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Thursday, February 6, 1913.

THE WHY OF AN EXAMINATION

It is with a sigh of relief that we contemplate four-fifths of our semester exams nailed to the mast and only a stray or two left to mar the enjoyment of the balmy springlike weather.

However, we do not object to examinations as such. There are exams and exams. When they test for efficiency, for practical working knowledge, for mental capacity, well and good. But when they call for memory of catch questions, or unnecessary and useless details, they are a delusion and a snare.

The institution of examinations undoubtedly has value as a mental stimulus. It often leads to the correlation of scattered bits of information which, according to the natural sequence of events might never have been correlated. In certain courses it gives rise to desperate attempts to remember the phraseology of the instructor, for "Verily, is a pet expression of more value than a volume of dissenting opinion." Again, we discover certain social lights forsaking the usual Sorority Route No. 1, to become enamored of a crisp new volume with leaves still uncut, or a dusty volume of forgotten lore, as the case may be. In either the chances are, he is treading paths unknown.

However, one may see the rank and file of students marching to the crucial test with heads high in the knowledge of a semester well spent and of tasks well mastered.

THE GLAD HAND

The O. A. C. Glee Club will be here Saturday. Show them a good time. When our boys went to Corvallis, there was nothing too good for them. Now it is our turn to entertain.

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Pack the house Saturday night. And don't be afraid to call for a few encores; they have some good ones. Turn out for the matinee dance Saturday afternoon and stick around and make them feel at home.

We are glad they are here; we want to see more of them. Give them the glad hand.

ZIMMERMAN SUCCESSFUL IN ORATORICAL TRY-OUTS

Howard Zimmerman, a Senior, registering from Salem, was chosen to represent Oregon at the annual intercollegiate oratorical contest to be held this year at Newberg following the final try-out which took place Friday evening in Villard Hall. "Unbarred Gates" was the title of the winner's oration, which dealt with the emigration problem and a remedy with special emphasis on its application to the Pacific coast. James Donald, a Sophomore, from Baker, took second place with his oration entitled "Betrayed by the Intelligent." Other contestants were Maurice Hill, Otto Heider, Bert Lombard, and Cleveland Simpkins.

Hot drinks at Obak's.

CONFERENCE REVISES ELIGIBILITY RULES

Northwest Amateur Athletes Must Conform to Higher Standards

Following are the Northwest Conference rules as revised at the last meeting at Seattle:

Rules of Eligibility

1. No student who has participated in any branch of intercollegiate athletics during four previous seasons shall represent any institution in this conference in that branch of athletics.

2. No student who has participated in any intercollegiate games or contests of any kind during five previous years shall represent any institution in this conference in any intercollegiate game or contest; provided, however, that a student who has completed his permissible athletic service in any other institution of similar grade, shall not represent any institution of this conference.

For the purpose of this conference rule a year shall be counted from September to September if the student's first participation occurred in the fall semester, or from February to February if the student's first participation occurred in the spring semester.

3. No student who has less than twelve Carnegie units of entrance credits shall represent any institution in this conference in any intercollegiate game or contest. (It is provided that until July, 1913, in any institution requiring less than twelve units the minimum requirement for eligibility shall be the maximum number of units required for entrance to any of the four-year courses leading to degrees.)

4. No student who has participated in the intercollegiate athletics of an institution granting a standard bachelor's degree and offering work beyond sixteen Carnegie units of high school grade, shall represent any institution in this conference in any intercollegiate game or contest until he shall have been a student of that institution for at least one college year. For the purpose of this rule, the list of institutions granting a bachelor's degree shall consist of the first four groups listed by the United States Bureau of Education and also the Indian schools.

5. No student shall represent his institution in any intercollegiate game or contest unless he has carried satisfactorily since registration, and is carrying at the time of any contest at least three-quarters of the regular work required by the institution.

6. No student shall represent his institution in any inter-collegiate game or contest who has total delinquencies on his previous record in that institution equivalent to one-half of the full amount of prescribed work for any semester.

7. No student shall represent his institution in any intercollegiate game or contest who registers later than three weeks after the first day set for registration in the semester in which he desires to compete.

8. Bona fide students who are carrying the required amount of work shall not be barred from athletics because they are working to earn part of their expenses and receiving no more than ordinary compensation for their services.

9. No student shall represent an athletic organization other than his institution from the opening of the fall semester to the close of the spring semester. A student who desires to participate with another amateur organization during the summer vacation period may do so upon the written permission of his faculty athletic committee.

Amateur Rule

10. No student shall compete in any athletic contest in this conference who is not an amateur.

11. An amateur is a person who has never competed for money or other valuable consideration, or under a false name, or with or against a professional, or who has not at any time taught, pursued or assisted at athletic exercises, or acted as a physical instructor or his assistant for money or other valuable consideration. Nothing in this definition shall be construed to prohibit competition between amateurs for medals or trophies of a similar nature.

12. Nothing in this rule shall be construed to prohibit the acceptance

by an amateur of his necessary traveling expenses incurred as a contestant or official in going to or from any place for an amateur contest.

