

E. J. H. EXPLAINS WHAT IS A ONE

Grade a Hypothetical Creation Existing Only in the Mind; Easy to Get as University Presidency.

BLAME DIVIDED

Fault Lies Partly in Professors; Not Hard Work to Flunk Students; Proper Allowances Not Made.

By E. J. H.

In view of the results of the late departed term a little catechism might not be amiss—for the benefit of the new arrivals, and a few others. Little Foolish, a simple person, asks the following:

"How do they grade in this man's university?"

Ancient Graybeard, who has been here six years, trying to fulfill the group requirements, scholastic standards, and pedagogical whims of certain dominions, answers. The ensuing conversation is between this doddering, aged person, and Little Foolish, who, in due time, will also become a doddering and aged fixture on the campus, seeking for that elusive thing called a diploma (the accent is on the penult).

"They grade by numerals," instructs this old one, in a voice that is cracked, cracked, and infinitely weary. "They grade by numerals running from one to five, and from five they take a standing broad jump to seven, which is flunk."

"What is a flunk?" simpers Little Foolish.

Tears fill the throat of Ancient Graybeard and he gurgles tremulously. "Oh, poor, pitiful frosh! Thy virgin and new born mind makes me weep. What is a flunk? A flunk is what you'll have about fifteen hours at the end of this term—if you're a normal individual."

"And tell me," urges Little Foolish, his hissing syllables falling as cogitate as the gobbles of mist that haltingly in puddles on the curb across from the co-op, "tell me, what is a one?"

The old bird leans back, a reminiscent gleam filling his eye. "Now, lesee, that's a hard one. A one? Oh, yeh, I remember now. Back in the fall of '13, a friend of mine got a one. Happy days! I was in my first senior year then. What illusions does youth cling to. I actually thought one could get a diploma in four years. Ha-ha, wasn't I foolish?"

And he mumbled on. I don't think he ever did manage to answer the question satisfactorily.

As I see it, the grade of one is a purely hypothetical creation ranking with such abstract entities as faith, honor, virtue, and the devil. People use them as symbols. No one ever actually saw the devil, except after a severe strain of the emotion and I doubt whether anyone ever actually got a one. It's just that certain people lose their balance after a term's hard work and read strange figures into their reports, and believe they have been elected the Chosen Children of the Grade Sheet. Unbalanced is the term we use. "Nutsy," is sometimes the more forceful expression.

As a matter of fact it is about as easy to become president of the University as it is to get this summum bonum of scholastic endeavor. When an instructor believes that a student knows the content of every prescribed textbook in his course, including the commas and semicolons, can take the question out of his mouth, recite the answer, add all the embellishments, "ifs" and "buts," and, moreover, can somehow subtly tone his answer so as to fit the professor's own private, and infallible viewpoint of the subject—then he may get a one. He may, but probably he won't.

It's a very good thing that intelligence is not wholly measured by grades. Otherwise we certainly would be a school of prize dumbbells. If we were actually as ivory-carved as the 2336 hours of flunks make us out to be, the case would be desperate and about the best thing that could take place would be for the S. P. railroad to open an employment office on the campus and book us out as section hands.

Here's the rub: Not all professors have the art of communicating that which they know. It is perfectly easy to flunk eighty per cent of a class. Just a slash of the blue pencil and the thing is done. It requires genuine labor, however, to organize a lecture so as to make it intelligible. It requires genuine labor and forbearance and patience to answer some questions that are undoubtedly foolish. In fact, it requires quite a bit of labor to be a professor of any subject.

So, why lay the whole blame on the student? The faculty, as a body, and as individuals, condemn the many foolish acts performed by the student body, or the individuals thereof. They point out, quite publicly and clamorously, that some of us are so idiotic and silly, and that our manners and our vagaries are positively the last word. And on that that inward eye, which is the blurr answer is, let their own conduct "flash of solitude."

For we all go off in a corner now and then, and grow rabid over the idiosyncrasies and vagaries of some of the various professors we have to rub up against daily. From their throne they hurl their pronouncements. And

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STUDENTS TO MEET EDITORS AT OSBURN NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT

Tickets for Banquet Can Be Obtained From Ken Youel at Journalism Shack

NEWSPAPERMEN TO SPEAK

Piper, Irvine, Bennett and Cowles Are Listed Among Talkers of Evening

Editors of the state appreciate contact with the students as much as anything else in the annual editorial conference, according to Dean Eric W. Allen, of the journalism department.

