

30 OF FACULTY VIOLATE GRADING SYSTEM

CONFERENCE DATE OF Y.M.C.A. BOARDS SET FOR THURSDAY

Individuals Believe Announcement that Ames Will Aid Schaal Is False

DR. AMES REAFFIRMS PREVIOUS STATEMENT

President's Statement May Leave Loophole For Schaal, It Is Thought

The date for the joint conference between representatives of the Board of Managers of the Hopkins Y. M. C. A. and the Metropolitan Board of the Baltimore branch of that organization was set yesterday by Dr. Joseph S. Ames for next Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. The conference, which was announced several weeks ago, has been convoked to clarify the relations existing between the branch at Levering Hall and the parent body.

In the meanwhile, persons on the campus in close touch with the executive offices denied newspaper reports that the president had become more favorably inclined toward E. A. Schaal, secretary of the Johns Hopkins Y. M. C. A. whose resignation has been demanded by the Metropolitan Board.

When questioned concerning a newspaper article stating that he had joined in an effort to retain Schaal as secretary at Levering Hall, Dr. Ames declared that it was "the first that he had heard of it" and reaffirmed his previous statement that the conference would concern only future actions of either body.

Rumors that Dr. Ames had altered his attitude in the matter followed a long conference several days ago with Dr. Broadus Mitchell—prominent among those who have declared against the action of the Central Y.M.C.A. But several undergraduates expressed the belief that the president, far from aiding Schaal, was still either hostile or indifferent to the entire movement initiated in the secretary's behalf.

Different Interpretations Arise
Another interpretation of the president's first statement, how-

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Varsity Club Holds Important Meeting

Reception Committee Chosen For The Purpose of Entertaining All Visiting Athletic Teams

That an entertainment committee for the purpose of receiving visiting teams has been appointed, was disclosed at a recent meeting of the Varsity Club, by Frank Cone, president of that organization. Benard, Lockard, Meeks, Dukehart, Wilfson and Packard were the men chosen.

"All students who have automobiles can co-operate with this committee by dropping a note to that effect in Box 17," Mr. Cone declared. Those students who lend their co-operation will be admitted free of charge to the Cotillion Board dances, it was said.

A "lookout" committee, consisting of Guild, Jung, Chassin, Merrikan, Weitzel, Bowes, and Cartwright was also chosen. Its purpose, members pointed out, is to influence promising athletes in the high schools to come to Hopkins. This committee will meet some time in the future. Heinzerling, Triplett and Reed were appointed to the committee on publicity.

Significance of Club

The undergraduate Varsity Club is an organization of students, who have received a major letter in some sport. Its duties are delegated to its various committees. It has no connection with the graduate Varsity Club.

Jay Natators To Meet Gettysburg Friday

Stern Will Be Lost To Team Through Illness; Team Feels Confident Of Victory, However

Friday, the Hopkins swimming team will journey to Gettysburg Pa., to meet the Gettysburg College natators. On the following night they will swim against Lafayette College.

If the Hopkins mermen win both of these meets, their season will be considered successful. To date they have won two and lost three. Last year the Jay team broke even in two meets with Gettysburg. The team feels confident that they can score victories over the two colleges.

Hopkins will probably be without the services of Ted Stern over the week-end because of illness.

SOCIETY ORGANIZED TO HELP LIBRARY AT JOHNS HOPKINS

'Friends of Johns Hopkins University Library' Seek More Members

PLAN TO SWELL NUMBER OF SCHOLARLY VOLUMES

Library Staff Can't Keep Pace With Growing Demand, They Say

To assure the steady increase in value and significance of the scholarly books in the general library and the continuance of the service of the Johns Hopkins University to the cause of productive scholarship in America, a society to be known as the Friends of the Johns Hopkins University Library has been organized.

The purpose of the organization, it is said, will be to acquaint its members with the resources and needs of the University's library and to create by annual contributions a fund to be devoted to special purposes. The funds will be expended on projects "most likely to enhance the lasting value of the library, particularly for the purchase of works not provided for by the current funds."

Needs More Funds

In order to carry out its purpose, the society states it needs "an increase in the undesignated funds available for any needs that the library committee may regard as important." It is planned to obtain funds for the purchase of new books not less than \$500 annually for each professor engaged in the direction of research. A larger and more competent staff is needed, it is said, and competence must be recognized by increases in salary.

