

# Marquette Demands English Knowledge of Graduates

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Milwaukee, Wis. — The liberal arts student who cannot write correct and understandable English need not expect to receive a diploma from Marquette university.

To guarantee he won't, the college of liberal arts of Marquette is requiring as a condition for graduation that each of its students pass an English attainment examination.

The exam, which faculty members said caused much "moaning and groaning" when inaugurated, became a requirement for graduation in 1960. To date, 1,730 students have taken the exam. About 150 have flunked it and have been required to take it over — and over — until they pass.

"The ability to write acceptable English is one of the basic requirements which the college of liberal arts expects of each of its students," said Robert R. La Du, assistant dean of the college. "We do expect some minimal level of English accomplishment from our students."

The current examination questions are strictly confidential, but the testing service which prepared this year's test said it contains questions similar to these:

1. One fighter was so far outclassed that there was hardly a ( ) A conflict; B combat; (X) — C contest; D contention.

2. You should not give ( ) E the egg to the baby if hardboiled. F the egg if hardboiled to the baby. G the egg to the baby hardboiled. (X) — H the hardboiled egg to the baby.

(X) — Correct answer. 20 Per Cent Test  
La Du said about 20 per cent of the major universities in the country have similar testing programs.

The liberal arts faculty of this Jesuit university decided students needed a little goading to improve their usage of English and the organization of their papers. That's what the exam is intended to do.

La Du said at Marquette the only required English grammar and writing course is taken in the freshman year. Hopefully, this course would be all the student needed.

But a lack of preparation in high school and a lack of strictness about writing done in other courses in college combine to undermine the student's ability to express himself on paper, La Du said.

While the school offers a non-credit remedial course for students having difficulty with composition, it does not intend to drill students on things they should have learned before college, he said.

"We let the high schools know we are not going to make up things they have left out," La Du said.

Pinpoints Pitfalls  
Prof. Jerome Archer, head of the Marquette English department, pinpointed another pitfall.

"The chances are — and this is true nationally — that with the greatly increased use of so-called objective tests in place of essay tests, the student would come and go through much of his post-freshman schooling with very

Spectrum, Scent Sell Selected Shrubs  
Storrs, Conn. — Too often homeowners are apt to select a shrub for planting on their home grounds purely on the basis of flower color or flower fragrance, reports Ruby Favretti, extension home grounds specialist at the University of Connecticut.

In selecting shrubs, the expert suggests choosing those that do something throughout many seasons of the year. Some shrubs, for example, are attractive only when they are in bloom but have little appeal the rest of the year.

Manned Space Station Plans To Be Studied  
Washington — The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has selected two companies to make studies of a manned space station that would stay in orbit with four crew members for as long as a year.

Boeing Company, Seattle, and Douglas Aircraft Company, Inc., Santa Monica, Calif., were chosen from 11 bidders to carry out the studies. Each will receive a contract from NASA's Langley Research center, Hampton, Va., for about \$400,000.

Invalid Checks Cost Americans Millions  
New York — Carelessly written checks cost Americans millions of dollars a year, the Institute of Life Insurance reports.

A common fault is to omit one of the five items that must be written on a check to make it valid. These are: date, name of payee, amount of check in words, the amount in figures and the signature.

doesn't continue the good habits we assume he learned, he can easily lapse into bad habits.

"What we're after here is to establish a habit," La Du concurred. "Having the English requirement a couple of years off just keeps bringing it home to the student."

Prof. Giles Daeger, director of the evening division of the college of liberal arts, put it this way:

"They should know what basic writing is or they should not be juniors in the college. But they do get careless and this is one way of reminding them they shouldn't be."

When the test was introduced in December of his junior year, he may take it again in April — and again and again. He won't graduate if he doesn't pass.

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little direction of his written English," he said. "And writing is a habit. If the student duces in 1959, 44 per cent of those taking it failed. That percentage has fallen to 8 these days.

More Chances  
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century," the report stated.

The RFF study said food, clothing and shelter will still hold top priority in the family budget but will be taking a progressively smaller bite during the years ahead.

It said that of these three, clothing costs probably will shrink the fastest because revolutionary changes in apparel fiber use and durability has been making it cheaper for consumers to maintain an adequate wardrobe.

Five Patients Are Flown By Plane  
Five patients flown to and from various parts of northern California and Oregon recently by Mercy Flights Inc. brings to 1,565 the number of patients carried by the non-profit air ambulance service since it was started.

Flown yesterday to the Veterans Administration hospital in Vancouver, Wash., for medical treatment was Robert Horton, Grants Pass.

