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## Was We Really Robbed?

There is furor this week as University students view with emotion their grades, which are supposed to reflect their progress fall term in the quest for learning. There is a general feeling of "We wuz robbed." There are rumors about to the effect that a third of the campus failed to make 2-points, that all the grades are much lower than ever before, that the instructors had orders to "crack down," and so on.

The Emerald has gone to some pains to check these rumors, and most of them have been proved unfounded. Persons who might know admit the possibility that all these things are true, but they assert that nobody can make such statements—yet. The statistics haven't been gathered. It will be a couple of weeks yet before any man can make a definite statement about the extent of this debacle, which, so rumor has it, has befallen the campus.

The honor roll shows that grades at the top seem to have run about as normal, although there were a lot of names missing that rarely have been missing before. But this is only the top. How about the people at the other end of the list?

Well, nobody is going to be bounced out of school because he fell below a 2-point this one term. Everybody has at least one more chance. Some were bounced. Most of the victims were in the group with "pegged grades" from last year—students who had to make a stipulated GPA in order to graduate with the minimum requirement of 2-point over four years of work. Those who failed to make this pegged grade were bounced, unless their performance had been enough better than the scholarship committee allowed them to remain. The committee prides itself on its policy of looking at each case as an individual thing, and upon not letting general policies work injustices upon the exceptional case. The axe fell, we understand, upon something more than 100.

If the grades were a little lower generally than in earlier terms, some professors would attribute it to the changed policies of the scholarship committee. When the committee was being really tough, these professors tell us, the instructors were generally inclined to be a little charitable, to give the student all the breaks. But now with the scholarship committee being more charitable, the teachers feel they can be a little more severe. At least that's one explanation.

It doesn't seem that requiring a 2-point cumulative over a number of terms is requiring a great deal. If a student can't make that, he would probably be happier elsewhere—or at least "better suited," since this is a pretty happy campus.

Of course this is a state university, and as the old saying goes "Anybody can go." But if it be so set up than anybody can graduate, we may as well throw in the towel now. The bachelors' degree means little enough as is, without cheapening it even further by offering it to anybody who has the financial good health to stay around for four years.

## 20 Years Ago

(From Emerald Files)

The honor roll for the fall term 1927-28 has been issued by Registrar Earl M. Pallett, with 70 students whose scholastic average for the term has entitled them to a place on the list of honor students. The exact number of students who failed to pass is 37. The number on probation, although not definitely compiled yet, is thought to be around 70.

The Webfoot basketball team made a clean sweep of the three games played during the holidays. The Checkerboards, 47-23, and the Multnomah club, 58-30, were defeated on successive nights at Portland, and the Roseburg Collegians, 54-29, at Roseburg.

An Oregon State college dream of many years, a men's dormitory, was a step nearer following approval of the board of regents for building plans.

The Oregon varsity basketball team, playing its first home game of the season, defeated the Willamette university Bearcats in a rather loosely played contest, 36-17.

Although registration is not yet completed and no exact figures are available, officials in the registrar's office believe the enrollment for winter term will exceed 3000.

## The New Sound

By FRED YOUNG

Being in the rustic Northwest as we are, many of the more outstanding records by modern jazz giants are unobtainable. So we'll tread lightly on the non-procurable music of Bab's Three Bips Stewart and Lambert, Tristano and others who are striking a serious note on "the Street." However, Victor is giving us a break so far as Hollywood music is concerned. Tenorist Lucky Thompson of Esquire New Star awardings has his lucky Seven on two new Victor releases. Featured with him are Benny Carter, Neal Hefti of Herman fame, and the Dodo who all tend to make these very noteworthy records. Dizzy Gillespie, also had a Victor date with the excellent hopping of "Ow!" the result. Thank to Victor's repression of the figs, we possibly can get the taste of Curt Sykes from our mouths.

Speaking of bands we have known, Les Brown is back in the saddle again with a new band. His latest "Jumpy Stumpy" should be sought. It's named for Les' tromboning brother, who was the 5-footer doing the singing and dancing at Daggett's dance last spring term. Stumpy was scored by Bob Higgins whose writing bounced brown up to the top last year.

