

Frosh Mortality Brings Gloom

First Year Students Seem Unable to Handle University Work; 161 Men Pile Up Total of 1252 Hours of F.

Solution Sought

Inadequate High School Preparation Suggested as Reason for Failures; Situation Calls for Some Action.

Figures are often called illuminating. Webster in his dictionary declares that illuminate means to brighten. However, here are a few figures which will probably not tend to brighten the gloom which has been hanging over the Oregon campus since the publication of the "scandal sheet" some few days ago.

That same "scandal sheet" holds a score or more of similar surprises and although we have not compared this little list of figures with that of former "scandal sheets" it is not probable that there are many which could at all compare with it.

To begin with, a careful perusal of the grade reports for the term just ended shows that a total of 2336 hours were flunked by the students. That is more hours than there are students in the University. And divided between the men and the co-eds, the figures show that 1762 of this total number of hours were flunked by the men students, the remaining 574 hours were by the women. That may or may not be illuminating.

To the freshman class goes the leather trophy for receiving the greatest number of flunks. These figures tell the story. Freshman men piled up 1252 flunked hours. This grand total was amassed by 161 men who ranged their flunks from one hour to 16 hours. Then the freshman women chalked up 331 hours of failure to make grades. And this total was made by 73 freshman co-eds, who ranged from one hour to 16 hours.

In checking up the failures it would appear that this must surely be an example of the survival of the fittest. The sophomore class comes right along after the freshmen. This class of second-year students made a total of 366 flunked hours. Fifty-seven sophomore men contributed a total of 249 hours to this number, and 30 sophomore co-eds added the remaining 117 hours needed to bring the grand total.

In the two upper class divisions the showing was better than that of the beginners. In the junior class 228 hours was the grand total. One hundred forty five were flunked by 32 men, and 23 women in the class failed in 83 hours. The seniors failed in a total of 56 hours, 11 men making 36 hours of failure and 8 women making 20 hours of F. Special students were not exempt according to the "scandal sheet," and 15 men in the special student classification made a total of 80 hours of failure while 8 co-eds in this division annexed 23 hours of failure to make passing grades.

This sort of a record would surely call for drastic steps toward a bettering of conditions. It surely cannot be laid entirely at the students' door, and yet President P. L. Campbell in a speech before the student assembly yesterday said, "The University is not proud of the drastic dropping of students."

Can it be that the high schools of the State cannot maintain the terrific pace of higher standards which the University has set for them? President Campbell declared in his talk before the assembly yesterday, "The high schools are very lenient in preparation." Then if this is the case it must surely be time steps were taken to better the standard of this preparation in the preparatory schools throughout the State.

Carlton Spencer, registrar, in commenting on the poor grades made by the freshmen, declares, "The fact that the freshmen have had such difficulty in obtaining good grades may be attributed to the inadequacy of the high school preparation. The great difficulty between high school and college curricula has made adjustment to our system difficult especially since personal attention by the instructor becomes daily more difficult because of the size of the classes."

This raises the question just how many freshmen know how to study. Conceding that the high school preparation is inadequate, it would appear that surely the first-year classes in college should be made up with courses which will assist the beginner in taking up the curricula here rather than flunking out of college with the feeling that he or she has not received a square deal.

It takes 16 hours each term to obtain a degree in the four years of college, then must it be necessary to attend the University five years to get this degree? Must the first year here be put in preparation to begin in earnest at the start of the second year. Better to start at the seat of the trouble and begin a campaign for higher standards in high schools, we would say.

But flunks are flunks, and post-mortems avail little to those who have already taken the long trail.

2 Professors Used to Teach Lone Student

Two professors and one student! That is the strange composition of the class in which Miss Madalene Logan finds herself. She is specializing in home economics journalism. The course is offered by Dean Allen of the journalism department and by Miss Lillian Tingle of the Home Economics department.

The course is a hard one to enter since Miss Tingle requires about 15 hours of previous work in home economics and Dean Allen requires three or four courses of work in journalism as preparation. Miss Madalene Logan is the only student in the course, which has been scheduled for some time.

