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New Grades for Old

WITHIN a short time the University administration will release more complete information on the new grading system, from which house averages will be computed, if the old point system will be used and, if so, how it will be revised, and just what the relative values of the new grades will be. The new system involves five grades, A, B, C, D, and F for unsatisfactory. This has one less grade point than the old I, II, III, IV, V, and F.

It is significant that the four-step system of grading is in widespread use throughout the country. In a survey conducted by the registrar's office it was found that 34 of the larger and better-known institutions, including Harvard, Dartmouth, University of Illinois, University of Wisconsin, Stanford, University of California, U. C. L. A., University of Washington, Washington State, University of Idaho, and Oregon State, use this method.

Another significant fact is that the Pacific coast universities, from which most transfers to Oregon come, employ this system. By adopting it Oregon steps into the file of more progressive institutions.

Contrary to what some members of the faculty staff have expressed and what some students have declared, the new grading system was not forced upon the University without its consent by the state board of higher education. The board made the change effective, but only after the University administration had acquiesced to the shift as one of the many adjustments made in the joint agreement with Oregon State last spring.

The four-step method of grading was recommended by the government's survey commission in its exhaustive report of the higher educational institutions of the state last April. The University is to be commended for adopting a system superior to the one which has been in use here in the past.

Saved by the Ballot Box

STUDENTS rallied to the cause of a threatened campus tradition yesterday, and proved with an overwhelming majority of favorable votes that they believed wholeheartedly in Open House and wanted the annual custom continued. And carried on it will be, for the night of Saturday, October 17, has been set aside definitely for the affair.

The Open House controversy this year was not a new one. Each fall we hear objections against a social event that is the foundation of Oregon's friendly campus spirit and the basis of its "hello" tradition. Each fall there are upperclassmen who begrudge giving up one evening to a get-acquainted function that they feel is all right for freshmen but unnecessary for them. And each year, too, the campus rallies to the support of Open House and is glad to do it.

We notice from the tabulation of ballots that three living organizations, two fraternities and one sorority found their members unfavorable to Open House. The action of other groups need not coerce these three into participation, but if certain of their members wish to be placed on the list they will be welcomed.

No doubt the campus next year will experience another attempt on the part of a minority group to abolish Open House. Let the students then be guided by this year's wonderful support.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

EDUCATION OUTLOOK

Since the initial big parade to the various universities of the land during and since the World War, we have had no opportunity such as the one now presented to evaluate education. The depression has caused some drastic changes in the lives of education-seeking youths and their parents.

To quote from the New York Times: "It may be a different type of education that will emerge when the depression ends. Signs already point to that, and some of the more critical educators believe the lesson of the depression will be sadly missed if education does not change. But the outstanding fact revealed in an informal survey of the educational picture as seen from the vantage points of universities in various parts of the country, is that interest in education is still at its peak. The recommendation of President Hoover's unemployment relief organization to keep youth in school is being followed—if it were needed."

Enrollments at practically all of the Middle Western universities demonstrate that the depression has not injured the enrollment. In fact, the number of registered students has increased slightly. With economic conditions at a low ebb, we must admit that the enrollment points conclusively to the fact that education is appreciated.

Apparently, the youths of the nation are making more strenuous attempts to pursue an education than they have been called upon to make in some time. In many cases difficult sacrifices have been made—and we hope that this will serve as an object lesson to the students and cause them to exert themselves to a degree never before attempted, in order to get some genuine good out of education.

Today is the first day of school. Now is the time to make resolutions and determine, if you are an advanced student, to mend your ways—or if you are an entering student to get a good start and settle into an efficient scholastic stride that can be maintained throughout the year.—Ohio State Lantern.

PEP ENTHUSIASM HOLDS FEATURE OF BIG RALLY

(Continued from Page One) planned because of the difficulty of operation and the uncertain backing given by Oregon students.

