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STANDARDS AND GRADES.

It appears when superficially considered, that the much boasted of standard raising by the University of Oregon consists simply of raising the grading standard. There are few who would testify that better work was accomplished during the last quarter. It seems that the fault or possibly the difficulty was that certain instructors, usually new at the game, who were especially appealed to by scholarship raising propaganda immediately brought forth the ax and proceeded to sever heads. Further, the general average of work done under these same instructors did not seem to improve as desired. The only result of the whole campaign was the poorest bunch of grades ever published in what is humorously called the "Faculty Scandal Sheet."

But when considered, calmly and with thought, does not a stiffening in grade call forth a corresponding betterment of work? Yes, it would seem so. The grades of the fall term should justify themselves by stimulating students to better and more conscientious efforts scholastically.

Let us not come forth boastfully and say "Oregon has raised her scholastic standing, etc." Better by far to recognize facts. Oregon has thus far lowered her grades. It is for the remaining months of this year to show whether or not Oregon students are actually doing a higher standard of work. Let us then assume this responsibility as true Oregon students and with the traditional "Oregon Fight" and by an actual betterment in work justify the claim to better scholarship standards.

"If a thing is worth doing at all, it is worth doing well" is an old maxim, but one which will always hold true. Students who have a habit of presenting petitions to the faculty written illegibly, with poor spelling and poor grammar cannot expect to receive the same consideration as those who present a neat, well-appearing, well-arranged plea. In applying for a business position, some college graduates present letters which are a reflection upon their alma mater. Any student who cannot spell correctly, construct a sentence properly, or write a legible hand, had better see to it that he makes some improvement along these lines while in the University lest they and their school be scoffed at by those business men who received a better education along those lines in the school of hard knocks. Neat petitions to the faculty help in securing the granting of the request; neat examination papers help in securing a good grade; and neat applications will help in securing a good position.

Bishop Shepard is one of the foremost men in the state, and it will be to every student's benefit to hear him at assembly today. Villard hall should be crowded to the doors at assembly hour today.

The Campus Cynic

MID-VICTORIANS.

To the Editor:
I was talking to a friend of mine. A middle-aged lady whom I knew slightly stood nearby.

"How much do you weigh, stripped?" I asked my male friend. Instantly I heard the lady inhale a deep and generous portion of air. "Wassmatter?" I inquired somewhat startled.

"Why—why—that's vulgar!" "What?" I looked around wildly for signs of vulgarity, but both my friend and myself looked entirely and innocently conventional.

"Speaking of a man being—being—like that."

"How come?" I stuttered in astonishment. "I merely want to know how much he weighs—"

"That's enough," she interrupted hastily.

"But what's wrong with that word 'stripped'?" What other word shall I use?"

"Well, if you must have that information in the presence of a lady, ask him

how much he weighs—without his clothes on." Whereupon she departed, leaving me to puzzle out the difference between "stripped" and "without his clothes on."

But I fail to see any difference. Both mean the same thing in my innocent existence. Both conjure up to my imagination the figure of a more or less athletically inclined young man, garbed in exactly the same sort of material that he wore one year before his first birthday, standing shivering and humped over—September morn effect, on the steel built scales in the gym, with his toes and heels contorted Chinese fashion to keep from stepping on any more of the cold, cold steel than he is compelled to. Whatever may be said about weighing apparatus no one will ever apply the phrase "No Metal Can Touch You" to it.

My imagination further expands and I hear diverse remarks from this young man, mostly running in one tone, a sort of plaintive query: "Now what's wrong with these scales? I KNOW I weigh ten pounds more than this machine registers. Why, yesterday I weighed—"

Here my imagination fades. He wins. But to return. I think the elderly lady must be one of the very rare "Mid-Victorians" that we hear so much of in literature. They aren't numerous to say the least. But the other side of the

Announcements

Law School Smoker. — The faculty of the law school invites all law students and pre-legal students to attend a smoker Thursday evening, January 13, at 7:30, in the Anchorage. Judge Lawrence T. Harris, associate justice of the supreme court, will speak.

Lab Fees. — Laboratory fees are now due and payable. A delinquent fee of \$1 will be charged after January 18.

Freshmen Women. — Those who have not signed up for physical examinations are urged to do so at once, at the secretary's office in the women's building. Examinations should be taken this week.

Women. — All women registered for gymnasium work in the women's building are asked to watch the bulletin boards for announcement of the first classes. Receipt for key deposits should be brought to class before lockers can be assigned.

Lemon Punch. — All members of the Lemon Punch Publishing Society will meet Thursday night in the Lemon Punch office at 9:00 p. m. Important.

Men Wanted. — Ten men are wanted to wait tables at the editor's banquet, Friday night at the Osburn hotel. Two or three hours work. Apply at the "Y" hut today.

Sophomores. — Class picture is to be taken immediately after assembly Thursday.

Fine Arts. — The department desires a young man from the campus to pose for six life classes a week. Apply to Professor A. H. Schreff's office in the architecture building.

Girls Glee Club. — Tryout for position of second alto in the Girls' Glee Club Thursday at 7:30 p. m. at the school of music.

Tau Kappa Alpha. — There will be an important meeting of Tau Kappa Alpha this afternoon in Professor Gilbert's room at 5 o'clock.

