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STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE STATES ITS POSITION School of Commerce Ballot Fails to Approve of Honor System

PLAN IS DEFEATED BY 92-72; TOTAL OF 164 VOTES ARE CAST

Many Reject Proposition Because of Article 2; 53 Turn It Down.

METHOD OF REPORTING CHEATING CRITICIZED

Idea Favored, But Students Refuse to "Squeal" On Their Classmates.

By a majority of twenty votes, majors and special students in School of Commerce rejected the honor system proposed by a group of senior majors in the school. Out of a total of 164 votes cast, 92 were for rejection against 72 for acceptance.

Of the 92 votes cast for rejection, 53 voted for rejection without qualifications, while 39 voiced their disapproval because of Article 2.

Article 2, to which objection was taken, reads as follows: "All students are held on their honor to report to the honor commission all cheating in the School of Commerce."

The typical reason written in by those opposed to the system was: "I am in favor of it, but voted no because I absolutely refuse to squeal on anyone I see cheating."

Students Voice Opinions.

Other reasons taken from ballots which voted against the proposal were: "It won't work in just one school."

"I am willing to pledge myself, but not to report others."

"Student government should precede the honor system."

"Ultimate decision lies in the hands of the faculty."

"The change is too abrupt."

"It makes the student commission a tool for the faculty."

"It makes the man who won't report as bad as the cheat."

Seniors Originate Plan.

The plan which came entirely from the students, according to Dean E. C. Robbins, was explained by him yesterday. It was started by a representative group of senior men who had come to the conclusion that such a system would increase the efficiency of the school, according to Dean Robbins.

The ballot box was placed in the upper hall of the commerce building, ballots being distributed in the various classes and at the ballot box. The voting continued all day yesterday. The final result was not known until late last night.

TRE NU IS TO GIVE TEA

Clara Taylor, Y. W. C. A. Industrial Secretary, Honored.

Tre Nu will entertain at tea this afternoon at 4:30 in the Y. W. bungalow in honor of Miss Clara Taylor, Y. W. C. A. industrial field secretary.

All girls who are interested in industrial work for women are invited, and a special invitation is extended to all those who are earning part or all of their way through college.

Miss Taylor will speak and as she has had wide experience in the industrial world, having recently returned from Russia, she will have many interesting things to say to those present.

The practical service committee of which Florence Furnset is chairman, is helping with arrangements for the tea.

FRESHMEN GIRLS WIN SWIM.

The University of Illinois freshmen women took first place in the interclass women's swimming meet with a score of 45 points, the senior women came second with 30 points and the sophomores third with 12 points.

Y. W. C. A. LAYS PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Holiday Cheer to be Dispensed Among Poor People of Eugene By Organization.

Plans for the annual Christmas party to be given by the Y. W. C. A. for the children of Eugene and other holiday activities were discussed at the regular Y. W. cabinet meeting Tuesday night. Elsie Marsh, chairman of the social service committee, was asked to get the list of children from Mrs. M. S. Ady city police matron, and make the necessary arrangements.

Each year the different organizations on the campus send toys to the bungalow which are later distributed during the Christmas party. Baskets of good things to eat are also made up and sent to the families that are named by Mrs. Ady. Beatrice Wetherbee was appointed chairman of a committee to arrange for singing Christmas songs around at different homes in Eugene on Christmas morning. This is an annual practice of the Y. W. C. A.

ATHLETIC SYSTEM AT BERKELEY EXAMINED

Dr. Bovard Approves Scheme; Unique Tests Given

"I have been interested for several years in the plan of physical education for men at the University of California," said Dr. John F. Bovard, dean of the school of physical education, on his return from a trip to Berkeley, where he "listened in" at the deliberations of the Pacific coast conference of faculty athletic representatives.

The Berkeley scheme of physical education for men was introduced about six years ago, by the present head of the department, Frank Kleeberger, a classmate and personal friend of Dr. Bovard's, according to a statement given by the dean today.

"Their plan," said the speaker, "is to subject each man who registers for physical education to an examination to test his agility, his posture, and his skill in combat. The agility test includes the running of a hundred-yard dash. If he is able to make it in 11 seconds or under, he is placed in class 1; if his time is 12 seconds, he is placed in another class; those who can not make it in a certain time, say 14 seconds, are required to continue frequent trials until they can meet the standard. Their posture test is unique," continued Dean Bovard. "The student is taken into a room and told to step inside a small circle painted on the floor. His attention is then directed to some object on the wall. An attendant presses a button and a photograph is made of the student. During the test, several pictures are taken, unawares to the student. The background, against which the photographs are taken, is especially prepared. It is marked off into squares in such a way that the defects of posture are graphically shown in the photograph. The combat test is designed to determine a student's ability to give and take. He is required to put on the gloves with the boxing instructor. The examiner notes whether he becomes angry, or whether he exhibits good sportsmanship."

The student is put through numerous other stunts, says Dean Bovard, after which he is shown his records and receives suggestions as to the most desirable course to pursue. When a student has passed the tests satisfactorily, he is permitted to choose some athletic activity in which he is especially interested.