Before we get a boring collection of Nell Lucher, listen to Will Bradley's "Lonely Moments" or Benny Carter's "Prelude to a Kiss." In closing, we're wondering why we can't lure a big band to our campus for a Saturday night instead of having to find a ride and pay twice the price.

## Man With A Job

Appointment of Donald M. DuShane of Lawrence college as the new "director of student personnel services" on this campus should be good news to those persons who have expressed concern over the increasing complexity of student life. There is no doubt that the new man walks into a big job, and there will be few who will dispute the fact that a man of Mr. DuShane's experience is sorely needed.

As the University grows, it is natural that the activity and student life structure will grow more complex, and that some agency is needed to tie together the many loose ends. This need has been illustrated especially this year, what with the normally (or more) heavy academic requirements of the institution and the increasing number of "activities," not all of which can be called "educational" by a long shot.

Perhaps Mr. DuShane can integrate the program a little better with school life.

His record in working with fraternities at Lawrence college is impressive. During his tenure there the Greek letter houses were high in scholarship, and in cooperation with the college administration. In nearly every respect they represented the best of student life on the Lawrence campus.

Perhaps Mr. DuShane can do something about the situation here at Oregon, where the fraternity system is not doing anything worth shouting about, so far as "all that is better in student life" is concerned.

Perhaps Mr. DuShane, if he is given the authority (and we understand he'll have it), can crack the whip in a few of the right places, and can do a great deal to improve the standing of this university of ours. At any rate the thinking student will see nought but good in the idea behind it.

The registration process by which most students seemed to get back into school this term, puts one in mind of fall term's long lines—it was all so different.

Registrar Curtis E. Avery and his staff are to be commended for engineering the process in so painless a manner.

## Letters

WANTS DANA

To the Editor:

The people of Oregon in all walks of life and of all political faiths who have the best interests of the state at heart surely desire that both political parties put forth outstanding candidates for governor. Several potential candidates have been mentioned by the members of both parties. Some of these potentials are outstanding and some of them are not so hot. But there is one on the Democratic list who is said to have what it takes for a governor—personality, integrity, and ability.

His name is Marshall N. Dana of Clackamas county.

We have good reasons to believe—in fact we know—that Dana would accept the call to run for governor "if drafted." But he is no self-starter.

The press of Oregon can render a great public service to the people at this time by using its influence to help get capable candidates for governor nominated on both tickets. We should do this for the good of Oregon.

Otto D. Drain  
Portland

GO EARLY

To the Students:

Due to the limited seating capacity in McArthur court, the athletic department has requested the A.S.U.O. executive council to ask the students to be seated in the court by 7:30 p.m. on nights of conference basketball games. The doors will open at 6 p.m.

The reason for this request is to enable the athletic department to determine how many seats are available to the general public after 7:30 p.m.

We hope that the students will be able to cooperate with this request.

Stan Williamson, Pres.  
A.S.U.O.

WANTS MORE DOUGH

Fellow Veterans:

The problem of increased subsistence is vital to every man and woman attending school under the G.I. Bill.

A well-organized and effective lobby was held in Washington, D. C. on December 19 and 20, by veterans' representatives from a large number of U. S. colleges and universities. The convention placed the problem squarely before the congress. Entirely through the efforts of this group the Meade bill for increased subsistence was placed on the floor of the house of representatives, but it was blocked by the house leadership.

The convention delegates are certain that a substantial increase in subsistence can be obtained soon after congress reconvenes, if a concentrated effort is put forth by all the veterans affected by such legislation.

Experienced lobbyists in Washington advise a well-organized letter-writing campaign. If each of the approximately 2,000,000 veterans in school at the present time will write letters to at least two of his congressmen within the next three weeks, Washington will be forced to take notice. If some action is not taken, veterans' legislation will continue to be a political football, to be brought into play only when various groups wish to solicit the veteran vote.

If you can publicize this program on your campus successfully, at the same time that it is being done on all the other campuses in the country, you will be doing something really constructive toward raising the subsistence of

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