Staff Can't Keep Pace

"The staff of the Homewood libraries, though efficient and loyal, is unable to keep pace with the steadily growing demands for library service," a pamphlet released by the organization declares.

At the invitation of Dr. Joseph S. Ames, president of the Hopkins, 26 persons constituted themselves founder members of the society. It was learned that each founder member has pledged to pay \$100 or more annually to the library fund.

They Organize Society

Because they recognized the "value of a university to the intellectual life of the community" and desired "to promote the interests of the Johns Hopkins Library, particularly with regard to the general collections of the Faculty of Philosophy," the following individuals organized the society. They are:

Harry N. Baetjer
Lewellys F. Barker
Clarence K. Bowie
Walter B. Brooks
Thomas K. Brown
William C. Coleman
Madeline L. M. Ellicott
John H. Finley
Grace Frank
Frank J. Goodnow
Mary C. Goodwillie
Douglas H. Gordon
Max Hochschild
Albert D. Hutzler
Jacob H. Hollander
Henry Barton Jacobs
Stuart S. Janney
Howard A. Kelly
William G. MacCallum
Edward B. Passano
J. Gilman D'Arcy Paul
Julia R. Rogers
William H. Welch
Miles White, Jr.
J. Whitridge Williams
Hugh H. Young

Will Comprise Executive Committee

This group will comprise the first executive committee of the Friends of the Johns Hopkins University Library, and will serve until the initial annual meeting, at

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Profs Should Use System Seriously, Dr. Boas Declares

Informed of the results of a survey taken on the marking system, Dr. George Boas who is credited with the introduction of the system declared that:

"I am convinced that if the instructors and students alike would realize that mathematical precision in grading human beings is a myth, and would try to apply the system seriously, they would find most of their difficulties vanishing.

"In the long run, every man is an individual and should have a diagnosis rather than a mark. But since we apparently must have marks in a competitive society, I prefer to have a simple, easily applicable one to a complicated and—in the long run—meaningless one."

GROUP PHOTOGRAPHS SCHEDULED FOR WED.

Tuxedos Not To Be Worn By Fraternity Men

SENIORS' LAST CHANCE

Varsity Club Will Be First To Be Photographed

From Wednesday, February 25, until Monday evening, March 1, the *Hullabaloo* photographer will be on the campus. Pictures of the various athletic squads, student activities, social fraternities and other group pictures will be taken during that time. It is urged by *Hullabaloo* officials that all men participating in activities be on hand when their respective group snaps are taken because this will be the final visit of the photographer.

Last Chance For Seniors

Seniors, going into the 1931 *Hullabaloo*, who have not had their pictures taken, are emphatically requested to make their appointments immediately either through P. O. box 655 or at the *Hullabaloo* office in Levering Hall. The office will be open daily from 12.20 to 1.30 P. M. Seniors are again reminded that this will be the last time any photographs for the *Hullabaloo* may be taken.

Tuxedos Not To Be Worn

Fraternities having their pictures taken are kindly asked not to wear tuxedos, since they spoil the symmetry of the book.

Photographs for all departments of the musical clubs will be taken after the home concert.

The schedule for the sundry teams, fraternities, activities and groups is as follows:

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25
P. M.
12.30—Varsity Club.
12.45—Rifle team.
4.15—The Johns Hopkins Electrical Club.
5.00—Swimming team, Knights of Columbus pool.
7.15—Beta Theta Pi fraternity.
7.30—Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.
7.45—Delta Chi fraternity.
8.00—Alpha Delta Phi fraternity.
8.15—Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.
8.30—Alpha Tau Delta fraternity.
THURSDAY, FEB. 26
12.30—*Hullabaloo* staff.
12.45—Black and Blue Jay staff.
4.15 P. M.—The American Society of Civil Engineers.
4.45—Lacrosse squad (at Homewood Field).
5.00—Track squad (at Homewood Field).
7.30—Chi Gamma Delta fraternity.
7.45—Kappa Alpha fraternity.
8.00—Kappa Sigma fraternity.
8.15—Delta Upsilon fraternity.
8.30—Omicron Kappa Omicron fraternity.
8.45—Sigma Tau Delta fraternity.
FRIDAY, FEB. 27
12.30—Varsity Seal Holders.
12.45—News-Letter staff.
5.00—Basketball squad (at Loyola).
7.30—Tau Alpha Omega fraternity.
7.45—Pi Lambda Phi fraternity.
8.00—Sigma Delta fraternity.
8.00—Phi Sigma Delta fraternity.
8.30—Charles Carroll Club.
MONDAY, MARCH 1
4.15—R. O. T. C. units.
5.00—Cadet and Army officers.
5.15—Scabbard and Blade.
7.30—Alpha Kappa Chi fraternity.
7.45—Athletic Associates Board.
8.00—Tau Alpha Chi fraternity.
8.15—Alpha Mu Tau fraternity.
8.30—Phi Alpha fraternity.
8.45—Phi Epsilon Pi fraternity.