Rallying last night showed more true Oregon spirit than has appeared to any extent recently. A sparse showing was made at the depot, but the rally dance, held at the Igloo, was inordinately successful with an attendance of over a thousand. It was featured by freshman election campaigning.

THE GREEN JESTER

Today we present for your approval a near tragedy. Now, now, don't be facetious!

This Is a Near Tragedy

The air was stifling with smoke. No flames illuminated the dark recesses of the little chamber in which nine men were huddled. Only now and then a glowing ember pitched through the air but was promptly smothered beneath the quick foot of one of the inmates. Low, anxious voices came staccato like at intervals.

Now and then a pale faced youth would speak in a little louder tone, querying, addressing the group. Only faint groans replied. Several shut their eyes in utter hopelessness. But the Pale One insisted—kept urging, talking, gesticulating. At last the little knot of men arose and with demonic yells leaped on the Pale One and with sledge hammer blows assailed him.

What would be the fate of these men? Would they, berserk with rage, perish miserably in their refuge? What would be their ultimate fate?—God alone could answer the last for it was a fraternity "bull" session and the brothers had just taken revenge on the house punster.

Little Irvin of the vigilance committee just came rushing in and says that he has made the startling discovery that surveyors are never financially embarrassed because they always have a stake.

WE MIGHT ADD THAT THEY NEVER GO WITHOUT MEAT ON THEIR TRIPS BECAUSE, BY THE SAME TOKEN, THEY HAVE THEIR STEAK WITH THEM.

And then there was a mining engineer who took over a hamburger mine and went into the meat business. What? Don't you know what a hamburger mine is? It is a mine that an engineer proclaims "is just my meat." And since it is ground, it is hamburger.

A Little Tale of Love  
She lay sleeping quietly on the davenport, her pert little face

serene under long silken lashes that masked innocent corn-flower blue eyes. The door opened softly and a man slipped into the room. The light of love broke into his eyes as he surveyed the figure of Little Nell.

Softly he tiptoed forward and with a gentle motion, scooped her into his arms. With a frightened shriek she commenced to squirm. Her efforts were useless. Hungry lips sought her eyelids—her cheeks, her lips. Then with a faint, dignified gesture, she halted him.

"Nell," he whispered, "Nell, you've changed a lot in the two months I've been gone."

And his six-year-old daughter drew herself up and said: "I guess so, daddy; but you shouldn't kiss me when you didn't shave last night."



No column is complete without a little poetry. Craving your indulgence, here goes:—

My South Sea Girl

Klingatona-Tia  
Lived upon an isle  
Down by Jijiland  
Where the moon beams while

The stars shine bright,  
Now, this South Sea girl  
She learned the hula dance,  
Did this dusky tropic pearl.

But in her snaky capers  
Her knee was dislocated  
As about a thumping drum  
Wildly she rotated.

And—here's the end—  
The story's brought to point:—  
The Bull's have locked her up  
For running a loose joint.

Improvement in Economic Situation Expected Soon

All conditions are apparently ready for an improvement in the economic situation, says Dr. Victor P. Morris, associate professor of economics in the University.

He expects the upturn to come within a very few months. As for the disturbance in the securities market last week, he attributes that to "nervousness on the part

of speculators, resulting largely from the suspension of the gold standard in Great Britain, rather than from any basic cause in the industrial situation of this country."

Dr. Morris has recently written a series of eight articles dealing with the present economic situation. They have appeared in a large number of the newspapers of Oregon. Dr. Morris is an authority in his field, and has made a special study of the present world situation and offers in these articles his analysis and some suggestions for the future.

The popular idea that the president is responsible for the state for the state of business affairs is answered in the article on "Presidential Responsibility."

"For energetic advocacy of remedial or relief measures we may hold him responsible, but by no stretch of the imagination can we pin the cause of business depressions on a president, be he knave or saint," says the economist.