"This plan has been severely criticized for some objectionable features which it contains, but a strong point in its favor," said the dean, "is the fact that a large percentage of the men continue work in the department after the two years' required work has been completed."

M'CLAIN'S REPORT SHOWS A. S. U. O. HAS GOOD FINANCIAL YEAR

Gross Receipts for Football Season Total \$22,000; \$5,000 Cleared.

ONE-HALF COST OF HAYWARD FIELD PAID

Basketball Games May Be Staged In Armory This Year.

Gross receipts of more than \$22,000 were taken in during the football season just closed, according to the report presented to the assembly of the Associated Students at Villard hall yesterday morning by Marion McClain, graduate manager. After defraying all expenses, about \$5,000 will remain to apply on the \$10,000 debt for the construction of the grandstand and bleachers on Hayward field.

Due to the system of bookkeeping in vogue, he continued, and because all the bills were not yet in, he would be unable for some time to make a complete and detailed report, but give the following figures approximately authentic: Receipts from games, Idaho, \$1170; Stanford, \$3,000; University of Washington, \$4,500; O. A. C., \$5,600; U. S. C. \$7,800 and the Oregon Frosh-O. A. C. Rooks, \$600.

Figures Still Incomplete.

Only the figures for the first two games are audited and known to be complete. Known expenses for some of the games were given as follows: Idaho, \$600; Stanford, \$2,000; University of Washington, \$1,500; O. A. C., \$600, (including bands, soccer team, attendants, as well as the varsity squad); U. S. C., \$4,000, and Pacific University-Oregon Frosh, \$200. About \$3,500 was spent in outfitting the team, according to McClain, who said that it cost \$35 for each of the 100 men out for football. Other expenses, such as newspaper advertising, medical and dental bills, etc., will come in later, he said. Salaries will amount to more than \$8,000, and advertising expenses for Homecoming will be about \$200.

This winter the conference basketball games scheduled by the varsity may be played at the downtown Armory, went on McClain, as there would be more of a chance to make money on the games. As the games have been played at the men's gym a \$25 or \$30 crowd is about all that can be seated, when the student body is accommodated. He hopes to be able to secure the building, and expressed the idea that if it were possible, \$400 houses might be a possibility. This would be used to meet the \$2000 expenses that were guaranteed when the Pacific coast conference track meet was secured for May 12 at Eugene.

Debate Team Landed.

Professor William Michael, instructor in public speaking, told of the work being done by members of the debating team that will meet Princeton at Portland on January 1. Remy Cox, forensic manager, urged as many students as possible to attend the debate, as Princeton graduates, he said, were planning to come en masse.

"Bib" Carl, chairman of the "Greater Oregon" committee, in a short talk, said that any and all members of the student body could aid in the work being done by the committee if they would speak a good word or two for the University while they were home during Christmas vacation.

President P. L. Campbell urged those who have been doing good work in their classes to feel no fear of the coming examinations, to abstain from worrying, and to take good care of their health. Special music was furnished by members of the men's glee club.

Eleven Students Punished For Cheating; One Suspended; Two Dismissed For Rule Infractions

Report of Actions Taken Since October 1 Is Given; 29 Cases Handled; Attitude and Policy Listed in Statement.

A signed report of the decisions of the student advisory committee since October 1, 1920, has been received by the Emerald. The committee thinks it preferable for the present to omit those details which would result in immediate identification of the individuals. The committee also wishes the report considered as a report to the faculty as well as students.

In all twenty-nine cases of cheating was handled by the committee. Of these, 11 were found guilty, and were five penalties ranging from fines of from 5 to 15 hours, usually accompanied by a two-term probation period, during which the student must average a grade of III in courses or be subject to suspension, to the most drastic action taken, suspension from the University until the fall of 1921 accompanied by the loss of all credit hours made this term.

Ten cases were either "not proved" or given a decision of acquittal. Four were given an honorable acquittal.

Two students were dismissed from school for infraction of University rules involving a point of University honor.

Policy and Attitude Stated.

The committee makes the following additional statement as to its policy, its status, and its attitude:

"The members of the committee are the president of the University, the dean of men, the dean of Women, the dean of the school of commerce; and the dean of the college of literature, science, and the arts. This committee is distinct from the probation committee, which is composed of all the deans.

"The student advisory committee is vested by the faculty with power to act in cases involving breaches of University regulations and offenses against University honor.

"The committee was confronted this fall by the fact that cheating in various forms was practiced by certain persons in the student body, in class work, quizzes, and even final examinations. The members, further, were led to believe that some of these cheats considered cheating legitimate; that they intended to steal as much of the B. A. degree as they could; and that they were a menace to the ethical standards of others of the student body, which is substantially honest.

Committee Holds Hearing.

"The president of the University thereupon sent to all instructors a notice requesting them to deal no longer with discovered cases of cheating themselves, but to refer to the student advisory committee all cases in which the evidence seemed to justify a hearing.

"Between 30 and 40 hearings have been held. It is the decisions in these hearings that are handed to the Emerald on the separate sheet.