SURVEY SHOWS ABUSES RANGE FROM MINOR DEVIATIONS TO DISREGARD OF WHOLE SCHEME

20 Of 50 Instructors Interviewed Hold To Grading Method That Was Adopted Last Spring

OBJECTIONS VOICED TO SYSTEM VARY; MANY OF PROFS HIT BROADNESS OF 'S'

Dr. Roy M. Dorcus Declares New Marking System Tends To Lower Quality of Work Done By Students

By HYMAN LEVIN

That 30 out of 50 instructors interviewed in the College of Arts and Sciences and School of Business Economics are making either major or minor violations of the new marking system became apparent following a survey conducted by THE NEWS-LETTER.

The present grading plan was adopted last spring by the faculty of the Johns Hopkins and went into effect at the beginning of the current scholastic year. As adopted, the system provided for the complete abolition of numerical standards of marking and substitution of the triple criteria of *H*, Honor; *S*, Satisfactory; *F*, Failure.

Major, Minor Violations Made

Major violations consisted in most cases of a complete resort to numerical methods of grading, while the minor infractions were made by distortion in various forms of the adopted "letter" scheme.

The instructors in the College and Business School who were interviewed may be classed, relative to the opinions held by them toward the new marking system here, as follows:

Those in absolute favor of the system as intended by the committee that proposed it and who are not guilty of violations of it are: Broadus Mitchell, George Boas, S. Blain Ewing, I. W. Russell, O. Zariski, John Williamson, A. E. Blumberg, George D. Hoeking, W. S. Dawkins, C. P. Lyone, F. C. Wagner, William S. Holt, Thomas S. Logan, L. W. Miles, G. T. Whyburn, F. O. Rice, J. M. Stephens, Frances Dearborn, Kent R. Greenfield, H. E. Cooper.

Violators Are Named

Those who feel the system is faulty and needs to be changed, who violate the system by using variations in the *S* and numerical basis who have had difficulties in interpretations are:

G. H. Evans, F. C. Lane, Abraham Cohen, R. C. Yates, W. K. Morrill, Knight Dunlap, C. K. Swartz, R. B. Roulston, H. H. Shapiro, W. O. Weyforth, M. L. Radoff, D. M. Robinson, W. A. Hawkins, P. M. Wheeler, James Hart, J. C. Hubbard, H. C. McComas, G. C. Cardiege, H. R. Kilbourne, J. A. Mitchell, D. R. McKee, C. E. Abramovich, Jr., E. E. Franklin, F. F. Fales, R. M. Dorcus, M. H. Seerist, R. P. Cowles, J. G. McManaway, G. E. Schweigert, R. J. Bullock.

Objections Made By Instructors

That the Satisfactory grade includes too much ground, is too wide in its range, and may be interpreted by the individual instructors in varied ways, were the chief objections made by the violator. It was declared that the student who does just passing or average work and the student who does work not brilliant enough to be considered an Honor receive the same mark—*S*. That in itself, it was pointed out, does not permit adequate and necessary differentiation, and does an injustice to the student who does almost outstanding, or *H*, scholastic work.

Because Satisfactory obviously implies "sufficient", it was also argued, the student who does work nearer to the *H* category should not be classified with the poorer or average student who does "borderline" or mediocre work in his studies.

Proponents Back Prime Purpose

On this point the strong proponents of the new marking system retaliate with the assertion that the reason for its institution at the Johns Hopkins was mainly to abolish fine gradation in marks and the tendency of the students to work for marks only. It shifts the emphasis, this group avers, from studying to attain grades, to the acquiring of knowledge from the courses, regardless of marks.

The almost unanimous suggestion among the men dissatisfied with the present plan was to either include an intermediate mark in the satisfactory range—*S* plus, or adopt the use of only two marks—"pass" and "fail".

