



Photo by Matt McCormick

SPRING WEATHER comes again so students come out once more for a study break during the last frantic week of classes and to enjoy the change in weather from the rain and overcast skies.

494 to get degrees at Friday graduation

Some 494 University students are candidates for graduate and undergraduate degrees at the 1969 winter term commencement Friday.

Of the total candidates, 312 are for baccalaureate degrees, 157 are for masters degrees and 24 are for doctoral degrees.

The 3 p.m. convocation will be held in the Erb Memorial Union with the commencement address to be given by Branford Millar, former president of Portland State University, now Distinguished Research Professor of the Oregon State System of Higher Education. He will speak on how to be revolutionary.

Five students are candidates for Bachelor of Arts degrees from the University's Honors College. They are Edward William Robert, Ronnie Terpening, Geraldine Bissell Thompson, Scott Armstrong, and Thad Brown.

A reception for members of the graduating class and their families and friends will be held immediately following the commencement. This event, sponsored by the University Alumni Association, will be in the Erb Memorial Union.

Academic warning to help students

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The academic warning system, an experiment begun by the Academic Deficiency Committee fall term, is one of two new programs designed to give students a chance to improve their grades.

The new warning system became effective fall term. Any student who receives a GPA lower than 2.00 but higher than 1.70 during one term and who has a cumulative GPA higher than 2.00 is not placed on probation.

Instead they are given a notice on their grade report which reminds them of their low grades for the term. This notice is not placed on the transcript. Normally a student would be placed on probation if he got grades lower than a 2.00 GPA for any term.

GIVES CHANCE

The new system gives the student another term to improve his grades, rather than being placed on probation after the first term.

A new policy for first term freshmen students was also started last fall. No first term freshman will be disqualified from the University.

Freshmen with low grades which otherwise would make them eligible for

disqualification, are allowed to continue school if their grades improve to meet the standards of an "expectation curve."

The "curve" is based on the presumption that if the student can keep his grades at a 2.25 GPA level, he will earn a 2.00 GPA at the completion of 93 hours.

APPROVES PETITIONS

The Academic Deficiency committee is also responsible for approving or disapproving all student petitions for grade changes. A student appeals to this committee if he believes his grade should be changed and the instructor will not change it, or if he is not available.

Disqualification and reinstatement cases are handled by this committee. Cases involving students who wish to receive a withdrawal ("W") grade after the term is over must come before the committee.

Disqualification cases are handled by the committee between terms. About 30 hours was spent by the committee reviewing cases during the break between fall and winter terms. From 200-400 different cases are handled each term.

The time shortage involved in committee proceedings and the necessity of reviewing all cases so students involved

are advised as to their status in time to register for the next term, makes personal appearances impossible, said committee chairman Jack Ewan, associate professor of journalism.

Ewan emphasized that students are encouraged to see the Office of Student Affairs or committee members regarding their case and to inform them of any relevant facts which would help their case. Otherwise the committee has to rely only on the written information they receive.

NO OTHER APPEAL

"There is no other appeal body available," said Ewan, but the committee is willing to reopen cases when new evidence is presented.

The committee is now composed of seven faculty members and the Deans of Men, Women, and Students. The University Registrar is also a member. There are presently no students on the committee, but a motion is before the faculty at their next meeting to allow a student member. Ewan sees no substantial opposition to the motion, although there is some question among some faculty and administrators regarding the advisability of students seeing other students' personal records.



JACK EWAN
Committee chairman

Differs from Art Pearl

Dean of faculties says University has changed

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Art Pearl and Charles Duncan share similar concerns but they differ in the expression of them.

Duncan, dean of faculties, commented Wednesday on the interview with Pearl, professor of education, which appeared in Wednesday's Emerald.

"I have no desire to become involved in a cross-faculty rivalry but I feel it's my privilege and duty to challenge him (Pearl) when he says things that are not true," Duncan said.

In answer to Pearl's statement that the professor of education would "never subscribe to the argument that there is not enough money," Duncan said we have to face facts as they exist at the present time.

"We can't spend the money when it isn't there. However, we can devote ourselves to finding more money and doing a better job with it," Duncan said.

Duncan differed from Pearl's statement that no change has occurred at the University in the last four years.

"I say change has occurred in every area and this can be demonstrated and documented. Of course, we still face a great deal of alteration, but it can't be said that the University has not changed," Duncan argued.

Refuting Pearl's comment that the University is hostile to youth, Duncan commented, "I simply can't accept that statement. Nothing at the University is hostile to youth. I think his statement is very unclear."

According to Duncan, the University is representative of the country. Pearl however, said it is not.

"Our student and faculty rosters show that we have people from all over the country. And we are not class conscious in our faculty recruitment," Duncan said.

"In summary, Mr. Pearl's language and undefined terms and concepts are unclear and their whole tone, intentional or not, tends to add to the tension on campus rather than illuminating the problems and understanding them. This should be our primary concern," Duncan concluded.

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OSU student leader quits, accepts human rights post

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John Fraser, student body president at Oregon State University, will resign to accept a post with the campus human rights movement, the OSU Barometer reported Wednesday.

Fraser, a senior from Corvallis, will leave office because of his support of the Black Student Union in the two weeks since the birth of a controversy over OSU football player Fred Milton.

Milton was ordered by football coach Dee Andros to shave a beard and mustache or quit the team. When Milton refused to comply, the BSU boycotted classes and athletic events.

The controversy culminated in a massive walk-out by OSU's 47 Black students, all of whom are reportedly in the process of withdrawing from classes.

The Milton incident also provoked a sympathetic demonstration by about 500 University students, who delayed last Saturday's Oregon-OSU basketball game for ten minutes by staging a massive sit-down on the floor of McArthur Court. The demonstrators dispersed peacefully following a speech by ASUO President Dick Jones.

Tom Brown, Barometer editor; and Charlene White, Barometer news editor, claimed that the recent controversy had convinced Fraser that student government was ineffective in human rights. The realization led to his expressed intention of leaving office for a position in human rights work.

In a statement released to the Barometer Wednesday, Fraser described the OSU student body as "second class citizens with no opportunity to interact with the school administration."

He contended that University administrators "turn a deaf ear" to student demands, and that the administrative structure "can effectively nullify any power the present student government has."

Fraser's successor, Dave Zier, also submitted a statement Wednesday in which he leveled criticism at Fraser's one-month stay in office.

Zier claimed that "student government is a lot more powerful than a lot of people are willing to admit." He claimed that Fraser had not fully tapped the potential of student participation, and had in fact failed to call any meetings or contribute "significant ideas" during his term in office.

Zier was also critical of the furor over the Milton incident, stating that he doesn't advocate "boycotts or demonstrations as a means for change, since they tend to polarize factions and make it difficult to resolve conflict."

The Barometer also reported that George Carr, vice president of BSU, would remain on the

Last edition today

This is the last issue of the Emerald for winter term. The next issue will come out on Wednesday, April 2.

The Emerald staff will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 31, for a tour of the Springfield offset plant that will print the Emerald spring term. Transportation will be provided for those without cars.

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