Y. W. C. A. — The regular association meeting of the Y. W. C. A. will be held in the bungalow Thursday at 4:45. Bishop William O. Shepard will speak.

Chemists Club. — Will meet in McClure hall, 7:30, Thursday evening, Jan. 13. An interesting lecture on "Liquefaction of Gases" will be given by Arthur Campbell. Public invited.

Freshmen. — Meeting today in Villard hall, 5 p. m. Plans for frosh glee to be discussed.

Advertising Class. — The class in advertising will not meet Friday. Instead, all members of the class are expected to attend the meeting of the Newspaper Conference which begins at 9 o'clock Friday a. m. The subject of this session of the conference is "Advertising," and a number of matters will be presented in the papers and in the discussions that are of importance and interest to the members of the class. If possible, students will obtain permission to be absent from other classes held Friday morning. Copious notes should be taken of the addresses. W. F. G. THACHER.

Beta Gamma Sigma. — A meeting of Beta Gamma Sigma has been called for 4 p. m. today in the commerce building.

Near Campus. — A suite of rooms for four or six. Rooms with board, 579 East Ninth St. Phone 266-L.

WHAT THE OLD GRADS ARE DOING.

Lamar Tooze who was graduated with highest honors from the economics department of the University in 1916, is studying law in the Harvard law school.

While on the campus Tooze was prominent in student activities and was elected to Friars, Sigma Delta Chi, To-Ko-Lo and Alpha Kappa Psi. He is also a member of Beta Theta Phi.

Soon after his graduation he enlisted and was sent to Europe with the 364th Infantry and was with them in the big battles at St. Mihiel, Argonne, and Ypres. While he was yet in France he attended the University of Paris and studied at a school of languages there. He is a joint author of the book entitled "With the 364th Infantry in America, France and Belgium."

question! In my English lit. class the other day we fell to discussing the irregularities and immorality of various authors and their works. My Gosh! The ladies proceed to calmly take up each and every irregularity, examine it fully, calmly, and dispassionately, and then throw it away contemptuously. While at the same time I sat back in my chair, gripping the arms tightly, in deadly fear that one of them would look in my direction, and observe the guilty hang-dog look I wore.

Which makes me think that despite my strong, vociferous statements to the contrary, I am not so free-minded after all. I guess I'll have to classify myself with those who approved of the women's bathing suit fashionable in 1900—that was the style which lacked only an overcoat to make it a regular street garb.

I fear me that in this year of 1920 Mr. Grundy is a far more sensitive man than has well known spouse.

E. J. H.

Forum

SAY HELLO!

Dear Editor:
I was told when I first came to Oregon that everyone, men and women alike, said "Hello" to every student they met, whether on the campus or off. At the first of the year this was quite religiously adhered to for the most part. I think, but lately, the custom has been somewhat sadly neglected. People pass each other on the campus without noticing each other, and downtown, while everyone generally recognizes a student, it has become more of a custom to ignore him than to speak to him. Is it a lack of the Oregon spirit or not? At least it is one thing that we cannot blame the faculty for.

The passing greetings which a person receives is also worthy of comment, but E. J. H. could probably comment on that better than I. Some men give but an icy stare and a grunt, while the women, I admit, are just as bad if not worse. A woman with the best of intentions will greet a man in passing with the customary "Hello," and the man in return will pass by, perhaps turn around in surprise, and say nothing. Maybe he lifts his cap, or maybe he doesn't. Generally he doesn't. Anyway, a girl cannot be blamed if she thinks something is the matter with the spirit of the camps.

The girls too, are more certain to recognize a man if he has on a white collar than if he has on a flannel shirt or sweater. That isn't true democracy either. I think we should each see to it that the old Oregon "Hello" custom is not forgotten in the press of other things.

—E. P. L.—24

WRESTLING POPULAR.

Athletic directors at the University of Nebraska declare that intercollegiate wrestling matches are about to outstrip basketball in popularity.

COUNTY CLUB FORMED.

Practically every county in Kansas is represented by a County club at the University of Kansas.

Contemporaries

Current Thoughts Of Various College Editors.

THE PROFESSIONALS.

Professional fraternities as a force in University life have been sadly neglected in recent years. Plans for forming a professional Pan-Hellenic now being put into effect are with the intention of making these organizations more than mere names of groups. Before the war the professionals were an important factor in University life, but since that time, nearly all organized effort on the Hill has come from the social fraternities.

A program of athletic activity and means of regulating professional fraternity life are among the considerations to be taken up at meetings in the near future. But these are among the least of the means by which the professional Pan-Hellenic can benefit the University.

Knowledge over the state that students are sufficiently interested in their work as to form organizations to carry it on more efficiently and to discuss it outside school hours is certain to benefit the University.

Social fraternities as a means of training men and women in the niceties of living together are a recognized institution of the University, but the existence of professional fraternities which have as an object similar training in the life work University students have chosen is unknown to many persons among the University's constituency.

If the new Pan-Hellenic can by a program of well-considered publicity bring the knowledge of their organization and the purposes for which they strive to the knowledge of the state, the name of the University will be held in higher esteem by the citizens.—Daily Kansan.

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