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Y. W. C. A. Is Beneficial to Campus Girls

Club Encourages Social Activities in College

Group Tries to Combine Religion and Education At University

That the importance of the place of the Y. W. C. A. on the campus is now being recognized generally is shown by the recent remarks of prominent men and women in the University.

Karl W. Onthank, personnel director, says: "The Y. W. C. A. performs an essential service for University girls. Finding employment for girls needing it is obviously important, especially at such a time as this. The contribution of the Y. W. C. A. to the spiritual life of the University, the oppor-

tunity it offers for broadening acquaintances and friendships, and for strengthening attitudes of social responsibility, plainly shows its worth to the campus and the importance of its adequate support."

A. W. S. Prexy Speaks  
Ann Baum, president of the Associated Women Students, says: "To aid women students in the realization of pertinent problems of the day, religious, social, and economically to give young women a sound foundation from which they can realize intelligent solutions to their problems; to aid in the growth and development of girls as individuals; to give each girl an opportunity for leadership and self-expression—such is the place of the Y. W. C. A."

Says Margaret Edmunson, secretary of the "Y." "The active participation of students in the choice of objectives, making of policy, and execution of program with the resulting development of student leadership is the way we desire the Y. W. C. A. to function; and our task is to discover how the experience we call 'religion' and the one we call 'education' can reinforce and stimulate each other to illuminate life."

Helen Chaney, president of the Y. W. C. A., says: "The Y. W. C. A., being an organization with

a religious purpose, has a unique place on the campus. Moreover, being one that reaches all women on the campus, it makes it possible to reach not only those in activities, but also the girls who would n't have campus contacts otherwise."

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Employment Is Given Many Students at the Dormitories

Eighty-nine students living in the dormitories, 69 of whom are boys and 20 of whom are girls, are earning an aggregate sum of more than \$3000 per month through jobs at the dormitories this year, according to Mrs. Genevieve Turnipseed, dormitory director.

In addition to these 89 regulars 14 freshman football players are being given work, making a total of 103 on the payroll.

"Employment is being given every student who needs it so far as possible," Mrs. Turnipseed said. "There are 60 boys who have applications in for jobs, and these are given part-time work whenever additional workers are required—at banquets, parties, and dinner-dances." The jobs consist principally of waiting on tables, kitchen work, and janitorial work.

The majority of the students employed there make a sum sufficient to pay their board, and some make more than this. A plan is in force this year to standardize the jobs, making each job just pay board. For those jobs which have not already been standardized on the basis of last year's figures, 30 cents per hour is paid, the same as that paid by other institutions in the state, according to Mrs. Turnipseed.

Jobs this year were given first to those students who worked at the dormitory last year, and the names of those for whom work could not be found were put on a substitute and waiting list.

"When a student begins work, he is considered as is any employee," Mrs. Turnipseed said. "If he does not make good he is dropped to the substitute list, and someone else is given the job. Our greatest problem is training new students for jobs on which they have never worked before."

The jobs are arranged so that they will continue throughout the year regardless of the decrease in the number of students in the dormitory during the latter part of the year. Under this method students who plan working all year to help pay expenses are not disappointed, Mrs. Turnipseed explained.

"Student workers as a whole show greater efficiency this year than any previous year, probably due to the fact that this is the

second year on the same job for many of them," Mrs. Turnipseed said. "There are few shirkers, the majority show great pride in their work and are anxious to do good work and co-operate with the dormitory officials in every way possible."

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Woman in Her Sphere group of Philometele will meet Sunday at 5 p. m. in the women's lounge of the Gerlinger building. All girls interested are invited to attend.

Sigma Delta Pi meeting Friday at 4 o'clock in Dr. Wright's office, Oregon building.

Travel group of Philometele will meet at 4 o'clock Sunday at 1471 Villard street. Miss Nella Roster, the foreign scholar, will talk on Florence. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

All girls, including upperclasswomen and underclasswomen who have not signed Y. W. C. A. membership cards, please do so today.



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