

LANDSBURY SYSTEM OF UNIFORM MUSIC USED IN NEW YORK

Public Schools of Great State Adopt Oregon Scheme of Granting Credits.

The system of standardizing musical education in the high schools, as worked out in Oregon under the direction of Dean J. J. Landsbury of the School of Music, has been adopted by New York State for use in its public schools.

This system, which is really unique, is the plan of a committee working under the direction of the state board of education, of which Dr. John J. Landsbury, dean of the university school of music, is chairman. In a telegram dated May 15, last, the chairman of the Americanization Committee of the National Federation of Music Clubs requested Dean Landsbury to send at once all his data concerning his experience in introducing music credits in schools, as the committee wished to use it in the New York State schools.

Data Is Sent.

Dean Landsbury replied in detail, giving all his data and recommending that one official be appointed to take charge of the standardization of musical education. His system was adopted, and is described in the August 21 number of "Musical America" under the title "New York Creates State Head Over Music in Schools."

Briefly stated, the plan of the committee of which Dean Landsbury is chairman is as follows:

The committee passes upon the application of every teacher in the state who seeks certification. An enrollment blank is furnished which the student and teacher must fill out at the time a course of study is begun, and an accounting blank given which pins the student and teacher down to faithful work. In this way musical education in high school works for college credits, which can be given because by this plan the work done in high schools is of uniform merit.

Oregon First State.

Oregon is the first state to reach a working solution for the question of music credits, although it has long been attempted. The work was begun some years ago, when Superintendent Alderman of the Portland public schools started a movement granting school credit for music work done at home. The Teachers' Association of Oregon and the State Teachers' Association considered the matter and decided something must be done. The plan which Dean Landsbury suggested and which has developed into the present working system was adopted, and has proved successful.

This work has meant years of the most patient and far-seeing endeavor on the part of Dean Landsbury and the committee. "Music in this state" said Dr. Landsbury, "is rated as a profession hence the music school at the University." The great outstanding fact is that this system, so long sought for, is actually working.

LIBRARY CONGESTION FURTHER RELIEVED

Douglass Announces Steps Just Taken To Accommodate More Students.

Special steps taken to relieve the congestion at the library are announced by M. H. Douglass, librarian. Mr. Douglass's statement follows:

"In order to reduce the congestion at the delivery desk in the main reading room, economics books have been placed in the Librarian's office in the basement. They may be called for at the window in the lower hall. During the day time, they may be studied in rooms 4 or 5 downstairs, in the main reading room, in the lower hall or in any classroom not otherwise occupied. During the evening they should be studied in Room 1.

Room 1 of Johnson hall is open for students of mathematics from 6:30 to 10 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. The attendant in charge will give assistance to students needing it.

"Students studying their own books and others not able to find seats in the main reading room are requested to study in Room 30, upstairs, during the evening hours. During the day, the basement and upstairs halls and class rooms not otherwise occupied may be used.

"Insofar as it is feasible for them to do so, students are urged to do their library reading during the afternoon hours, as the library is less crowded then than during the evening."

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Oregon Leads in Dramatics Among Colleges of Country; Questionnaires Reveal Rank

Faculty and Course of Instruction Found High; Equipment Proves Unequaled by Other Universities.

According to replies received from questionnaires sent out by Prof. A. Ferrus Reddie, head of the public speaking department, the University of Oregon stands out as a leader in the field of dramatic instruction over the country. No other university has the equal of Guild theatre in stage or equipment, and these things, coupled with a faculty of five, including the assistants, gives Oregon a standing along these lines that is hard to realize.

Guild theatre, seating 200, is provided with a stage of ample room for the biggest casts in dramatic work. It is provided with four sets of drop lights on three circuits each, and these with the footlights, furnish a candle power greater in proportion to the volume of the stage than has the Heilig theatre in Portland.

Properties Are Extensive.

