

JOURNALISM SCHOOL TO RE-ORGANIZE WORK

Freshman Course Will Be Combined With English in Five Hours a Week.

Courses of Senior and Junior Years to Be Intensified by Dean Allen.

The school of journalism has prepared for the forthcoming University catalogue a statement of its courses for next year based upon a plan for greatly intensifying the journalism work of the senior year, emphasizing also the three-year courses, and placing the freshman and sophomore work in a new classification called "pre-journalism."

An arrangement has been completed with the English department, under which the six hours formerly devoted by the freshmen to English and journalism in separate courses of three hours each will be consolidated into a single daily course of five hours. Dr. E. S. Bates, head of the English department, has assigned the handling of that department's share of the work to Prof. W. F. G. Thacher who was formerly a

magazine editor. Dean E. W. Allen will teach the school of journalism's part of the course.

The guiding purpose of the new consolidated freshman course will be training in the careful and accurate use of English. As all the journalism freshmen will thus be in a single English section, closer cooperation and frequent conferences between the English and journalism instructors will be possible. The student, doing all his work for both departments on the typewriter and in the form demanded by newspaper and magazine editors, will, by the end of his first year, have acquired permanently many of the fundamental habits on which sound training in journalism can later be built, according to Professor Allen.

The senior work, now a three hour course in editorial writing, history of journalism and contemporary journalism with separate one-hour periods for special news writing assignments, accounting work in the printing department, and the law of the press, will be consolidated into a regular five hour course, and will include more practice work in editing, handling exchanges, investigating Oregon conditions, and studying problems of newspaper management.

Proofreading will be taught in the shop as a laboratory course, and not combined classroom and laboratory course as at present. Copyreading will remain in the junior year, as a work in advanced news-writing. The mechanical courses will remain in the sophomore year for the present.

Conditions in the northwest are favorable at present for the trained man in journalism, according to Prof. Allen, and the school of journalism has this year repeated its experience of previous years by having more applications from editors in need of reporters than it has been able to meet. Graduates are making good salaries and meeting with ready promotion he says.

COMMERCE BULLETIN

Dean Morton last Friday opened up a new class in banking in Salem. Including these classes the extension department of the school of commerce has nearly 200 students enrolled.

Ansel R. Clark, of the Chamber of Commerce, will deliver a lecture to the students in industrial survey on Wednesday at 2:00 p. m. in Deady hall. The lecture will cover some phase of export trade.

Prof. J. H. Jackson is in Albany at the present time for the purpose of addressing a class of bankers on the subject of practical banking.

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COMEDY MARCH 16-17

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Washington and Oregon May Exchange Plays Last of Semester.

Mask and Buskin at a special meeting voted to produce "Stephanie Steps Out" by Bess Colman on March 16 and 17, at Guild hall. This will be the second play the association has produced from Miss Colman's pen. Cleveland Simpkins will coach the play. The cast will be decided at the next meeting.

Charles Prim, president of the organization was in town over last week end. This week he will be in Seattle on business and also to arrange for an exchange of plays between the Mask and Buskin and the Mask and Quill chapters. "We expect to get a Washington play down here either the last of this semester or the first of next," said Mr. Prim. "The cast will necessarily be small in order to cover expenses. Both plays will be written by campus authors, and both casts will be composed largely of senior and post graduate members. That report about post graduates not taking part is not true. We are trying to keep a close organization among all our post graduate members."

April 6 the members of Mask and Buskin will take Hedda Gabler to Medford. The night before it will be given here as a benefit for the fraternity magazine, "The Cue". The cast will include the following: Helen Bracht, Golden Barnett, W. F. G. Thacher, Rosalind Bates, Eyla Walker, Rosamond Shaw, Mary Watson and E. S. Bates.

PROBATES MAY LEAVE

Ruling Permits Dismissals at Any Time Grades Are Low.

Faculty Committee Finds Several Reinstated Students in Serious Plight.

A new duty was placed upon the probation committee at the beginning of this semester when it was given the authority to dismiss from college any student who was reinstated upon the condition that he do good work this semester, at any time his work becomes unsatisfactory. Through the registrar's office, instructors report once every two weeks to the probation committee concerning the work of the 18 students conditionally reinstated from last semester.

Professor E. S. Conklin, chairman of the probation committee, declares that several of these students are in a serious predicament, for so far a number of the reports are very unsatisfactory.

This new duty has no effect upon the relation between the probation committee and the students placed on probation due to poor work, in which the committee acts merely as an advisory body. The new ruling affects only those conditionally reinstated.

The probation system, although it cannot safeguard the passing of all students, is doing much, according to Professor Conklin, to help students complete their courses. Out of 34 students placed on probation last November, only 13 failed to make eight hours at the end of the semester. Of the 34, 18 were freshmen, 11 were sophomores and 5 were juniors.

The present probation system was established last spring to handle the cases of many deserving students, who, because of outside work or because they were carrying too hard courses, flunked out. The act establishing this committee provides that students who up to the middle of November and the middle of March have not carried their hours satisfactorily are put under the supervision of the probation committee. This body advises them and if necessary revises their courses.

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SOUTH SEA ISLAND IN PLAY

Hut Interior Another Feature for "Admiral Crichton."

Entirely new scenery, consisting of an English drawing-room set, a beach scene on a South-sea island, and an island hut interior, are to be used in the production of the "Admirable Crichton", which is to be staged in Guild hall on March 29 and 31. Two committees, selected from the senior class in dramatic interpretation are busy working on the scenery and decorations.

In addition to the new scenery, special lighting will be featured in the play. The action calls for such effects as an English sunset, moonlight on a desert island and the red glow of the camp-fire, all of which are being perfected by the committee in charge.

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