

Grad School Has Increase

Dr. George Rebec Explains Continuous Growth of School Here

"The business of any graduate school is to turn out scholars," said Dr. George Rebec, dean of the graduate school and professor of philosophy at the University of Oregon, "and that is our aim here. We are trying to do our job well. The standards of the Oregon school are rising, and now we are ranked as one of the best on the Pacific coast."

A steadily increasing enrollment in the graduate school of the University is one of the best indications of its progress, in the opinion of Dean Rebec. Students for this year number 149, an increase over last year, when the enrollment stood at 147. These figures represent the number of students majoring in the graduate school on the Eugene campus, and do not include those from the Portland center, the summer sessions, or the medical school. In 1924, the total enrollment stood at 292.

The dean explained that the increased number of graduate assistantships now being offered at the University, has enlarged the scope of the school. A better kind of assistants are working in the departments of the University, he said, and the greater number of positions open in the various schools is helping to subsidize a very high class of students.

"Students are now coming here from a very wide territory," he declared. "Many schools are forming the habit of sending us their best scholars."

Within the limits which exist, Dean Rebec believes that the school is doing very well, although additional facilities for graduate work are needed, such as laboratories and libraries. He is especially desirous that a greater number of fellowships and scholarships be granted.

As early as 1890, the degree of master of arts was conferred at the University of Oregon. Beginning with 1897, the master of science degree could be obtained, and in 1900, the University announced its willingness to confer the degree of doctor of philosophy. This latter offer was withdrawn soon afterward, as the resources of the institution and its prestige were at that time hardly such as to make possible the realization of such an ambition. More recently, with increasing financial resources, many times larger faculty, and material resources which have grown with the years, the University has again announced its willingness to undertake the training of students for this degree, and has enrolled students who

are looking forward toward the doctorate.

Graduate work was organized into the graduate school in 1899. A dean was appointed and a graduate council, of which the dean was chairman. To this council has been entrusted since that time the administration of the graduate school, subject to the general supervision of the University faculty and the more immediate cooperation of the graduate faculty.

Members of the present graduate council are Dean Rebec, Dr. William F. Boynton of the physics department, Dr. Edmund S. Conklin of the psychology department, Dr. Rudolf H. Ernst of the school of medicine, Dr. Olaf Larsell of the school of medicine, Dr. Friedrich G. G. Schmidt of the German department, Dr. Henry D. Sheldon of the school of education, and Dr. Frederic G. Young of the sociology department.

Graduation

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late meeting of the regents in the morning this year the hour has been postponed. In past years when no tickets were required, the members of the graduating class who brought their parents to the banquet were oftentimes embarrassed by the absence of good seats which were taken by people who had no interest in the affair beyond the fact that a remarkably good meal was being served free of charge. By the use of tickets the possibility of any friction in the smooth progress of the luncheon will be avoided. The food will be of exceptional quality this year. The seniors are reminded here that cap and gown will be required of all members attending. The garb will be worn by most of the class throughout the entire day because of the many meetings at which their presence is desired. At this meeting the class of 1928 will hold a special "Adoption Ceremony," the nature of which is a secret with the members of the class.

President to Speak

At 3:30 in the afternoon President Arnold Bennett Hall will make the principal address at a reception for returning alumni and the members of the graduating class. This session will be held in the spacious Alumni hall in the Woman's building. Seniors are notified that they are expected to attend this meeting. It is their first official meeting with members of the alumni group of which they will soon become members. The topic of President Hall's address has not been announced as yet, but the various numbers of the program will be such as to prolong the meeting until 5:00 o'clock.

The class reunion dinners will be held at 5:30 o'clock. To date only the 1903 class has definitely announced plans for their meeting. On this occasion one of the members of the class will respond to a toast in

honor of the reunion group. Harvey Densmore, the first Rhodes scholar from the state of Oregon, will probably be in attendance. This banquet is to be a novel affair if the announcement by the secretary, "it will be a speechless banquet where food is served," means anything. Letters coming in to the offices of the secretaries of the various classes indicate that a large attendance at reunion meetings may be expected.