Besides a large array of properties the theatre provides three interior sets, one exterior drop, and one cyclorama exterior drop. To these will be added a new set made especially for "The Casilis Engagement," to be produced on November 4 and 5, and an interchangeable interior set, designed for Guild theatre, which is the last word in scenery designing, allowing for any number of combinations and arrangements, including stairways and pillars. It is expected that an exterior wood scene will

also be added. The present gray curtains and borders used in Guild theatre were especially woven for the purpose after a pattern designed by Prof. Reddie.

Guild theatre is provided with sufficient dressing room to accommodate the entire cast in any one of the fifty plays already given since the theatre was built no trouble has ever been experienced along this line.

Small Theatre Resembled.

A very interesting comparison can be made between Guild theatre and numerous little theatres over the country of which it is a type. Many of them have only one-half or three-fourth the stage frontage that there is here. Some of them are completely without dressing rooms, the actors being forced to dress in the wings.

The elementary work given is a particular field that no other university has seriously attempted on a large scale. Training in voice, gesture, stage manner and corrective work, is offered which is parallel to that given in many professional schools. Another particular feature is a coaching class for advanced students which gives them at present an opportunity to direct small one-act productions cast among the new students in the department. As the work advances they will branch out in bigger productions.

STUDENT LOAN FUND NEAR \$10,000 MARK

(Amounts Borrowed Not to Be Over \$300.00.)

The student loan fund of the University has almost reached the \$10,000 mark according to Dr. John Straub, dean of men. A loan, not to exceed \$300, may be made to any student during his University career under certain conditions and restrictions. The loan fund is administered by a committee consisting of the President of the University, two members of the faculty, and two representatives of the University business office. For the last six or eight years the actual handling of requests for loans has been done by Dean Straub.

No Money Lost.

"During the time that I have had the management of the funds," said Dean Straub, "not a single dollar has been lost."

A student must be carrying his University work successfully and have the financial backing of at least two responsible persons in order to receive aid from this fund.

Furthermore, according to the Dean, the student must show that he actually needs the money. "In fact," said he, "we try to discourage the seeking of loans." Loans are usually refused to students who say they want the money for music lessons, or for other purposes not of fundamental importance.

"Of course" said the Dean, "I am not discouraging the study of music if one has the money, but I do not consider that an acceptable reason for desiring a loan."

Ability to Repay Demanded.

Students must show in a business-like manner that they need the money and that they can pay it back. To such students is granted the opportunity of receiving the use of funds at a rate of interest somewhat below the current commercial charge.

The demand for student loan funds this year is about normal. But due to recent repayments, the amount on hand available for use is over \$4000, according to information received at the registrar's office.

DEPARTMENTS TO MOVE

Mailing and Mimeography Soon To Be In New Home.

The mailing and mimeographing departments which have been so active these days on the second floor of the Administration building are being moved to their own building adjacent to Johnson hall.

This building is a new frame structure and the mimeographing room is to be occupied by Miss Charlie Fenton, alumni secretary; W. K. Newell, director of properties, will have the former mailing room.

Dean Dymont will then occupy the present headquarters of Miss Fenton. These changes will be completed by the first of next week, it is thought.

PACKARD REPORTS TRIP

Lectures, Smoker and Party Is Plan of Condon Club.

A talk by Professor E. L. Packard on his recent trip in British Columbia was the feature of the Condon Geology Club social meeting held Thursday at Professor Packard's home.

Reports were given concerning the field work done this summer by eight of the members on Gold Hill. The club has had a most successful year and is looking forward with much enthusiasm to this year. Several illustrated lectures are on the program and many good times are being planned, including a smoker and a regular "get-together" party. The meetings are open to everyone and all interested are invited.

LAW BULLETIN PLANNED

Oregon School Will Issue Quarterly Beginning Next Term.

The school of law is planning to publish a quarterly bulletin for Oregon lawyers beginning about the first of the year. Prof. Sam B. Warner is at present the complete staff. When the actual publication starts the staff will be enlarged to include practically the whole law school faculty.

The publication will be issued every four months and distributed free to the lawyers of the state of Oregon. Comments on recent law cases of note, discussions of Oregon laws and similar law articles of general interest will be published.

MARYLAND HAS NOVEL DAY.

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