DEBATERS WILL BE PICKED

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, SET AS DATE FOR VARSITY TRYOUTS

Absolutely New Team Will be Chosen to Represent Oregon in Three-Cornered Contest

Friday, January 13, has been set as the day for the tryouts for the debate team to represent the University in the Pacific Coast Triangular debate contests which are scheduled to take place on March 3. An entirely new team is to be picked by Mr. Thorpe, the debate coach, so that new men trying out for positions on the team will stand an equal chance with the veterans. Tryouts will be held in the Commerce building. All men who intend to make a trial are advised to confer with Professor Thorpe previous to the tryouts.

The University of Oregon is one of three members of the Pacific Coast Triangular Debate League. Stanford University and the University of Washington, the other two members, have both bowed to Oregon in the contests for the last two years. Oregon won the state debate championship against Oregon Agricultural College and Reed College. All of the men who represented Oregon in the state championships have expressed their intentions of coming out for the team. Remy Cox, veteran forensic man for the last two years, has announced his desire to try. With a group of veterans working on the question, it is predicted that Oregon has an excellent chance to capture the Pacific Coast championship.

The question to be discussed is "Resolved: That the federal government should levy a tax on manufacturer's sales." Oregon's negative team will meet Stanford's affirmative at Palo Alto and Washington's negative will meet Oregon's affirmative at Eugene. Stanford will send her affirmative to Seattle.

The State Oratorical Contest is to be held on March 9 between the eight colleges of the state. All men interested in this and desirous of trying out should see Professor Thorpe not later than Monday, January 9.

STUDENTS MUST PAY FOR INITIALING CHAIRS

New Furniture Not to be Marred by Carving Names; Dr. Gilbert on List of Past Offenders

Among those who will receive chastisement for decorating the new furniture in the business administration building is the head of the University economics department. "Jimmy Gilbert '03" was found carved neatly, and Dr. Gilbert received a note about it, along with various University students who committed similar acts of disrespect to the commerce building furniture. In his class yesterday morning he urged all students to discontinue this practice.

During the Christmas vacation an inspection was made of the new equipment in the school of business administration, and it was found that many students have desired to leave their names or other insignia carved on the furniture, for succeeding generations of scholars to look at. All students who were thus discovered have received notice of their misdemeanor, and many have been called on to pay for the cost of having them removed. Two fraternity houses have also been called on to make an outlay of money for this reason.

It is expected that the new furniture will remain without a blemish in the future. Students in both business administration and economics are being warned during this week.

EDUCATOR REELECTED

A. C. Strangé, superintendent of schools of Astoria, was re-elected president of the Oregon High School Debate League at the annual meeting of that organization, which was held December 30, during the session of the State Teachers' Association in Portland. Mr. Strangé is well known on the Oregon campus, for he has taken work here during summer term.

DOUGHNUT SERIES ALL-STAR HOOPERS CHOSEN BY COACHES

Rockhey, Crandell, Burnett, Zimmerman, Schaffer Are Named

FOURTEEN OTHERS PICKED

Bohler and Durno Select Team; Interest in Sport Aroused

All-Star Doughnut Team	
Rockhey	Forward
Crandell	Forward
Zimmerman	Center
Burnett	Guard
Schaffer	Guard

The above men composed the all-star team of the doughnut league. They were selected by Assistant Basketball Coach Durno, with the aid of Coach Bohler. Honorable mention was given to 14 others in the following order: Forwards: Altstock, Brocker, Wright, King and Murry. Centers: McMillan, Gowans and Spear. Guards: Couch, Bliss, Black, Ashby, Goar and Fraser.

Rockhey and Burnett are members of the Kappa Sigma team which won the series for the second successive time. A win next year would give them permanent possession of one of the trophy cups which they now have temporarily. Schaeffer played for the Fijis, who stood second in the league. Crandell was a forward on the S. A. E. team which played good ball through the season. Zimmerman, the Kappa Theta Chi center stood out above all others in that position.