This year a special effort is being made to bring the students into close touch with the newspapermen who will spend Friday and Saturday of next week on the campus.

Sigma Delta Chi, men's sorority fraternity, is undertaking to secure a 100 per cent attendance of journalism students at the Friday evening banquet at the Osburn Hotel. Kenneth Youel has charge of the sale of student tickets, and Stanley Eisman is responsible for the sale of faculty tickets. This banquet is the only informal affair at which all students will have opportunity to meet with the visiting editors. Owing to limited space, the luncheon at Hendricks Hall, on Saturday, will be an invitational affair, confined largely to upper class students. Invitations for the luncheon are being issued by a committee tabbed of Dean Allen, Miss Gertrude Talbot, and Lyle Bryson.

President P. L. Campbell will be toastmaster for the Osburn banquet, and list of speakers includes George P. Cheney of the Enterprise Record; Edgar Piper, editor of the Oregonian; Frank Irvine, editor of the Oregon Journal; Addison Bennett, one of the oldest newspaper men in the state; Paul Cowles, head of the western division of the A. P.; Dean Allen; Helen Manning, and others. At the Hendricks luncheon, speakers will be chosen almost entirely from the student body. The editors make repeated requests that they have more opportunity to meet the students, says Dean Allen, and this luncheon has been planned to give visitors a chance to hear student speakers.

Oregon Knights will have charge of meeting trains, and accompanying the editors to and from the campus and their hotels, and seeing that they are accompanied to the station for their trains at the close of the conference. Delegates to the conference who are absent before Friday noon will be entertained at various fraternity and sorority houses for luncheon.

None of the classes in journalism will meet on Friday in order that all students may attend sessions of the conference.

VARSIETY SOCCERITES WILL BEGIN PRACTICE

Games to be Scheduled With Stanford O. A. C. and Multnomah; Large Turnout Desired

Regular soccer practice is to start Monday at 4 o'clock, according to Coach Barnes, and in view of the fact that games will be scheduled with O. A. C., Multnomah, and probably Stanford, a large turnout is desired.

Previous games played this year were merely preliminary, states Coach Barnes, and the games to be played in the future will be of real varsity caliber.

A few of last year's men are back, and these, together with those who have been showing up well in practice games this year, will make up the greater part of the team. Captain Byers, forward; Staton, line; Ingle, full; King, center; and Brogan, goal; who are veterans of last year, are showing up well in practice games.

Other men who can be depended upon are: line-men: Vester, Lau, Brachley; halves: Sunderleaf, Sullivan, Burton, Full, Jacob; goal; Gowan; forward; McPherson.

ENGAGEMENT IS ANNOUNCED

The engagement of Miss Elizabeth Melis, of Mist, Oregon, to Charles Webber, of Portland, was announced at an informal party at Hendricks Hall Thursday evening. Miss Melis, who is a senior in the dramatics department, entered the University as a junior from the University of Washington. Mr. Webber was graduated in June from O. A. C., where he is a member of Alpha Tau Omega.

Icy Bath Billed For Yearlings In Clash Today

The public is invited to witness a public bath, to take place Saturday, 2 p. m. behind the Kappa Sig Mansion. At that time the Beta frosh and Delta frosh will endeavor to cleanse each other's sins via a tug of war contest. It is stated that the frosh from both houses have not bathed during the last week or so, feeling that it would be labor lost in case they were pulled through the race. Fur-lined undergarments are much in demand right now among the first members of these houses, as the race registers about 10 degrees Fahrenheit.

A small bevy of the neighboring dogs, captained by Caesar, will contest the life saving corps in case any of the boys grow fatigued and float downstream.

Y.M.-Y.W. FROLIC TONIGHT

STUDENTS WHO DO NOT DANCE TO BE ENTERTAINED IN HUT

Filipino Boys to Play and Sing; Hula and Spanish Fandango Also Will Enliven Evening

Plans are well laid for the "Rustic Frolic" which is to be put on at the "Y" Hut this evening at 8 o'clock, as a Y. M.-Y. W. general mixer. The committee in charge, consisting of students from both of the campus organizations, promise a good time, and invites all students who do not care to go to the student body dance to come. This party is in line with the policy of the two "Y's" to provide a means of entertainment for non-dancing students, thereby supplementing the dance affairs, and not in any way competing with them. The plan was well started during the preceding term, and the two parties which were held were well attended and greatly enjoyed.

