

## FACULTY MAKES NEW SYSTEM OF HONORS

Thesis Work Optional With Major Professor—Committee Will Determine Standing.

The University Faculty has drawn up a new set of rules for Senior thesis and Senior honors which become effective upon this year's graduating class. They are as follows:

1. That beginning with the academic year 1912-13, Senior thesis be made optional with the major professor, except as provided under paragraph 4.

2. That two types of excellence seem worthy of recognition by the Faculty—a high average scholarship, and distinction in a particular branch or department of study.

3. That a new type of honors be instituted, to be known as "Highest Honors in a Given Subject," to be granted by vote of the Faculty on the recommendation of the appropriate committee. For each case this committee shall consist of not less than three members, consisting of the head of the major department as chairman, and representatives of other closely allied departments in which the candidate has worked. This committee may, at its own discretion, recommend for honor, or refuse so to do. In making its decision, the committee shall consider:

First—The candidate's ability to do independent and productive work in his own department (not necessarily a contribution to knowledge), as evidenced by a thesis of unusual excellence and such other tests, formal or informal, as the committee may see fit to require. The word "thesis" shall be taken in a broad sense, to designate a piece of work exhibiting the capacity of the student for original work, but suited to the nature of the department in which the honors are to be granted. In case the limitations of the work of the department make such a thesis impracticable, its place shall be taken by a special examination, or series of examinations, serving to show the candidate's general grasp of the whole subject and thorough mastery of some definite limited field in which he has done special work.

Second—The committee shall consider the quality and quantity of work done by the candidate in his major subject, including both the number of courses regularly taken and the grades earned in them, and also his collateral reading and such evidence as he may present of his ability thus independently to acquire, discriminate and organize. Evidence of intellectual growth and development would naturally receive consideration.

Third—The committee may consider the candidate's work in and mastery of any subject or subjects so closely interrelated that they really affect his working command of his major subject.

This honor is intended to be, as it is called, the highest honor the University confers upon any student at graduation, equivalent to a recommendation for a scholarship or fellowship in a graduate school, and not to be won by a limited amount of work, or by work of elementary character, no matter how excellent. It will hence ordinarily call for four, or at least three consecutive years of work in the University, except in the case of departments not opening their courses to Freshmen and Sophomores, in which cases the work would naturally be correspondingly more intense.

These honors are to be made a part of the permanent records of the University, and mentioned in the diploma, the Commencement program, the catalog of the succeeding year, and the General Registers which may contain the name of the recipient. On the diploma, the highest honors shall take precedence over general scholarship rank, e. g., Thomas Simpson graduates "with highest honors in science," engineering, and ranks twelfth in general scholarship in a class of eighty-six.

Every effort will naturally be made to give this highest honor such additional publicity and preference, e. g., in recommendation for appointments, as shall tend to make it highly esteemed both by the recipient and by the Student Body generally.

Formal application for candidacy

## ZIMMERMAN TO ORATE AT NEWBERG CONTEST

Is Also Leader of Team in Utah Debate—O. A. C. and W. S. C. Will Be in League.

Howard Zimmerman will represent Oregon in the State Oratorical Contest at Newberg, March 7, his subject being "Unguarded Gates," an immigration question. It has been the custom for a number of years for each class to send two delegates to the annual oratorical contest, and pay their expenses. Hence the election must take place soon. The preliminary try-out to select the inter-state representative will be held February 25, at 8 p. m. Each contestant will be limited to 800 words, and five of those trying out will be selected. The final try-out will be held Saturday, March 1; the limit will be 1,500 words, and one contestant will be selected.

Oregon will send two men to debate against Utah on February 21, at Salt Lake City. Coach Prescott has not yet picked the team, with the exception of the leader, Howard Zimmerman. David Pickett and Vernon Motschenbacher are fighting for second place, and Coach Prescott says that he will be unable to announce his choice until Thursday or Friday.

It is practically assured that the Oregon Agricultural College and Washington State College will be admitted into the inter-state oratorical league. Whitman and Idaho may come in, thereby making a conference league. Manager Geary is still working on the proposition.

### TRACK ENTRIES FEW IN NUMBER

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also pitched quite a bit of local baseball.

Carson Bigbee, former Albany High star shortstop, is expected to enter this week, providing he is able to straighten out his matriculation credits. Nat Kimball, of Pendleton, has returned and will probably turn out for the hurdles.

Bill Hayward is at present on the basketball trip and has had no chance to look over his new prospects,—but after this week things promise to be "right lively" on the cinder track.