Difficulties Recognized By Advocates

Those who suggested that the student be marked either "pass" or "fail" for practical purposes, are apparently convinced that this condition would conflict with the award of scholarships, prizes, and with Phi Beta Kappa selections. Yet they declare these difficulties could be bridged by making these honors matters of faculty recommendations and not consideration of scholastic grades in the candidates' various courses.

17 Maintain Numerical Equivalents

Investigation has shown that 17 of the 30 faculty members who voiced objections to the new mark system maintain numerical equivalents for the letters *H* and *S*. Reasons for this were given as: difficulties encountered in adding letters and attaching numerical significance to marks previously recorded. Under the standing grade system, however, observers declared

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Nut-Throwing Hermit Pestors Squirrels In Hopkins Woods

Would Collaborate With Dr. George Boas On Squirrels; He'd Supply the Squirrels; Boas the Culture

Unperturbed by just what will be discussed at the forthcoming conference of the Y. M. C. A.'s and unworried by ten-cent street-car fare—since he doesn't go anywhere anyway—a self-styled hermit lives in philosophic content deep in the woods behind the Hopkins property facing Wyman's Park. His abode—a lean-to—was discovered by a student while walking through the woods.

Like To Throw Nuts

The hermit, who has identified himself as Anthony Cianek, is a rather tall individual, slightly bent from his 68 years and from looking for nuts to throw at squirrels. Mr. Cianek confesses that during the twelve years that he has resided near the Hopkins campus, his secret passion has been to throw nuts at squirrels.

"At first," he asserted, "there were plenty of nuts and plenty of squirrels. But after awhile the squirrels stopped coming around. Humph," he said shaking his head cynically, "just you catch me voting for Hoover again."

The hermit's visitor found it difficult to get him off the subject of squirrels, but finally his attention was turned to books. Mr. Cianek confessed he had a great admiration for books—books about squirrels. He said he usually got his books from the Pratt Library.

Would Collaborate With Boas

"That," said Mr. Cianek, "is the advantage of being a city hermit. You know," he said apparently thinking of squirrels again, "I'd like to collaborate on a book about

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TIME WILL TELL

EXPLANATION of the fact that the new marking system has been so flagrantly violated is found, we believe, in the concise statement of Dr. W. O. Weyforth, associate professor of political economy at the Johns Hopkins: "Logical in view of the prime purpose for which it was established, the system will work well as soon as both students and instructors become accustomed to it." Dr. C. K. Swartz, collegiate professor of geology at Homewood, concurs in this opinion with his assertion "no system can readily be standardized."

No radical change such as that attempted in the new marking system can be expected to function perfectly at the outset. Professors and instructors have been in the habit of using a certain grading system over a period of a number of years. Merely by stating that a new grading plan will go into effect at a definite date, the administration at the Johns Hopkins indubitably cannot expect to immediately change the habits of this group of men constituting the teaching faculty. Time alone can prove if the present system can be satisfactorily employed in the undergraduate departments of the College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Business Economics.

The same is true from the point of view of the majority of the students. They have been in the habit of judging their success by the numerical grades that they have received. This is a poor criterion. Hopkins is a place primarily for scholars. A real scholar does not care what grade he is given for his work by his instructor. His only interest is in what he has himself gained by pursuing the course. Those students who work merely for grades need not be considered.

It does seem regrettable that some instructors saw fit to include such gradings as S+ and S—, as this defeats the whole idea of the system. Suggestions were made by some members of the faculty to the effect that five or more grades be employed. This merely serves to show that they are unable to conceive the principle of the present grading plan and find it difficult to change their ideas of marking. As we understand the system, it was intended that instructor merely grade on the general impression that the work of the student made on him. Has the student done honor work, satisfactory or unsatisfactory work? It seems simple enough—much more simple than trying to grade a paper with an 8 or 8.5. In the future, it will probably prove simple, but at present it seems to be more difficult than the old system.

The opinion advanced by Dr. Roy M. Dorcus, associate in psychology, that the new system is tending to lower the quality of work done by the student deserves consideration. We hardly believe this to be the case as the students, in general, are of the opinion that the passing grade has been raised. This system was the only one which could achieve this end. By merely setting the grade at 8, one would not raise the passing standard but merely change the valuation of the grade. A paper formerly receiving a 6 would receive an 8. Although students should not work merely for grades, it is necessary to recognize the fact that some do. It is possible that some students who formerly worked for an 8.5 now work only for an 8, one should, however, consider the larger group who worked merely to pass, and must now work much harder to attain a passing grade.