Old clothes are in order, to carry out the plan of the evening and the program arranged will have as its object a general mixing and getting acquainted of students.

A number, such as is rarely enjoyed on this side of the Pacific will be a selection on stringed instruments by Filipino boys who are students on the University campus. The Spanish fandango and the hula will also enliven the evening. These boys, many of whom have been in this country a short time only, can give the songs and dances of their native country as no other than a native can.

Good eats will round out the evening's fun. Other persons who will be on hand is a patent medicine peddler, and "Ole" the Sweed.

OREGON GIRL WRITES STORY FOR MAGAZINE

Correspondence Student's Sketch Taken By Hospital School Journal Published in Michigan

Recognition for writing ability has been received by Helen Norris, a student in the correspondence study division of the University, whose home is near Medford. An article by Miss Norris appears in the October-November number of The Hospital School Journal, published by the Michigan Hospital School of Farmington, Michigan. The article, a brief narrative sketch, is entitled "Those Looks of Pity," and relates the experiences of a crippled child in a public school.

Miss Norris has registered for eight courses in all, from the extension division, and has completed six. Most of these are English courses. She has received grades higher than the average for her work.

Miss Norris intends to take as much University work as possible in correspondence courses. She has received education, so far, under many difficulties, for she had infantile paralysis when she was eight years old, and is a cripple. She is an ambitious student, and hopes to fit herself for writing.

RELICS GIVEN DEPARTMENT

Valuable Specimens, Gift of Miss Amy Dunn, Add to Geology Collection

The Geology department has been recently presented with a collection of remarkably fine specimens, among them being a Toltec battle axe, over 2,000 years old, which was found in New Mexico. Among the original collection was some old pewter ware, willow ware, a Pompeian mourner's vase, old Roman and French coins, Mexican and Peruvian pottery, and a fac-simile Alaskan monument with Norse inscriptions.

Miss Amy Dunn, sister of Professor F. E. Dunn of the department of Latin, is the donor. The collection was made by her mother. Many of the specimens were brought to her by travelers from various parts of the world.

GLEE CLUB TO GIVE VARIETY OF SONGS IN ANNUAL CONCERT

Date Set For January 28; Many Surprises in Program Are Said to be Expected

DIFFICULT PIECES PLANNED

John Stark Evans Considers Organization This Year Better Than Last

The program for the annual Home Concert of the Men's Glee Club will have the greatest variety of kinds of music ever attempted here, according to John Stark Evans, director, who intimated that there are a number of surprises in store for those who attend. The date for the event has been set for Saturday, January 28.

The Men's Glee club of the University, under the direction of John Stark Evans, created a state wide sensation last year when they appeared in concert before an audience of nearly 3000 people at the Portland auditorium. "I consider the glee club of this year superior to that of last year," said Mr. Evans yesterday.

Numbers are Varied

The program to be given this year will be much more varied than that of last year since it will be made up of some of the most difficult numbers ever attempted by a University organization, as well as very light numbers.

According to Mr. Evans the "piece de resistance" of the program will be "Castilla" a ballad of Spain. This is by far the hardest number that the club has ever attempted and it promises to be an unusual treat to University music lovers who hear it. "It is a wonderful number," said Mr. Evans, "going from delicate nuances to a most thrilling climax."

A sudden jerk from the sublime to the ridiculous is promised in the transition from "Castilla" to "A Tragic Grand Opera" which will be given by the entire club. This is undoubtedly worthy of the term that has been applied to it by those who have witnessed a rehearsal. All agree that it is "a stunt de luxe."

Names are Given

The following men will appear in the home concert: first tenor, Ralph Poston, Curtis Phillips, Wallace Cannon, Allen Smith; second tenor, Arthur Johnson, Crescencio, Nelson English, Willis Kays, Roy Bryson; baritone, Glen Morrow, French Moore, John Gavin, Harris Ellsworth, Ronald Ried, Charles Dawson; bass, Maurice Eben, Carl Newberry, Herbert Pate, Aubrey Furry, Cy Valentyne.