The selection of the men was made only after a great deal of deliberation on the merits of the eligible men, by Coach Bohler and Assistant Durno. In choosing the team, the playing of each man was discussed, and they were selected for their playing of the game as a whole, and not because of the number of baskets which they shot during the series.

The selection of a forward as a running mate with Rockhey came in for the closest competition with three men as contenders. Crandell was selected, in preference to Altstock and King for the reason that he played a fast, consistent, heady game throughout the season, while King was inclined to shoot too much and Altstock was erratic in one or two games.

Zimmerman was easily the pick for center, for although he played in only a few games, his work at center stood out above that of all others.

Rockhey had the edge on all other forwards, for although a small man, he played a fast offensive game throughout the season.

Schaeffer and Burnett at guard make a good combination. Schaeffer was the best guard on offense in the series, and did much of the scoring of his team. Burnett is a heady guard, who plays the floor well, and rarely lets a forward by for an open shot.

Crandell, the other forward, is a fast elusive dribbler, a clever passer, and deserves a place on the team, for it was his work that helped make his team a strong contender.

Many of the men given honorable mention were practically as good as some of those on the team, but the places were given to those who showed up in the doughnut games, without regard to their reputations or previous records.

This is the first attempt that has been made to pick an all-star team, and was especially difficult for the reason that practically all of the teams entered in the league were strong and only five of the 100 or more men eligible could be selected.

The games throughout the series were interesting and the important ones drew crowds that would do credit to a Varsity game. The turning point of the series was the A. T. O. defeat of the Fijis, giving the Kappa Sigs another chance at the championship. The final game, which was played on Monday of examination week between the Kappa Sigs and the Fijis was won by the Kappa Sigs 17 to 16.

The close guarding of the Kappa Sigs was the feature of the game, as the Fijis succeeded in getting only two baskets, making 12 of their points by Schaeffer's foul shooting.

The series was the most successful that has ever been conducted, both from the spectator's point of view, and the coaches', for besides being the most interesting and exciting of any so far, it brought out a great deal of material, and helped greatly to rouse the interest of the students in basketball.

HOLIDAY TOUR OF GIRLS' GLEE CLUB DECIDED SUCCESS

Coast Cities Visited During Week; Audiences Show Appreciation

JOHN B. SIEFERT PLEASURES

Stunt "A Summer Fantasy" by Bettie Kessi Encored; Coon is Director

A decided success, both artistically and financially, was scored by the University of Oregon Girls' Glee Club on their holiday tour. From December 17 to 23 the club appeared in concert at Reedsport, Myrtle Point, Coquille, Bandon, Marshfield and North Bend and were greatly appreciated at each appearance.

The work of John B. Siefert as soloist for the club was one of the outstanding features of the concert tour and so great was the success of his work that he has been invited to return at a later date and give a special concert.

Among the numbers most appreciated by the audiences were "Silent Night, Holy Night" which was given by the entire club with a cello obligato by Allegra Ragsdale. This was followed by a Russian folk song entitled "Child's Song" by Mousorgsky. The solos by Viola Powell and Bernice Altstock were well received and the duet by Gwladys Keeny and Vera Price was one of the most attractive features of the entire concert.

A stunt entitled "A Summer Fantasy" written by Bettie Kessi demonstrated that the girls had dramatic as well as musical ability and was so much appreciated that the cast was called back two and three times to respond to the enthusiastic encores. The complete program follows:

Part I	
Waltz from "Faust".....Gounod	Glee Club
Piano Solo—Prelude, Op. 23, No. 5.....Rachmaninoff	Miss Brown
Tenor Solos—Pale Moon.....Logan	Love's In My Heart.....Woodman
John B. Siefert	Leland A. Coon, Accompanist
Quartet—Rock-a-bye.....Neidlinger	Misses Keeney, Miller, Price and Huff
Silent Night, Holy Night.....Traditional	Cello obligato by Miss Ragsdale
Child's Song.....Mousorgsky	Glee Club
Soprano Solo—Dawn.....Curran	Miss Powell
Far Off I Hear a Lover's Flute.....	The Moon Drops Low.....Cadman