We hope that the diversity of opinions among the faculty will not cause the administration to make any changes in the present system, as we are firmly convinced that this method is a decided advance, and that a reversal would prove a detriment to the Johns Hopkins in the future.

Prohibition In Germany?

By Jurgen G. Von Ludwiger,

German Exchange Student, The Johns Hopkins University

I EST THE title give cause for alarm, let me begin by stating that I shall not expound—following the example of the Wickersham Report—some "dry" theories of a German student. The terms "German student" and "dry" are rather incongruous; besides, one need only have studied in Munich to know how to value a good "Stein" at the right moment!

I have chosen this title because it is my purpose to show how post-war Germany has deliberately adopted a desirable moderation in drink without an 18th Amendment and without an army of agents, coast guards and millions of dollars. The chief causes for this acquisition are the enormous development of sports, the hard work demanded from each individual by our economic situation and, last but not least, a lack of money. It will be difficult for an American to understand how greatly the general impoverishment of my country has reduced our alcohol consumption. The average student, worker or employee simply lacks the superfluous change with which to frequent the restaurant night after night.

The times are gone when Germans could spend a great part of their leisure hours with "wine, women and son." Life over there is hard, very hard. We have lost a war and it is up to us to pay billions of dollars yearly to the Allied powers. In addition, we have unemployment in all professions and trades. The demands made by employers have been doubled and one must work twice as hard as before in order to hold one's job. As a result the attendance at universities, high schools, and business colleges has more than doubled.

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PARTICULARLY marked, however, has been the influence of sports upon drinking. The idea of outdoor exercise was chiefly imported from England and America about 10 years ago and was at once received with enthusiasm by all classes of the population. The result was that with the aid of newspaper propaganda and state support the whole German nation—men and women, old and young, workers and high officials—began to take an active part in some form or other of sport. They were intelligent enough to see in these new methods of physical culture a substitute for the military training, which had been forbidden to us by the Treaty of Versailles.

I now wish to touch upon a particularly live topic, namely, student sports at universities. The Johns Hopkins University is present endeavoring to substitute general athletics for its intercollegiate football contests and, a committee has even been appointed to investigate the situation. When questioned recently about the results of our sport system in Germany and whether our students are satisfied with it, I could but reply, "Of course they are satisfied!" There naturally are a few inveterate book-worms, who are opposed to physical activities of any kind, but they form only a minority. The vast majority of our students participate enthusiastically in these compulsory sports.

It is not in my power to judge the advantages and disadvantages of the intercollegiate sports, since our universities never had a system similar to it, either before or after the war. In place of this system our students are required to present a certificate before reporting to their final examinations, affirming that they have participated

for at least two semesters twice weekly in a sport course supervised by the university. As I have already mentioned, the German student sports are supervised by trained instructors who have absorbed several years at a sport college and are employed by the university. Some universities even have professors of sports!

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IN ADDITION to compulsory sports most students also indulge in voluntary physical training, such as tennis, sailing, field games, skiing, or skating. Particularly skiing and skating are very popular during our long winters, and anyone who himself has spent a week-end tramping with a skiing party across snowy mountains, knows the new vigor with which one returns to one's work on Monday. A small flask of rum is always packed in the knapsack as a protection against the cold reigning on the mountain tops. But it is impossible to become "intoxicated" in an atmosphere of sports and sunshine!

In conclusion I wish to mention the official sanction given to sports by the German government which is greatly responsible for its growth. The "Deutsche Sportabzeichen" is a kind of medal which is visibly attached to the garment and issued in different classes to boys and girls (up to 18), to men and women (up to 40), and to "seniors" (above 40). In order to receive this medal it is necessary to participate in several sports in the course of one year. The achievements in these activities are recorded by the sport instructors in books kept especially for this purpose. To receive such a "medal" is the ambition of almost every boy and girl.

IV

DOES GERMANY have prohibition? Much could be written on this subject, but my space is limited. Many of those who have toured Germany and believe themselves entitled to judge the whole nation by the observations they have made at hotels and especially at the *Munich Hofbräuhaus* will object to my contention. To answer their charges, I can only say that the Hofbräuhaus is now already a kind of museum where a number of incorrigible customers are indulging in their old tradition, joined by tourists from all the corners of the world. And if we observe more closely, we shall note that two-thirds of the frequenters of these establishments belong to the "old generation" who will spend hours playing cards or making conversation over one glass of beer. The youth of Germany, however, are working hard or playing out of doors—to win honours at the Olympic games and to prove their mettle in peaceful competition.

