

Thesis Files Reveal Academic Minds Drink Deeply of Fountain of Knowledge

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Nothing is sacred to the academic mind in the quest for knowledge.

A glance at the theses files for advanced degrees at the University reveals that such things as the physical makeup of women, the skeleton of Peromyscus, sewers, and inevitably, the sex life of the turtle, have been investigated and expounded.

The students who wrote "A Study of Depreciation Theory And Its Application In Times of Inflation, With Emphasis On the Debated Propriety of Depreciation Based On Replacement Cost," and "The Structure of the Endostyle Inamocoets and Tunicates," apparently never heard of Rudolph Flesh's book "The Art of Plain Talk."

Other Contributions

Two students, however, took pity on the layman and wrote theses on "The Plants of the Northwest That Have Been Used for Food, Medicine, and Economic Purposes," and "A Short Pronouncing Dictionary of the Theater."

Undoubtedly among the great literary contributions of our time were theses on "A Biometrical Study of the Axial Skeleton of Peromyscus," "Location As A Factor In the Manufacture of Pencil Slats," and "The Meaning of Hlehan and Hleahor In Old English Poetry."

Animal Kinsey Report

A Kinsey Report of the animal

kingdom can also be found gathering dust on library shelves.

For those truly interested in biological science, such gems as "Artificial Stimulation of Spermatogenesis In The Turtle," "Seasonal Changes In the Testis of A Robin," and "Cytological Studies of the Testis of the Ground Squirrel," are offered. How nosy can you get?

For Men Only

We recommend the following for men only—women already know the answers. "How A Man May Choose A Good Wife Form A Bad" (spelled b-A-d)—A Study of Flexibility of Girls In Five Age Groups," or, "An Objective And Simplified Method of Measuring Anterior Posterior Erectness In College Women"—don't rush, fellas.

Still for men only, "Night Thoughts"—that should fit here somewhere—"A Comparative Study of the Scholastic Achievements of Affiliated and Unaffiliated Women At the U. of O."—a lot depends on which columnists they're affiliated with—"A Study of Gottfried Keller And Women"—what's Gottfried got that I ain't got—except women?

Practical Minds

Early-day students seemed interested in more practical things—or perhaps they lacked imagination. In 1902, an electrical engineering student wrote "A Study of Incandescent Lamps,"

"Construction of A Concrete

Dam At Willamette Falls" was the topic of a budding mining engineer in 1909, and the "South Roseburg Sewer System" merited a thesis by an aspiring civil engineer in 1912.

Tucked inconspicuously between the portentous titles, "A Theorem Concerning the Definite Divergence of the Conjugate Fourier Series," and "Laplace Transforms and Power Series With Multiply Monotonic Conditions," is a thesis naively titled, "What Is Math?" Theirs my sentiments, too.

We can't imagine what rare stroke of genius and imagination inspired a student in 1909 to write a thesis brilliantly titled, "Boys In General."

Radcliffe Offers Summer Course In Publishing

Radcliffe College in Massachusetts recently announced a six-week summer course for college graduates interested in the publishing field.

The course will survey the requirements and opportunities of this field, and will provide practical training for employment in publishing.

It is primarily concerned with trade books and newsstand magazines although it will touch upon techniques of textbooks, scientific books, house organs, and special-circulation magazines.

Tuition fee is \$150. The course will start June 26 and continue until August 4, 1950.

Wire-Recorder Vanishes

The disappearance of a wire-recorder, missing since January 16 from Villard Hall, was reported to police Saturday by J. O. Lindstrom, business manager of the University.

Book Addition Noted

A recent addition to the University Library book collection is "Guadalcanal: The First Offensive," the latest of the army's official histories of World War II.

This history is volume two of the series on "War in the Pacific."

Skull and Dagger Meets

Skull and Dagger will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the College Side Inn.

According to scientists, anger impairs the vision. No wonder people get so mad they can't see.

Walden String Quartet to Give Concert on Campus Next Sunday

A program of classical and contemporary string quartets will be presented Sunday, Feb. 5 at 4 p.m. in the School of Music Auditorium by the Walden String Quartet, recently returned from a tour of Germany.

The four members comprising the quartete are Homer Schmitt and Bernard Goodman, violins, John Garvey, viola, and Robert Swenson, cello. Their entire music training has been in the United States.

Founded 15 Years Ago

The organization was founded 15 years ago when three of the men were with the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra. During its early years, the quartet performed on the concert stage, read and played new works, and performed radio programs while still maintaining their positions with the orchestra. Later the group assumed a full-time schedule.

The concert is sponsored by the Chamber Concert Series. Tickets are available at the Appliance Center, Wilson's Music House, at the door of the auditorium, or by Chamber Concert Series season tickets.

Program Listed

The Sunday program includes Second String Quartet by Charles Ives, Quartet in C major by Karol Szymanowski, and Quartet in F major, Opus 77, No. 2 by Joseph Haydn.

The Walden String Quartet adopted its name 15 years ago from Henry David Thoreau's classic "Walden."

The Quartet was selected by the United States government as a representative musical organization to present American composers and American musicianship to Europe.



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State Tax Agents To Help on Returns

State income tax agents will be in Eugene on the following date to assist taxpayers in preparing their state income tax returns:

Mar. 13-17, 20-24, 27-31, Apr. 3-7, and 10-14. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Secretary of State's Building.

Campbell Club Initiates

Sixteen men were formally initiated into Campbell Club, men's cooperative house, at ceremonies Sunday afternoon. Vergil S. Fogdall, director of men's affairs, and Lynn Ellington, men's counsellor, addressed the group.

Those initiated were Ben Bleich, Homer Bowman, Ernest Edwards, Roy Ellsworth, Jack Evans, Leroy Graymer, Don Lawrence, Tom McAllister, Wayne MacAskill, John Merryman, Don Paillette, Elvin Riddle, Lester Simons, Bob Stansbury, Roscoe Ward, and Ray Williams.

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