### O. A. C. GLEE CLUB TENDERED BANQUET

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director. When the Oregon Glee Club goes to Corvallis, the same plan will be followed. Manager Geary predicted that this will be a good drawing card.

The banquet marks another step in the closer union which is being formed between these two state institutions and when O. A. C. sang the Oregon Toast, it did not take the Oregon men long to respond with O. A. C.'s Zip Boom Bee.

The presence of 39 negro students here, ranks Michigan as the third largest in negro attendance among the bigger schools in the country; the University of Kansas and Oberlin College lead. This is due largely to the fact that Michigan is known the country over as a democratic institution.

Harold Cockerline, '12, now in the General Electric Company at Schenectady, N. Y., spent a few days last week with Wendell Barbour, at Cambridge, where the latter is attending Harvard Law School.

for highest honors shall be made at the time of filling out the registration card at the beginning of the Senior year, and the major professor shall definitely enter upon the student's card either the thesis or the preparation for the special examination, allowing suitable credit therefor, not to exceed four semester hours for the year.

The use of the phrase "Major Subject" is not intended to forbid or prevent the granting of the honor in two subjects to the same student, though the standard of requirements is intended to be so high that this will be exceedingly rare, and the proportion of students attaining it in one subject will always be small.

### O. A. C. GLEE CLUB CEMENTS FRIENDSHIP

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dialect epic; and "My Widow," a German travesty. Later in the program Mr. Scudder staged "The Midget's Repertoire," an amusing skit of the Punch and Judy variety.

The Quartette's offerings included "Love's Old, Sweet Song," "The Bells of Shandon," "The Rosary," and several popular rag-time airs as encores. The rendition of "The Bells of Shandon" was of particularly striking merit, the individual voices blending in faultless harmony.

George Randolph Thomas, bass soloist, sang "Till the Sands of the Desert Grow Cold," and responded to vociferous encores with "In the Garden of My Heart." Mr. Thomas has an excellent range and volume, and is a tower of strength in the bass section of the club.

Perhaps the greatest hits of the entertainment were H. W. Russell, Scotch monologist, and Lawrence Skipton, the youthful violinist. Mr. Russell rendered several of Harry Lauder's selections—"Roaming in the Gloaming," "Every Laddie Loves a Lassie," and "The Wedding of Sandy McNab," with telling effect. Skipton, though a lad of only fifteen, charmed the audience with exquisite interpretations of Dancla's "Bolero," "Traumerlei," and "Tales of Hoffman. L. Ross Johnson, first tenor of the quartette, sang "Love's Sorrow," and encored with "My Dream of Paradise.

The ensemble numbers completing the program were "Hark The Trumpet Soundeth," "The Song of the Cannibal," and "Comrades in Arms," the last, although a most difficult subject for other than professional choirs, being rendered with admirable unity and inspiring spirit.

Aside from a slightly disappointing attendance, due to the absence of many students between semesters, the concert was highly successful. It is hoped and expected by the members of the Oregon Glee Club and Oregon students as a whole, that this appearance proves to be but the first of annual visits of the O. A. C. Glee Club to Eugene and the University.

### OUTLOOK GOOD FOR BASEBALL

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to have the greatest line on it at present are two Freshmen. One is Buck Bigbee, a brother to Lyle, who is just entering college, the other is Ans. Cornell, Oregon's midget quarterback, who is a whiz in handling the ball.

Cady Roberts, who played short stop last year, is now in Honolulu, but one Carson Bigbee, brother to Buck and Lyle, also a new student, is said to have the job nearly cinched.

On third base, Anunson, who held the sack with glory, and who always was the man to drive the sphere out in the left suburb when the bases were crowded, is another with his place cinched.

Out in right field, to fill Fenton's place in case he comes in to first, will be a number of candidates who can fight it out with all the vim of big leaguers. These are Ben Dorris, Ernest Vosper, Walter Dobie, and possibly Buck Bigbee. All are old men except the latter, but all think they have the edge upon the other.

The other two places are sewed up—almost. "Beany" Mount, who likes to climb high in batting, has played out here for two years, much to every one's satisfaction, and will probably do so this year. Ben Chandler will guard the left lot.

### DECORATIONS WILL HAVE DISTINCT VALENTINE EFFECT

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President Prosser is enthusiastic over the progress which the committee has made and prophesies this dance to be one of the most successful ever held. He announces that the grand march will start promptly at 8:30.

Hendershott's ten-piece orchestra has been engaged to furnish music for the occasion.

The list of patrons and patronesses include President and Mrs. Princes L. Campbell, Professor and Mrs. John Straub, Miss Julia Burgess, Miss Ruth Guppy, and Mrs. E. M. Spencer.

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