Jay Quint Falls Again Before Loyola College

Score Is 43-25; Winners Display Keen Eye That Jay Five Was Unable To Match

Last Saturday night, Loyola College conquered Johns Hopkins' basketball team for the second time this season by the score of 43-25. As the result indicates, the battle was a lop-sided affair throughout.

The Greyhounds, who haven't lost a game this season, continued to display a keen eye that the Jays simply couldn't match. Loyola's team play was brilliant and their long-range shots just couldn't keep out of the basket.

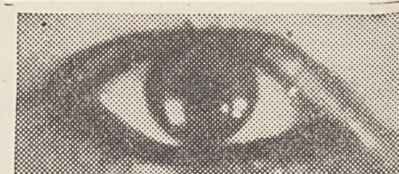
60 Men Report For First Stick Practice

Morrill, Mallonee, And Darley To Assist Coach Van Orman And "Father Bill" In Coaching

Lacrosse practice got under way last week with about 60 men turning out to receive equipment and to limber up. Today practice will start in earnest and will continue daily, Monday included.

Prospects seem to indicate an extraordinarily successful season. Coach Van Orman has a fine nucleus of letter men returning around which he hopes to build a championship team.

Van Orman will be assisted with the coaching by Kelso Morrill, George Darley and Gardner Mallonee. The season opens with the Olympics at Homewood on March 28.



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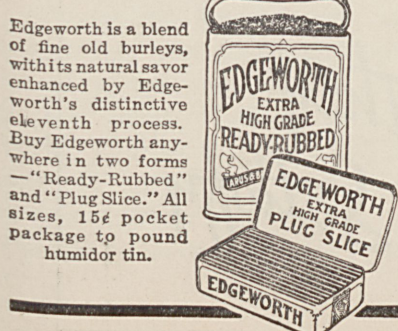
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College Park Is Foe Of Jays Tomorrow

Season of University of Maryland
Team Envious Have Lost 3
Out of 16 Tests

Hopkins journeys to College
Park tomorrow evening to engage
the strong Maryland quint in their
second basketball tilt of the season.

Maryland's record this season
has been more than enviable. To
date they have suffered but 3 de-
feats in a schedule of 16 games.
Virginia, Loyola and Washington
College have eked out small mar-
gined victories, the largest of which
was three points. The Terrapin
aggregation will be primed to re-
peat their 33-20 victory over Hop-
kins. Having lost but two games in
the State race, the College Park-
ers, feel that the championship is
still as much theirs as any one's.
With men such as Berger and
Chalmers sinking them from all
corners of the court, the Mary-
landers bid fair to be well up near
the top when the crown is awarded.
Jay rooters will recall the feats of
these two men as half of the back
field of the Terp eleven. The Blue
basketeers will find them hard to
stop.

J. H. U. Team To Meet Gettysburg Sat.

Team Has Won Five Matches, Lost
11, And Still Has Two More
To Shoot

Despite a run of bad luck last
week, the record of the Hopkins
rifle team is on the whole, not bad.
The team has shot a total of 18
matches this year, has lost 11, won
five, and two are yet unheard from.

Next week on February 28, the
Gettysburg rifle team travels to
Johns Hopkins for a match, and
on March 21, the Hopkins team
goes to Gettysburg. During Janu-
ary the Hopkins team fired seven
matches and won four. Last week,
a heretofore good record was
spoiled by losing seven straight
matches.

On March 28, the annual Na-
tional Rifle Association match will
be held, as usual, at Annapolis.
Each year a team from Hopkins
attends this match; and so far has
made a pretty good showing. Al-
though this year's team has not
definitely been selected, according
to Manager Glass and Captain
Perkins, the men who will prob-
ably go are Perkins (captain),
Glass (manager), Handy (presi-
dent), Murbach, Kahler, John-
son, Forsythe, Hesser, Chancellor,
and Rozel, the last three being
freshmen.

HOLIDAY DATE WRONG

Easter Furlough Begins March 29,
Instead of April 2

Contrary to the announcement in
the handbook to the effect that the
Easter vacation begins April 2, the
vacation will begin Palm Sunday,
March 29, and will end Easter
Monday, April 6, at 8:30.