"The committee, in beginning these hearings, found no established precedents in either student body or faculty to govern decisions in cheating. Accordingly, it was compelled to formulate precedents.

"The committee early took the ground that has been taken by the Emerald editorially; and that, in fact, was re-affirm-

ed by the Emerald in its issue of this morning, when it spoke of 'the growing tendency of students to regard the cheat as an undesirable.' The committee very frankly and outspokenly regards the cheat as an undesirable.

Valid Degrees Expected.

"The state of Oregon gives the state University about \$800,000 a year toward the financing of higher education. The state expects the University in return to exact 186 term hours of substantial work, and to grant valid B. A. degrees. The state will not tolerate the stealing of any of these hours; nor will the student body tolerate it when it realizes the facts.

"The committee believes that cheats are ineligible members of the campus body, however, it felt that suddenly "to begin with dismissals for all forms of cheating would perhaps be unfair, in view of the past. It has consistently tried to proceed along the line suggested in a recent Emerald editorial captioned 'not too fast.' It has accordingly merely fined students a number of hours when it knew that in other institutions under the full honor system, the students themselves would have inflicted the penalty of dismissal. It has dismissed only in extreme cases.

Circumstantial Evidence Accepted.

"The committee did vote, a few days ago, to convict upon circumstantial evidence, provided both the committee and the department in which the cheating occurred were convinced of guilt. It was compelled to adopt this policy when certain individuals declared 'upon their personal honor' that they had neither given nor received assistance in examinations when the evidence seemed to show clearly that they had.

"The committee has since that time convicted three men upon circumstantial evidence.

Ready to Turn Over Job.

"The University is ready to turn over to the student body the disagreeable and thankless job of disciplining cheats at whatever time the student body is convinced that the vast majority of its members are prepared to accept the full responsibility that ethical standards entail. But let no student for a moment suppose that administration of cases of cheating is not a grave responsibility.

"The committee desires to thank the Emerald for what it considers its fair and thoughtful attitude. It desires to express appreciation also to the fraternity houses and the individuals who have sent in declarations of support. The committee understands perfectly that the student body is at heart sound, and that the ultimate fate of the cheat will be ostracism.

(Signed),

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Summary Given.

Summary of decisions by student advisory committee since October 1:

Case 1.—Student was charged with copying from neighbor at right in a weekly quiz. Decision: honorable acquittal.

Case 2.—Student asked neighbor a question and recorded the answer, in a

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OREGON DEBATERS TO MEET REED MEN ON FORUM TONIGHT

Affirmative Team to Argue With Portland Pair In Guild Hall.

NEGATIVE SPEAKERS WILL GO TO O. A. C.

Cox, Iseminger, Hoerber and Armstrong Will Speak For Oregon.

The first triangular varsity debate of the season will be held tonight when Oregon's affirmative team will meet Reed College in Guild hall at the same time the negative team will clash with O. A. C. at Corvallis and the negative team from O. A. C. meets Reed at Portland.

The question which is to be the subject of the contest is, "Resolved that the aid given to American shipping by section 28 of the Jones Bill (Merchant Marine Act of 1920) is to the best interests of the United States." This bill provides for preferential rail roads for export shipments provided they go in American vessels.

Ralph Hoerber and Remy Cox comprise the affirmative team, which will meet James Gantenbein and Lewis Jones, the negative team from Reed college at 8 o'clock tonight in Guild hall. Everyone is asked to support the team in this their first encounter. No admission will be charged.

J. Kenneth Armstrong and Boyd Iseminger will defend the negative at O. A. C., against Chester Womer and John Gray.

The judges which will decide the winning team here are, Frank Ira White, of the staff of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, H. Harmon, debate coach of Lincoln High school and Father E. V. O'Hara of Eugene.

Tickets for the Princeton-Oregon debate to be held in Portland January 1, will be on sale next week at the co-operative book store and at the various houses on the campus. The price of admission to this big east-west contest will be only fifty cents. Professor Michael, debate coach, urges the Oregon students to prove their support of the team in this meet, as the Princeton alumni of Portland will be active in backing their team and will need a demonstration of Oregon spirit.

Oregon will be represented at this meet by Remy Cox, John Canoles and C. Carl Meyers.

WOMEN'S EDUCATIONAL CLUB GIVES DINNER

Fourteen New Members Honored With Affair at Anchorage; Aim is Scholarship.

The Women's Educational Club entertained fourteen new members at dinner at the Anchorage, Friday evening. Miss Lillian Pearson, president of the organization acted as toastmistress.

The club was organized last year on the basis of scholarship and professional spirit. Members are selected from all departments of the University, the requirements being that the women maintain a scholarship average above three (111), and that they be planning to enter the teaching profession. Only junior and senior women are eligible.

Eleven women from last year's membership list are on the campus this year. The new members are:

Marjorie Holaday, Irene Whitfield, Mildred Hawes, Janet Frasier, Beatrice Hensley, Lucile Copenhaver, Ulalah Stratton, Alice Lighter, Marvel Skeels, Alice Thurston, Edith Pirie, Isabel Zimmerman, Germany Klemm, Marcile Carlock, J. S.