Earlier U.S. Forest Service District Ranger Fred Burgess, Gold Beach, was flown from there to Medford's Rogue Valley hospital for treatment of a broken nose. Burgess was reported to have received the broken nose and leg while working.

C. E. Slingsby, Milwaukie, was flown from Lakeview, Ore., to the Willamette Falls hospital nearer to his home. He suffered a broken neck in late May in an automobile accident near Lakeview.

Other patients include Mrs. Kenneth Taylor, Brookings, who was flown from Springfield, Ore., to Medford for medical treatment at the Rogue Valley hospital, and the baby of Mr. and Mrs. John Evanow, Crescent City, Calif., was flown to San Francisco for emergency treatment of an undiagnosed fever.

\$20,000 Suit Filed Against Drug Firm  
Portland — A suit for \$20,000 has been filed in Circuit Court here against the Charles Pfizer Company, Inc., of New York City, for polio allegedly contracted after taking Type III Sabin oral vaccine.

Arthur L. Chambers, Portland, filed the suit as guardian for Gerald Lynn Chambers, 6. It is the second suit filed against the firm.

An earlier suit demanding \$715,000 in damages is set for trial in September. Dan J. Ferguson, 39, Portland, filed the suit after he was stricken by polio following a mass immunization program here.

Disney Releases Star For Musical Comedy  
Hollywood — Annette Funicello and Frankie Avalon will co-star in American International picture's teenage musical comedy, "Beach Party."

Annette was loaned out for the picture by Walt Disney, who has had the former Mouseketeer under an exclusive contract. It is her first picture away from Disney.

served a hitch in the Army, and then returned to take the test — and finally to get his degree.

Faculty members agreed the attainment exam has improved student writing. "They're writing better term papers," said Daeger.

The test essay "doesn't have to sparkle," he said. The faculty just wants to be sure the student can express an idea.

The exam consists of two parts, one mechanical and one essay.

The check for mechanics is

derlined. The student marks off the wrong word.

Part two, 15 minutes, offers sentences for which the student must choose correct punctuation and capitalization from examples offered.

Part three, 10 minutes, is a spelling test. It offers a series

of lists of four words. The student must indicate which word, if any, is misspelled.

Following the multiple choice test, the student is given one hour in which to write an essay based on one of several controversial statements.

For example, he might write on James Fenimore Cooper's statement that "the tendency of democracies is, in all things, to mediocrity."

It's the hope of the liberal arts college that students who pass the test won't be mediocre.

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### Living Standards Soar in Year 2000

By JOSEPH HUTNYAN  
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Washington — Current and past economic trends indicate the average U.S. consumer's standard of living should rise by about 100 per cent during the next 40 years.

By the year 2000, the average breadwinner will be bringing home a pay check ranging from \$10,000 to \$12,000 per year, nearly double the present figure, according to a study.

Mr. Average Consumer also is expected to be spending more of it on the so-called luxuries — or at least what we classify as luxuries today.

These forecasts all are part of a voluminous report by Resources for the Future Inc. (RFF) — a foundation which spent five years studying past economic history to get a clue of what life would be like in the year 2000.

Present Salary  
The report said the present \$5,000-a-year average salary would shoot up to \$7,500 in 20 years, and then hit at least \$10,000 by the year 2000.

Generally, forecasters base this on the belief that the U.S. economy will discover more efficient ways of doing things at less cost in the years ahead.

They expect the value of goods and services produced to rise faster than the population, in effect giving each worker a larger share of this total national income.

"This means," the report said, "that the typical household will be able to afford a standard of living by 1980 enjoyed now by only the highest 20 per cent and, by the end of the century, will be at levels now considered quite well-to-do."

RFF researchers pointed out that in recent years the consumer is spending less of his income for day-to-day necessities such as food, shelter and clothing. This is a natural result of fast-rising incomes.

Using Larger Portion  
The reason is that each person can just eat so much and wear only a certain amount of clothing. As his income rises, he begins using a larger portion for items normally not considered necessities.

As one economist put it: "When a man makes more money, he can't use it to eat five times as much food but he can buy himself five television sets."

Economists do not expect this rising tide of consumer expenditures in the next 40 years to result in an era where there is a television in every room.

More likely it will take some more conventional channel such as a big increase in two- and three-car families and more families with two homes.

The report said personal consumption expenditures have been rising at a 1½ per cent annual clip for each year for the past 30 years.

Should Be Stepped Up  
It said this figure should be stepped up to about 2 per cent by the end of the century.

"What this 2 per cent growth rate means for the average consumer is an increase in standard of living of almost 50 per cent in the next 30 years, and more than doubling by the end of the

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