the work done by the reporters for this issue. The copy, with the exception of a few minor stories, was all in by Tuesday evening, the data was reliable and the style was, for the most part, satisfactory. This issue was pue out without the hurry and flurry that usually accompanies the editing of the Emerald, and without its being such a burden to the heads of the departments.

Reporters, your promptness and care is appreciated. You have started the second semester well. Keep up the record you have established, and the publishing of the Emerald will be a pleasure to us all.

JOB'S TROUBLES NOT IN IT WITH EDITOR'S

Talk of an editor and his trials! He has Job, of ancient fame, faded off the map. After he trains a reporter carefully in the art of news writing and develops her into a "star" reporter, she sends him the following letter:—

To the Editor of the Emerald:—Owing to insufficient brains to take nineteen hours in the University, and do work in Eutaxian Society, Y. W. C. A., Tennis Club, Dramatic Club, and assist Dr. Stuart in the gymnasium, I hereby submit to you my resignation from the reporter staff of the Emerald of the University of Oregon. Hoping and praying that you will treat such with sympathetic consideration, and believing in your integrity and good sense, I trust you will have compassion on me.

Sincerely yours,
MILDRED BAGLEY.

EDITOR MOORES SHUNS BREAKING INTO PRINT

Editor in Chief Moores is spending this week in Salem, having a slight operation performed on his hand. Some time ago he ran a splinter in the fleshy part of the palm, and the wound threatens to develop blood poisoning.

Editor Moores is extremely modest about breaking into print, and he has threatened to "can" the reporter who would dare to write this story. The author of this article will therefore remain "incognito" as long as possible.

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BASKETBALL
* Reserved seats for Washington *
* Oregon basketball game are on sale *
* at Linn Drug Co. Seats 50 cents. *
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All Men Wanted

Manager Barbour asks that every man in the Varsity be on Kincaid Field Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock to help the carpenters repair the running sheds, which were blown down some time ago. The University will furnish its carpenters and pay for the repairing, but it will take many men to lift up the sheds so that supporting pillars may be placed under them, and the manager asks that the Varsity boys do this. "Judge" Homer, assistant track manager, will have charge of the work. The fraternity houses are being phoned to for men, and from all indications Kincaid Field will be the scene of much activity Saturday morning.

ECONOMICS LECTURES DRAW LARGE CROWDS

Dr. Gilbert Meets With Success
At Y. M. C. A. Building
in Portland

Dr. Gilbert reports considerable success for the course of lectures on economic problems which he is giving at the Portland Y. M. C. A. He says he is well pleased with the attendance, considering the fact that he is running in competition with the O. A. C. lectures on apple culture, given on the same evening. Among those attending the lectures are several graduates of Oregon. Such an interest, in fact, is being developed, that there is a possibility of adding other lectures to the series.

The next lecture in the series is one on the euphonious subject of "Panics." Then follows a lecture on the railroad problems, and two on the trust problem.

In the latter part of March Dr. Gilbert will deliver two lectures on socialism—one presenting the subject from the viewpoint of the socialists, and the other presenting a criticism of the doctrine as it is viewed by modern political economists. The Portland socialists have promised a big crowd for these two lectures, and have asked Dr. Gilbert to deliver them in their hall, which is much larger than the Y. M. C. A. assembly hall.

OLIVER HUSTON, TAKES POINTS IN FAST COMPANY

Oliver B. Huston, '09, now attending Yale Law School, entered the recent annual indoor meet of the Irish-American Athletic Club, at Madison Square Garden, New York, and took second in the sixty-yard dash and third in the seventy-yard low hurdles.

Francis Walsh has returned to the University after a year's absence.

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