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DISCOURAGED? NO!

Virtually all the men in the S. A. T. C., although their work may not and in most instances because of the Influenza and other interruptions in the work during the quarter cannot be up to standard, are assured of ultimately getting credit for this term's work by the action taken by the Oregon faculty at a recent meeting.

The report adopted by the faculty which goes to assure students that they will have good opportunity to make their credits this quarter that they may graduate with the classes they are now in, contains the following provisions:

Term Grades—That as a general recommendation to instructors, for this firm only, the term grades, as far as possible, shall be based on quality rather than quantity.

“Conditions” and “Incompletes.”—That for this term the grade “condition” shall not be given, but “incomplete” used instead and that the grades of next term shall be used as a basis for removing such incompletes, it being understood that this recommendation has no reference to earned failures and that such incompletes are to be removed by excellence of work in other subjects taken during the winter quarter, the grades being limited to “Passing.”

“Suspension of nine hour rule—That the student's status in the University shall not be prejudiced by his record this term.

“Credit for non-commissioned officers.—That non-commissioned officers of the S. A. T. C. on the recommendation of the military authorities may receive full credit for the term's work as military credits, a list of such men to be furnished the committee before final action is taken.

“Honor rules—That the rules covering honors be waived for this term.

“Credit to commissioned men.—That men returning to the University who have made their commissions or had gone two-thirds of the way toward such commissions at time of the armistice was signed receive credit for one term's work in college.

In explaining these provisions the faculty bulletin says: “It is urged that announcements be made to classes of the action relating to students now on the campus in order to make clear to those students who are discouraged and see no value in continuing in class that, in general, it would be much better for them to remain in the course and take the examination and thereby stand at least some chance of receiving credit ultimately for this term's work.”

From some faculty members and administration officials comes the encour-

aging interpretation that the action taken means that all students who have shown any interest whatever and continue in class to take the final examinations will largely be given incompletes which, by the provisions adopted, will be raised to credits if, in the next quarter, the student makes a fair average showing that under normal conditions he would have made his credits under the S. A. T. C. It will not be necessary, it is pointed out, for students remaining in the University to continue in the subjects in which they hold incompletes as has been the ruling previously. This is done because many men in the S. A. T. C. have been taking courses preparing for military service that they now no longer desire to take.

With this virtual assurance that nearly, if not all men, will get a chance to make good next quarter, comes an unofficial encouragement to the students that under the Missouri system of grading followed by the faculty at Oregon, the standard, naturally, will not be so high as formerly while only the same percentage will fail, perhaps not as great a percentage because of the action taken in regard to the granting of incompletes this quarter.

No longer does there seem to be ground that “it is just as well to stay out until next fall and start right.” There is no cause to miss a year out of your life as a college-trained man. Seniors can graduate this year as usual, juniors and sophomores will not be compelled to drop into the class behind them and consequently wait a year or half-year longer for their degrees. And freshmen may continue with the next quarter assured that with reasonable work they can graduate from Oregon with the class of 1922.

OREGON FORTUNATE

High standards of the University before the war have stood Oregon in good stead during the S. A. T. C. period, and compared to other schools on the coast and in the middle west, Oregon is fortunate.

An official of the Northwest S. A. T. C. who has visited the campus in connection with his duties in touring his district made the statement while here that Oregon, generally speaking, had a much higher standard of men enrolled in the S. A. T. C. and was doing better work than other schools he had so far visited.

An officer in a sister college organization of S. A. T. C. is quoted as saying that he believed it doubtful if more than 300 of the 1500 enrolled would remain for the regular college work, a situation probably due to the younger class of men attracted there—before really ready in years or preparation for college or university work—because of the low entrance requirements which permitted men even last October to enter without high school diploma.

While Oregon was recently instructed to lower her standards for entering S. A. T. C. men, no considerable number of such men have entered, and the quality of Oregon men is high. Very few on the campus now are lacking in the qualifications of college men. Some will leave. These, however, will be mostly married men and those who have already established themselves in business and came to Oregon merely for the military training, and a small number who did not intend to come to a University under normal conditions. The greatest majority are really University men and while at Oregon have developed a desire to continue their work at the University. They will stay and with the old men, perhaps fifty or seventy-five already returning for the opening of the new quarter, Oregon's enrollment will remain practically the same when the University again resumes the old top-notch basis of a great University.

DELTA TAU DELTA announces the pledging of JOHN MATIN ASKEY of Tacoma, Wash.

Down Alder Street With Alice

By SinClaire Highlow

There are so many college girls that all can't be waitresses, but when they can manage it—they “get by.” Big. The word of Pat O'Rourke, guard on the Varsity football team, can be taken for that.

“Gee,” said Pat, speaking with comparative restraint at the Delta Gamma dance at the country club Saturday night. “Now I'm in my element!”

After cutting a dance that he might get in this “element,” Pat found that the three waitresses were D. G.'s with a different kind of suits on.

“Very unusual waitresses,” is Pat's alibi which used to be only a comment.