Those in charge of the sale of the tickets emphasize the fact that "dates are in order," and to buy the tickets early is the cheapest, safest and most economical way.

POT AND QUILL ELECTS TWO AT FIRST MEETING

Wide Recognition Given Work Done by Members of Society; Program of Criticism Planned

Margaret Carter and Margaret Skavlan were elected to membership in Pot and Quill at a meeting of the organization Thursday night.

Miss Carter is a junior in rhetoric. She has taken courses in magazine writing and short story writing, and shows in her work ability and sincere effort. Miss Skavlan is a freshman in the school of journalism. She has written verse which Doctor Bates and other instructors agree is of a high order of merit. Pot and Quill does not ordinarily elect freshmen to membership, but has made an exception in this case because of Miss Skavlan's outstanding talent and because she is bringing real work and effort to verse-writing.

Recognition given the work of members of Pot and Quill during the past few months includes the publication of a poem by Katherine Watson in "Poets of the Future," the college anthology. Miss Watson has also had two poems published in The Christian Century. Jessie Thompson has had poems in the Portland Spectator, and has recently had a poem accepted by The Midland. Laura Moates, who graduated with honors last year from the rhetoric department, is at present an instructor in that department. "Paul Bunyan," which was written under the direction of Miss Ida Turner, a member of Pot and Quill, has received high praise from critics in all parts of the United States, and has attracted attention in Europe.

Pot and Quill plans for this term a program of intensive constructive criticism of the work of the members.

PROSPECTS FOR FROSH BASKETBALL TEAM LOW

Ranks of Eligible Men Thinned by Probation; Arrival of Poulson and Bosterhouse Helps

Prospects for a winning frosh basketball team, according to Coach Edwin Durno, are much lower than usual because of the fact that more than half of the men trying out for the team made less than the required number of hours that allows them to play. The men that can not compete are to have a team of their own, and will scrimmage with the Varsity and the regular frosh team from time to time. Indications are that this team will be just as strong as the regular frosh team.

Two new men who entered school at the beginning of the term who will add greatly to the strength of the team are Edward Bosterhouse, captain and center on the all-state team last year, and Frank Poulson a member of the championship Franklin team last season.

Some of the men who are showing up well in practice so far are Schaeffer, King, Crandell, Meyer, Alm, Jost and Hill. The team will probably be picked from among these men, with the addition of Bosterhouse and Poulson.

The men that are not eligible are urged to come out for practice regularly by Coach Durno, as their chances for Varsity next year will be just as good as that of the regular players on the frosh team if they do, but if they do not stay out their chances for Varsity next year will not amount to much.

The first games on the frosh schedule are with Chemawa, to be played here as preliminaries to the Varsity games with Washington on January 16 and 17. The schedule also includes four games with O. A. C. to be played during February, and a trip to Portland is being contemplated.

The frosh are practicing in the men's gym every night at 4 o'clock since the Varsity has been using the armory, and will probably play most of their games in the armory, as it will accommodate a larger crowd, and is a better floor to play upon.

FAILURES VARY LITTLE

NUMBER OF STUDENTS DROPPED SHOWS SLIGHT INCREASE

Men Lead Women in Hours Flunked. Accounting, Physical Education Take Heaviest Toll

Although the standards of scholarship are much higher this year than last there has been neither a marked increase in the number of students failing to make nine hours, required by the University in order to keep off probation, nor in the number dropped because of poor scholarship, according to figures obtained from the registrar's office.

As shown by the figures, there has been an approximate increase of two tenths per cent in the number failing to make nine hours this term over that of last fall term and an increase of nearly one half per cent in the number of students dropped; but when it is considered that the enrollment has increased from 1522 to 2012 and that at the end of the spring term, of last year, 54 students had failed to make nine hours, the percentage of increase, in both cases, is almost too small to be reckoned.

A total of 2336 hours of F's was made in all departments during the fall term, according to figures compiled from the University of Oregon News Bulletin. Of this total, 1762 were made by men and only 574 were recorded against the women.

Principles of accounting and physical education proved to be the stumbling blocks for the men, failing 69 and 65 respectively, while English composition, with 13 victims to its credit, and personal hygiene, with 10, were shown to be the bugbears of the women.