Part II	
Chanson Provencale.....Dell 'Acqua-Shelley	Glee Club
Contralto Solo—Less Than the Dust.....Woodforde-Finden	Miss Altstock
Friendship.....Harris	Glee Club
Duet—See the Pale Moon.....Campana	Misses Keeney and Price
Tenor Solos—Prelude from "Cycle of Life".....Ronald	Daybreak.....Daniels
John B. Siefert	Original Stunt—A Summer Fantasy.....Written by Miss Kessi
Oregon Songs.....Glee Club	

"It was the most successful concert trip we have ever had," said Leland A. Coon, director of the club. Students of the University as well as members of the club realize that a great deal of credit for the concert is due to the untiring efforts of Mr. Coon and his capable directing. Mrs. Jean Fayard Coon acted as chaperone for the club and Miss Mildred Brown was the accompanist.

The girls making the tour were: First Sopranos—Florence M. Garrett, Hillsboro; Gwladys M. Keeney, Portland; Kathleen Kem, Cottage Grove; Allegra D. Ragsdale, Baker; Ramona Roe, Enterprise.

Second Sopranos—Ruth M. Akers, Wasco; G. Leona Gregory, Molalla; Marian M. Linn, Eugene; Constance L. Miller, Chehalis, Wash.; Beatrice E. Gorman, Portland; Viola M. Powell, Oakland, Cal.; Dorothy Poill, Eugene.

First Altos—Bernice M. Altstock, Portland; Alice G. Baker, Oakland; L. Belle Chaburn, Bandon; Margaret E. Phillips, McMinnville; Vera L. Price, Scappoose; Marvel E. Skeels, Coquille. Second Altos—Maxine Buren, Salem; Beas N. Huff, Baker; Bettie Kessi, Corvallis; Margaret E. Powers, Marshfield; Rita W. Ridings, Eugene.

Save That 75c; Have It Ready For Big Dance

Men! if you want to avoid the rush at the first Student Body dance of the term Saturday night, get your dates and be on hand early with the exact change ready.

Art Campbell, chairman of the dance committee requests that the regular admission price of seventy-five cents be had in readiness, and much fuss and worry over making change will be avoided.

All conditions point toward a big time Saturday night. Plans have been made by Campbell, Alice Evans, and Clayton Ingie. This is the first of the three student body dances to be held this term, and is to be in the Woman's building as usual. Excellent jazz music will be furnished by a six-piece orchestra.

J. W. GREEN GETS AWARD

GIRLS WIN PRIZES IN CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN CONTEST

Prominent Portland Architects Judge Students' Work on Problems Entered in Exhibition

Jesse W. Green was awarded first mention for his work on the senior problem in the school of architecture in the last jury day exhibition, December 10. Rosecoe Hemenway followed closely with second first mention in the competition. John Benoes and W. G. Holford, prominent architects of Portland, acted as judges for the work in the architectural school. The list of mentions is as follows: third first mention, D. F. Hinson; first second mention, S. B. Hayslip; second second C. N. Jenkins; third second, P. L. Janson; mentions, L. P. Bartholomew, R. W. Sundleaf.

J. M. Bradway won the first mention in the junior problem. C. N. Irwin and Stuart Biles won first place in the sophomore and freshman problems respectively.

In the Normal arts department an award of \$2.50 was given to Margaret Rankin and Kathryn Nicholson as winners of a contest in making Christmas card designs. Jessie Lewis won first mention in basketry while Agnes Schultz won first place in book-binding.

HEAVY MEN WANTED ON WRESTLING TEAM

Practice to be Held 3 Times Weekly; Wagner, Whitcomb, Strane, Showing Up Well

Wrestlers are badly needed in all weights, especially above the 145 class, according to Coach Barnes, who will issue a call to all wrestlers to report for work beginning Monday at 5 o'clock. Practice will be every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5. Since wrestling has been made a major sport, rating a full size "O," many men are expected to turn out.

