

# Exam Grades Solved: Don't Cram; Just Luck

By FRED BECKWITH

How do professors grade examination papers? Frankly, that question has been in the minds of many students for a long time. It was only recently that concrete information on the subject was revealed by Dr. William Jones, head of the political science department at Oregon.

"I'll let you in on a little secret," confided the teacher to a class. "We professors have various ways of determining the students' grades on blue-books and the like."

### Blue Book Method

Dr. Jones recalled the method of a friend in the teaching world. He threw a hunting knife at a blue book, and if the blade pierced the book up to the hilt, the paper was given an "A" grade, and so on down to the line, to the point where if the knife-thrower missed his target, the paper was marked "F."

The University of California English department has a more simple way of grading their exam papers. The grader goes outside in the morning sun, and throws all the blue books into the air. Those that fall face up are marked "passed," and those that fall face down draw the "failed" notice.

### Hat Method Popular

According to Dr. Jones, other professors: (1) draw slips of paper out of a hat, with grades marked on the paper; (2) Ask themselves to dinner and grade on the most lavish array of food presented to them by the family of the student; (3) Give all the pretty girls "A's" and "B's"; (4) Flunk or pass the athletes, according to the fortunes of the athletic teams; (5) Grade on the class average or "curve."

"This business of grading examination papers is one of the drawbacks to the teaching profession," commented Dr. Jones. "I would almost be a happy man, if I didn't have to worry about what the football team was going to do to me if I flunked their star halfback."

### Cramming Out

So if you've been cramming until the wee hours of the morning, worrying about passing that stiff physics exam, or that math exam, don't give it another thought.

The profs' grading secret is out.

It would be amusing to all concerned if the professors knew how the students go about studying for those examinations.

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Beta Theta Pi: president, Mill Macy; vice-president, Quentin Sidesinger; house manager, Roger Jayne; secretary, Glen Macy.

Delta Upsilon: president, Bob Wren; vice-president, George Dugan; secretary, Bill McClennan; house manager, Al Sellers.

Kappa Sigma: president, Warren Taylor; vice-president, Wilbur Kelly; corresponding secretary, Kan Gaines.

Phi Delta Theta: president, Jim Bennisson; vice-president, Hank Burns.

Phi Gamma Delta: president, Clarence Horton; secretary, Martin Conlin; house manager, Bob Wilson.

Sigma Chi: president, Guy Haynes; vice-president, Marshall Glos; secretary, Ralph Brown; house manager, Bil Lilly.

Theta Chi: president, Bud Putnam; vice-president, Jim Rick-secker; secretary, John Arens; treasurer, Fritz Giesecke.

Several houses are planning elections for this week.

## Gibbs Talk Set Today

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member of the Stanford faculty for ten years.

Dr. Van Rysselberghe also traveled as a visiting lecturer for Belgian universities in 1935-36. He joined the University faculty in 1941. As an associate professor at the University, he teaches classes in organic and physical chemistry, in addition to conducting research on the electro chemistry of non-aqueous solutions of magnesium salts.

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# CAMPUS CALENDAR

There will be a meeting of Phi Beta tonight at 7:30 at the Delta Delta house for the election of officers.

The Propeller club will meet tonight at 7:30 in the men's lounge, Gerlinger to see motion pictures taken by Tom Baumgartner in Hawaii. All members are urged to be there.

## Sigma Delta Pi Initiates Twenty

Sigma Delta Pi, national Spanish honorary, held initiation of new members Sunday in the alumni room of Gerlinger, announced Dorothy Gullette, president.

Those initiated were: Margaret Ambler, Shirley Beller, Janet Fleishhauer, Arthur Hillabold, Peter Howard, John Mathews, Win McCullough, Esiquio Narro, Jeanne Parker, Charline Pelly, John Robinson, Clarethel Rose-lund, George Schade, William Scharpf, Carol Wicke, Dave Zilka, Margaret Firth, Irene Greenbaum, Dona Hill, and Helen Jones.

## Fraternity Jewelry To Gleam at Side Today

Hal Gray, representative for L. G. Balfour company, will have a jewelry and leather goods display at the College Side today from 9 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 5 p.m.

Wednesday's Emerald erroneously reported that the Balfour display would be shown yesterday.

## Forum Bills Dr. Erb

Dr. Donald M. Erb, president of the University, will speak at Eugene high school tonight at 8 to an assembly of parents. He will appear in a forum program on the subject of "Post War Plans for Our High School Youth."

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