“It's too bad,” Alice declared, “that the influenza ban is to come back and stop the two company dances this weekend just when some of the freshman girls had learned to take their penciled programs home and make out a ‘real program’ in ink, with better names on it, to keep!”

The story in a current magazine telling “How to Make an Impression With Your Voice Over the Telephone,” ought to be interesting to the girl who last fall took a dance date with a new freshman who later forgot who the date was with, where she lived and could not think of the name of the upperclassman who made the date for him.

PAMPHLET OUTLINES UNIVERSITY COURSES

“Getting on to a Peace Basis,” is Title of Informational 20-Page Booklet.

A new pamphlet under the head of “Getting on to a Peace Basis,” directed to the attention of the men returning from service, is being sent out by the University. It gives what the University has to say to the man who takes off his uniform and asks, “Where do we go from here?”

Made up in a neat, attractive little booklet of twenty pages, it outlines a plan of co-operation with the men desiring to return to college life. It is dedicated to former University men about to be released from service, older men who gave up positions to enlist and who now want to prepare for other work, to the high school graduate and to all those soon to be demobilized.

The introduction outlines the needs of many of the men and shows how the University is prepared to meet these needs in its return to the normal peace conditions, and urges the enrollment in the University at the beginning of next term.

A complete list of the departments and branches of the University is given for the consideration of the men, and the faculty of all these departments offer their services in helping the men to enroll in what they want.

Each school or department gives an introductory paragraph telling the advantages of that particular school and then outlines the courses open the next term.

The list of departments follows: Architecture and applied arts, botany, chemistry, commerce, economics and sociology, English literature, geology, Germanic languages and literature, Greek, household arts, journalism, Latin, law, mathematics, music, physics, professional courses in physical education, pre-nursing courses, psychology, public speaking, rhetoric and American literature, Romance languages and literature, teaching and zoology.

LIKES HER ALGEBRA CLASS

Olga Sanderstrom Says Marshfield Youngsters Eat Math.

Professor and Mrs. E. E. DeCou have received a letter from Olga Soderstrom, 18, who is now teaching at Marshfield. “I have five of the best classes in algebra that can be found in the state,” says Miss Soderstrom. “I wish you could walk in and see them in action. They truly eat algebra, and their manifested interest is marvelous.”

During the influenza epidemic Miss Soderstrom helped in the hospital working 15 hours a day when they were short of nurses and as a consequence she had a slight attack of the influenza herself.

FOOD PROGRAM PRAISED

In a letter received by President Campbell, W. K. Newell, assistant federal food administrator for Oregon, expresses his appreciation for the action of the students and faculty of the University of Oregon in mass meeting on December 4 and for the telegram pledging support to the Food Administration in its efforts to feed Europe.

INTRFRATERNITY COUNCIL vs. BETA THETA PI FRATERNITY. Before the Tribunal of the Interfraternity Council of the University of Oregon. December 9, 1918. The Tribunal has found that the defendant is guilty as charged by the Interfraternity Council to the effect that the defendant pledged the following: Sterling Patterson, Clifford Manerud, Wyndham Buren, before completion of registration for the first quarter of the scholastic year 1918-19, in violation of the Interfraternity By-Laws, Article VI, Sec. 5, and orders the publication of this judgment in the Emerald for December 10, 12 and 14, 1918. Tribunal, JOHN F. BOVARD, JAMES D. BARNETT, D. WALTER MORTON.

OREGON EXCHANGES READY WEDNESDAY Journalism Teacher and Other Newspaper Men Write Articles.

“Oregon Exchanges,” a monthly periodical issued for newspapermen in the state and published by the editing class in the School of Journalism has gone to press at the University print shop, and will probably be ready for mailing on Wednesday.

Under the title of “All Over Oregon,” news items concerning the affairs and folk of Oregon newspaperdom lend a feature to the publication, which is of statewide interest. These items give mention to editors and printers' devils alike, and include news from the country weekly as well as the city daily.

In answer to the request for contributions made in each issue of “Oregon Exchanges,” Rollin Gittings, exchange editor for the Oregon Journal, has given an article entitled “The Silent Partner.” In his Mr. Gittings writes from experience some facts about exchange editors and makes his readers realize that such a position is far from unnecessary on a paper of any size.

The publication also contains a humorous sketch of what an assistant city editor has to contend with in the line of nuisances during the course of a day's work. This article was contributed by George Turnbull, professor of journalism at the University, and is headed “Our Friend the Public.”

An anonymous writer who signs himself “An Editorial Writer of the Oregon Journal,” tells his readers that the only way to learn to write even police news, is to be saturated with good reading.

The members of the editing class as organized to form the staff for “Oregon Exchanges” are: Bess Colman, editor; Elizabeth Aumiller, managing editor; Helen McDonald, editor of the “All Over Oregon” section; Frances Blurock, circulation; Adelaide Lake, head of copy desk; and Erma Zimmerman, proof reader.

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