Heavy men are wanted, states Coach Barnes, especially men who can qualify for the 175 lb. class. Some good material is available in the lighter weights, in which Wagner and Whitcomb, 125, Strane and Waters, 135, and Kirtley 145 lbs. have shown up well. Nygren seems to be the only promising heavy man so far.

Meets will be scheduled with O. A. C., Multnomah, and other Coast Wrestling teams.

O. A. C. GETS FIJI Oregon Agricultural College, January 4—(P. I. N. S.)—Word received from Birmingham, Alabama, says that the Beaver Club has been granted a chapter of Phi Gamma Delta.

Sigma Chi Leads in Physical Tests; Sparrow High-Point Man

In the competitive Physical ability tests for men given just before the Christmas holidays, Sigma Chi leads the men's houses, with Kappa Sigma ranking second, and Delta Tau Delta third. Phil Ringle, with a score of 109, was the high point winner for the leaders, while Rockhey, Kappa Sigma, scored 131, and Sparrow, Delta Tau Delta, scored 136.

Other houses rated as follows: Kappa Theta Chi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Beta Theta Pi, Oregon Club, Fiji, A. T. O., Chi Psi, Friendly Hall, and Phi Sigma Pi.

Individual high point winners were: Ralph Sparrow, 136; Rockhey, 131; Krohn, 115; Palmer, 115; Kays, 113; Ringle, 109. Others who made over 100 were: Ingle and Beed, 105; Hockett, 101; and Young, 100.

The tests this time were at least 20 per cent better than those conducted last fall, according to Gerald Barnes, instructor in physical education, who had charge of the tests. The high point winner at that time scored 96 against

STUDENTS TAKING LEAD IN CHINA, SAYS ASSEMBLY SPEAKER

No School Facilities Given Common People Declares Woman Educator

AMERICAN AID REQUESTED

Mrs. Murry Frame Says Girls Did Heroic Service in Famine Districts

"The heart of China today lies in the student class, and it is this class that is leading the nation in every way," said Mrs. Murry Scott Frame, who for 14 years has been connected with the Yenching Women's college at Peking, China, in an address to the student assembly yesterday. Mrs. Frame, who is now touring the country in the interest of higher education in China, is a professor of history, and has been for some time the acting president of Yenching, the leading Women's college of the Orient.

Although China has had schools for 2000 years, they have failed to reach even a small part of the common people, said Mrs. Frame. The illiteracy of the women is especially marked, and a Chinese woman of education has the greatest chance in the world to be of service to her country.

Mandarin Class in Control

China today, Mrs. Frame told the students, is controlled by a Mandarin class, which takes pains to keep all affairs of state and government from the people, and it is only through the students that the common mass learn of outside affairs. During the recent Shantung affair, students everywhere addressed the people, and delegations were sent to the government officials denouncing the outrage. "China's salvation," said Mrs. Frame, "lies in the enlightening of the common people, and this can only be done through the students. Hence the crying need for more facilities and greater expansion of higher education in China."

Mrs. Frame also told of the life and work of Chinese college women. The students come from all parts of China, and because transportation facilities are so bad, many of them remain in college until they receive their degree, then go back home with their message for the people.

Spirit of Students Lauded

"The spirit shown by these students is wonderful," said the speaker. "They are ready at all times to serve the people of their country, not only after they leave college, but also while they are in school. During the last great famine in China, these girls gave up all their extra clothing and with what food they could spare, went out in the famine districts and cared for as many of the victims as they could. It is this spirit of service and self-sacrifice that China needs badly, and in it lies her only salvation."

Closer Cooperation Asked

A closer cooperation between the educational institutions of this country and those of China was asked for, as well as the support financially which the Chinese colleges need so badly.

Mrs. Jane Thacher, of the University school of music, rendered two piano solos at the opening of the assembly. President Campbell addressed the students on the matter of grades, and the arrangement of courses for the present term.

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