Approximately 6.01 per cent (121) of the total number of students (2012) failed to make nine hours and nearly 1.5 per cent (30) were dropped for poor scholarship. After the fall term of last year 5.8 per cent (88) of the total number of students (1522) failed to make nine hours and less than 1 per cent (11) were compelled to leave the University because of exceedingly low grades. At the end of the spring term, last year, 54 were put on probation and 10 were dropped for poor scholarship.

DONEY VESPER SPEAKER

President of Willamette University to Talk Here January 15

President Carl G. Doney, of Willamette University, is to be the speaker at the first Vesper services of the winter term which will be held January 15. Music for the services will be provided by the two glee clubs. Other musical treats will be arranged by John Stark Evans, who has charge of the music for the services.

Other speakers who will speak at a later date are Rev. Wm. H. Boddy, Riverside Church, Hood River, who will speak February 12 and Bishop W. O. Shepard, who speaks March 12.

VARSIETY HOOPERS TO COMPETE WITH WINGED M TONIGHT

Strong Opposition Expected From Club Quintet; Many Stars in Lineup

EIGHT MEN TAKEN ON TRIP

Beller and Marc Latham Only Veterans; Bohler to Use Heaviest Players

Eight members of Oregon's basketball squad will board the Oregon Electric at 11.15 this morning for Portland where they will tangle with the strong Multnomah Athletic club aggregation on the clubmen's floor. This is the first real test of strength for the Varsity as it was not Coach Bohler's policy to win games on the barnstorming trip during the Christmas holidays, but to accustom his players to strange floors and crowds.

Multnomah has an exceedingly strong quintet this year and Oregon's light team will be hard pressed in the game tonight. The winged M has been greatly strengthened by the addition of Craig, former University of Wyoming center, who stands six feet four in his stocking feet and who comes to the club with a splendid reputation as a player.

In addition to Craig, Clipper Smith, Bob Pelouze, Wapato, Vince Jacobberger and Beck are playing their first year under the Winged M. Clipper Smith is a guard who has had three years experience with Notre Dame, while Bob Pelouze was rated as the fastest forward ever turned out at Stanford. Wapato played with Willamette last year, while Vince Jacobberger, who is out for guard, formerly played with the Oregon varsity. Beck, another guard, played with the Walla Walla quintet last year. Only two veterans are on the club lineup, Captain Twining, a guard, and Gus Clerin, former Whitman star.

Whitman Games Next

Bohler is taking the heaviest men out for the game against the beefy club men while the lighter players will be left in Eugene to practice for the contests against Whitman on the home floor Monday and Tuesday evenings. Those making the Portland trip are: forwards, Veatch, M. Latham, and Andre; center, Don Zimmerman; and guards, Beller, Burnett, Goar and Couch. Only two letter men, Marc Latham and Francis Beller, are available at the present time and the ability of the new men is not yet known, but they are expected to give a good account of themselves in the coming games.

Whitman opens Oregon's conference season with two games to be played on the floor of the new armory Monday and Tuesday evenings, starting promptly both evenings at 7:30. Little is known of the Missionaries real strength and although several "bear" stories have come out of the north as to the greenness and lightness of the team and as to their lack of practice. They have several letter men back, including Captain Rich, one of the best forwards in the Northwest conference, who is going strong this year as is Comrada, star guard of Whitman's last year's quintet.

Missionaries Champs in '20

The personnel of the invading basket-keepers is as follows: forwards, Captain Rich, Sohns and Penrose; centers, York and Knudsen; guards, Comrada, and Schroeder. In 1920 the Whitman team won the northwest conference championship and last year put out a creditable team. The Missionaries will play four teams on their southern junket, Oregon, O. A. C., Willamette and Multnomah.

Coach Bohler expects to use at least 12 men in the games against the northern school in order to give them experience. In addition to the men making the trip to Portland, Bohler intends to use the following men against Whitman: forwards, Rockey, Altstoeck, Rice; guard, Edlund.

HANDBALL SERIES STARTS

Interfraternity Games Will Begin Next Wednesday; Divided Into Groups

Doughnut handball is scheduled to start next Wednesday with the organizations divided into two groups by a lottery process. The first round will be an elimination and the places will be drawn by physical education department officials.

The singles will be played off first for the best two out of three matches which will count 15 points for the winner. The schedule will be posted in the gymnasium later.