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A WAY OUT

Perhaps members of the University of Oregon faculty have found the best palliative for the evils of the present system of final examinations which ever will be found. It is the simple alternative of requiring in lieu of the examination a long paper or thesis on some phase or phases of the semester's work.

The two counts on which the final examinations are most often denounced by both students and instructors are these: The undue strain they impose on the students, and their ineffectuality as a criterion of the students' knowledge. Both these faults are eradicated, we believe, by the new plan.

Such a thesis is not necessarily easier than an examination, so far as the amount of work represented is concerned. Rather, it admits of greater and more intelligent effort on the part of the student, but with a saving of the energy now expended in worrying and useless cramming.

A long theme, planned systematically and worked out calmly and painstakingly, should provide an acid test of the student's ability. When completed, it will be an accomplishment worth while—provided the instructor has been sufficiently fastidious in his exactions. This is more than can be said of the result of the usual two hours' travail over a blue-book. The latter is certain to be misrepresentative in every way of the best of which the student is capable; in subject matter, in composition and in penmanship.

Probably there are courses in which the instructor will find it impossible to devise a form of thesis from which he can appraise the work of his students. However, in most of the courses offered here, the plan seems practicable. We hope to see it developed and applied with increasing success in the future.

CAMPUS NOTES

Owing to a halt in the return copy, the State Printer will be unable to publish the 1915-1916 catalogue before June 1 or later.

Mrs. Cushman, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford and Julia Crawford, of Brownsville, were guests at the Delta Gamma house Wednesday.

Mrs. J. K. Locke, of Portland, and Miss Sampson, of Buffalo, N. Y., were dinner guests at the Gamma Phi Beta house.

Mildred Lawrence is visiting at the Delta Gamma house.

Mrs. H. S. Wilson and Maria Wilson are spending the week-end at the Kappa Kappa Gamma house.

Margaret Wetzel, of Portland, Maude Cameron, Beulah Morgan and Eva Yates, of Corvallis, are week-end guests at the Alpha Phi house.

Meta Goldsmith was a luncheon

guest at the Delta Delta Delta house Friday noon.

Delta Delta Delta entertained with an alumnae dinner Thursday evening. The alumnae present were: Mozelle Hair, Mabel Kuykendall, Edith Buell, Barbara Booth, Helena Hughes.

Mary Tischer spent the week-end in Salem with her parents.

Frances Elizabeth Baker visited with friends at O. A. C. Saturday.

Miss Frieda Goldsmith has been ill with lagrippe the past week and unable to hold her gymnasium classes.

Clara Witousek entertained informally for Mrs. W. A. Ferguson, of Portland, and Ellen Vanvolkinburgh, Saturday evening at Mary Spiller Hall.

Gladys Roberts was a dinner guest at Mary Spiller Hall Friday.

SPURTS

Whitman and the Multnomah Club have contracted for two football games to be played next fall. The two teams used to meet quite regularly, but no game has been played since M. A. A. C. won in 1908 by a score of 11 to 5.

Several of the Northwest's coaches figure that their teams will have a very prominent finger in the gravy when the conference championship pie is opened at O. A. C. next Friday. Coach Archie Hahn will bring down a fairly balanced team which he expects to do things. Thompson, a sprinter, is counted on by Hahn to count strongly in the sprints.

Vere Windnagle, the little runner who did such great things for Oregon in the spring of 1913, ran second to Ted Meredith, world's record holder, in a dual meet between Cornell and Pennsylvania, recently held at Ithica. Meredith is perhaps the greatest middle distance man who ever ran.

L. A. Whitney, of Dartmouth, established an intercollegiate shot put record of 47 feet 10 1/2 inches in a big association meet in the East last Saturday.

Arthur Duffy, one of the old timers in the sprinting game, says: "I would not be surprised if a new 440 record was put up this year. The sprints and distance runs are at a point where they will hardly be touched, but this may be a great season for the quarter milers."

Harvard demonstrated that the Cornell crew lacks its usual power and finish by defeating them for the first time in the history of Cayuga Lake regattas last Saturday. Harvard is now assured of the trip to the San Francisco regatta.

Dudley Clarke, Oregon's great full-back and punter in the seasons back around 1907 when Dick Forbes was coach, and later a Multnomah Club backfield man, will try to make a "come back" next fall if the P. N. A. will reinstate him as an amateur. He has been out of athletics for two years.

COMMUNICATION

ARE WE BEING SHOWN UP AT SAN FRANCISCO

(Following is an extract from a personal letter written by one of the University of Oregon guides at the Exposition.)

Upon my arrival in the Oregon Building, I immediately looked around to see the University exhibit. To my great surprise and disappointment, I found only a stand such as is used in railroad stations to show scenery along the line. This has a few pictures of the campus, showing buildings, rose hedges, and "Hello Lane," etc. The thing has not been electrically connected, but we shall soon see about that. On the other hand, O. A. C. is very well represented. On the second floor the whole northwest corner is devoted to O. A. C. transparent pictures. These pictures are not used to display campus scenes only, but show work in all departments and are surely a fine exhibit, one any college would be proud of. In the reception room on the first floor a couple of signs tell the visitor that all the furniture in the room has been made by O. A. C. students, and it is excellent furniture.

In the southeast second floor corner, the O. A. C. girls serve luncheons from 12 to 2 every day, and they are

known all over the grounds for quality. People fight for seats every noon, and O. A. C. has certainly been made famous through the luncheons alone. The O. A. C. fellows all wear their uniforms and there is a general O. A. C. atmosphere. The college has done itself proud, while Oregon has nothing to show that she has an excuse for existence.

Every time a visitor asks me if I am from O. A. C., I want to fight, and I don't know what I'd do if someone asked me to see the University exhibit.

There is still nearly a month before college will be out, and the heavy crowds will not come until then, so, if something is done immediately, we still have time to make a respectable showing. You know it hurts an Oregon fellow's pride to see a dinky bunch of colored plates along side of all this O. A. C. display, and you can bet that if some action is taken toward making a showing here, you will find no more enthusiastic supporters than the Oregon fellows here on the job. I shall be here for three weeks more, and maybe a little longer, and I hope to see something started.

O. A. C. gets the "Barometer" here regularly and have a copy of the "Orange" at hand to enthruse prospective students. If Oregon needs anything, it needs publicity of a kind that will make the public realize that we have something beside a good time to show for our University courses. An exhibit giving us an excuse for existence is what we need here, and not a few miserable pictures.

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