13. The disposing of any medals, trophies or complimentary tickets for a consideration shall be considered evidence of professionalism.

14. No student shall be eligible to participate in intercollegiate athletics who has taken advantage of any reduction of fees, scholarships or other financial advantage, except upon the basis of competitive examination or other basis on the same terms as to non-athletic students.

15. Any student who, at any time, has lost his amateur standing, may be reinstated by the faculty committee on athletics of his institution after the completion of one year of satisfactory college work subsequent to the date on which he was declared ineligible.

Enforcement

16. All questions in regard to eligibility and amateur standing or reinstatement of an athlete are to be referred to his own faculty committee on athletics, whose decision shall be final.

Secretary

17. A secretary shall be elected by the conference to serve for a period of two years.

Meetings

18. The secretary, after giving two weeks' notice, shall call a meeting of the conference biennially on the Friday and Saturday of the first week in December. All conference meetings are to be held in rotation at Seattle, Portland and Spokane. A special meeting may be called at any other time upon the written request of three of the institutions of the conference. In the event of the failure of the secretary to issue any such proper call, the chairman of the athletic committee of the institution which the secretary represents shall issue the call.

Representation

19. Each institution shall have one vote in such meeting.

Membership

20. Any institution may become a member of this conference by making application to the secretary and subscribing to the Articles of Agreement, provided that the unanimous consent of the conference be obtained.

Certified Lists

21. The athletic committee of each institution in the conference shall, on or before October 10th of each year, mail to the secretary of the conference a list of all men who are candidates for the football team, together with the following data regarding each: Age, home, preparatory schools attended, institutions attended of whatever rank above that of preparatory school, branches of athletics and date (year) of participation in the latter class of institutions. The list for basketball shall be mailed on or before January 5th; for wrestling, February 1st; for track and baseball, April 1st.

At least one week before the above mentioned dates the secretary of the conference shall send to the athletic committee of each institution a set of blank forms and shall call attention to the proper date for mailing the certified lists in questions. Should the secretary fail to receive a list within two days of the required date of mailing, he shall wire to the registrar of the delinquent institution demanding the list immediately.

As soon as possible after receipt of each of the above lists the secretary shall send a copy of each list to each institution.

Lists of players who are eligible for a particular contest shall be certified by the athletic committees and exchanged by the managers before the contest.

Amendments

22. A change in the Articles of Agreement of this conference shall be declared adopted by the secretary upon the filing of written approval by each institution in the conference.

Interpretations and Definitions

23. Participation.—The term "participation" as applied to a student shall mean the representation of his institution in an intercollegiate game or contest or any part of such game or contest.

24. Intercollegiate Contest.—The term "intercollegiate contest" shall be defined as an athletic game or contest between teams representing institutions listed in section 4.

25. College Year.—A "college

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year" shall be interpreted as meaning two full semesters of attendance.

26. Delinquencies.—A "delinquency" shall be defined as any subject in which a report of "conditioned" "failed" or "incomplete" or their equivalents, has been made. The fact that a student is repeating the work of a delinquent subject shall not be considered as removing the delinquency; a passing grade must be obtained in that subject before such delinquency can be considered removed. In the case of a student changing his general course of work and having delinquencies in the former course in a subject not required for graduation in the new course, such delinquencies shall not affect his athletic eligibility, provided he has done satisfactorily one semester's work in all the subjects assigned in the new course.

27. Playing Professional Teams.—It shall not be considered a violation of an amateur rule for a conference team, provided that the faculty athletic committee of the institution sanction such game or contest.

Resolution

Whereas, Students of an institution frequently, out of a mistaken sense of loyalty conceal from their faculty athletic committee the fact that promising athletes of their own college have rendered themselves ineligible, and

Whereas, such knowledge or evidence may come into the possession of the faculty committee or students of another conference institution, and

Whereas, The faculty athletic committee of the institution which the student desires to represent is the court of last resort in determining the status of their students, and

Whereas, The publication of exaggerated and garbled accounts of such rumors or facts creates unfriendly feeling in rival institutions and detracts from the dignity and worth of the institution in the public mind, it is hereby expressly

Resolved, That all publication or circulation of such evidence shall be prevented as far as possible until the faculty committee of the institution involved shall have had sufficient opportunity to investigate and decide the questions submitted.

In Witness Whereof, The several institutions have hereunto set their signatures by their duly accredited representatives in this conference, this 21st day of December, 1912.

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO—

Proctor K. Perkins,

G. L. Larson.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON—

W. L. Hayward,

D. H. Walker.

OREGON AGR. COLLEGE—

A. B. Cordley,

E. J. Stewart.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON—

Milnor Roberts,

Victor Zednick.

WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE—

S. Shedd,

J. R. Bender.

WHITMAN COLLEGE—

Archie Hahn.

The Sophomore committee at Wash-

ington in charge of the informal class dance, is divided on the question as to whether ragging will be allowed. Some favor the proposition of allowing certain rag dances on the program and yet do not care to have printed on the list. They argue that unless one has ragged they are liable to be prejudiced against the dance.

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