Flower Procession

At 7:30 in the evening in the beautiful women's quadrangle the annual Fern and Flower procession will be held. Full details of this very colorful and charming pageant will be found in another story in today's Emerald. Following the procession there will be a twilight concert furnished by the school of music under the direction of John Stark Evans.

The Failing and Beekman oratorical contest for seniors will be held at 8:45 in the evening at the auditorium of the school of music. Prizes totaling \$250 will go to the two best speakers. The first prize of \$150 dollars is donated to the fund and is given annually from a fund donated by Hon. Henry Failing of Portland to the senior in the classes of literary, scientific or classical department of the University who shall pronounce the best original oration at graduation time. The other prize of \$100 will go to the second best oration and the money derives from a fund given to the University by Hon. C. C. Beekman of Jacksonville, Oregon, under the same stipulations as those for the Failing prize. The

contestants have not cleared the scholarship requirements as yet and so it is impossible to announce here their names. This is the last scheduled event for Alumni Day.

Service at Methodist Church

On Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock the baccalaureate service will be held at the First Methodist church. It was originally planned to use the McArthur auditorium but because of the inappropriateness of the interior for such a dignified service, and because of the lack of a pipe organ demanded by the music program planned, the Methodist church was selected. The official board of the Methodist church has promised to turn over the entire building to the University on this Sunday morning, and the regular members of the congregation are urged to attend services elsewhere in order to make room for the great throng of the University audience expected.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Reverend Herbert Johnson, of the class of '87, son of John W. Johnson, the first president of the University of Oregon. Reverend Johnson is now pastor of the Warren Avenue Baptist church of Boston. He delivered that baccalaureate sermon in Villard hall just twenty years ago. The topic of his present address will be "Why the Princes of God Walk With a Limp."

At 4:00 p. m., instead of the regular vespers service at the music building there will be a commencement program of music furnished by the school of music. The details of the program are not yet in shape, but it is understood that the glee clubs will figure prominently. John

Stark Evans is in charge of the scheduling of the musical numbers.

The final event in the full week-end schedule will be the official commencement exercises on Monday morning at 10:00 a. m. in McArthur court. Here the graduates will receive their degrees and the final severance of connections as students with the University will be made. A prominent alumnus, Dr. Jesse R. Kelms of the class of 1914, will deliver the principal address. He has, since graduation, won distinction for scholarly work and received a Ph.D. degree from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. His voice has literally been heard around the world in evangelistic campaigns, which have taken him to Australia, South Africa, and practically all English speaking countries. The topic of the address is not as yet known.

Wilkie Nelson Collins Leaves England Soon

Wilkie Nelson Collins, who has been working in England with the famous novelist, Hugh Walpole, is returning to Oregon by way of the Panama canal. He expects to arrive in Portland on June 11, according to letters received by the Portland Center, where he is an instructor in English.

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Mrs. Charlotte R. Donnelly Plans Summer Vacation Tour in Idaho

A vacation roaming through Idaho is the plan of Mrs. Charlotte R. Donnelly, secretary of student housing and men's employment on the Oregon campus.

About the middle of June Mrs. Donnelly will leave Eugene, and travel to Boise, Idaho. She will visit her son who lives there.

After resting a while at Boise, Mrs. Donnelly in company with her son and some other friends will proceed to Yellowstone National Park.

"I visited Yellowstone last year, and enjoyed the beautiful scenery very much. My trip there again this year will be primarily because of the party going. You see, my son was unable to go last year, and

he wanted to visit the park so much that we thought it would be nice to go this year as he will be able to take the time to go. However, I hardly think that one can go through Yellowstone park too many times."

This will be the third summer that Mrs. Donnelly has spent partly at Boise. She said that although it was quite warm sometimes in Idaho, the higher altitudes within easy reach, made living there during the summer very pleasant. The northern part of the state, said Mrs. Donnelly, is somewhat like parts of Oregon, with wooded slopes and pretty lakes.

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