Nut-Thrower Pesters Hopkins Squirrels

Would Collaborate With Dr. George
Boas on Squirrels; He'd Supply the
Squirrels; Boas the Culture

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squirrels with that intellectual swell
—George Boas. I, of course, would
furnish the squirrels and he, the
swell.

The recluse was then asked if he
had forsaken the world because the
society of his fellowmen had be-
come unendurable for him.

Of, For, By The People
"Most emphatically not," the old
man shouted, "we are living now
in the best of all possible worlds—
of the people, for the people and by
the people. I retired because I like
to throw nuts at squirrels."

He answered with just as much
enthusiasm when asked for his
opinion on prohibition.

"Prohibition is a blessing in dis-
guise for it has taught our youth
to drink. It has created a wild, un-
restrained youth who go out for

CONFERENCE DATE SET FOR THURSDAY

Hopkins, Central 'Y' Boards
To Meet 9 A. M.

TO DECIDE PRIVILEGES

President's Statement May
Leave Loophole For Schaal,
It Is Thought

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ever, has arisen in the past few
days. Some students believe that
Dr. Ames's statement outlining the
limits of the conference leave a
loophole open for Mr. Schaal. De-
spite the fact that the conference is
confined to the future, they pointed
out that if the Hopkins board is
permitted to select its secretaries it
will immediately re-engage Mr.
Schaal.

Will Not Comply, Belief

Still others say that the Metro-
politan Board will never relinquish
the privilege of engaging and dis-
missing its secretaries for it is
through this power alone over the
Hopkins secretary that they may
maintain control at the building.
But they add that the Central Y.
M. C. A. may not be immovable in
its stand against Mr. Schaal, claim-
ing that the former is well aware
that if Mr. Schaal resigns under
pressure any other secretary select-
ed will be unable to get the support
of the few students that are active-
ly interested in the Y. M. C. A.

Such an attitude on the part of
these students would paralyze the
Y. M. C. A. movement at Hopkins.
it was said.

Outlines Legal Document

Dr. Ames in outlining a legal
document drawn up at the time
that arrangements were being made
for the construction of Levering
Hall declared "The University al-
located a site at Homewood for the
purpose of permitting construction
of a building for uses of the
Y. M. C. A. of Baltimore provided
that plans for the building be ap-
proved by us and that plans to-
gether with the property be ap-
proved by the advisory board of
architects.

"The university agreed to assume
upkeep of the external parts of the
building as well as responsibility
for the cost of heat, light, water
and insurance. The Y. M. C. A.
agreed to pay the cost of janitor's
work and make all necessary in-
ternal repairs.

Allowed Construction

"In other words the university
allowed the Y. M. C. A. to con-
struct at their expense a building
on the grounds of the university—
this building to be operated for pur-
poses of the Y. M. C. A. organiza-
tion under the general supervision
of the president. It was especially
provided that management should
be as in the past".

Although previous information
has been vague on the matter, it
was definitely ascertained yesterday
that the title to Levering Hall is
in possession of the Johns Hopkins.
But any time that the university
wishes to use Levering Hall for
purposes other than Y. M. C. A.
activities, it must refund the money
raised by the Y. M. C. A. toward
the building's construction.

what they want and get it. Moral
conditions, have thus bettered
themselves and the curtain of
shame is being drawn away from
the souls of our young people. I
stand for the noble experiment
with one nation, indivisible, with
liberty and justice for all!"

Seeing that the hermit had noth-
ing more to say, his visitor began
to move off.

"Oh say!", he suddenly called
out.

"Well?"

"If you see any nuts—"

"Well?"

"And if you see any squirrels—"

"Well?"

"Just you call me".

Society Organized To Sponsor Library

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Library Plan To Secure Number
Of Scholastic Volumes

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of the committee will be even-
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Avukah Hears Rabbi M. Lazaron on Zionism

General Discussion And Questions On
Topic Follow
Talk

Rabbi Morris S. Lazaron ad-
dressed the meeting of the Avukah
Society held last Friday afternoon.
In the introduction to his informal
talk, he recalled his first address
before the group.

A consideration of the problems
confronting Zionism occupied the
greater part of the discussion. The
Rabbi expressed doubt as to the
success of the movement if the Re-
visionists gain control of it.

At the conclusion of his talk,
Rabbi Lazaron led a general dis-
cussion and answered the questions
of members.

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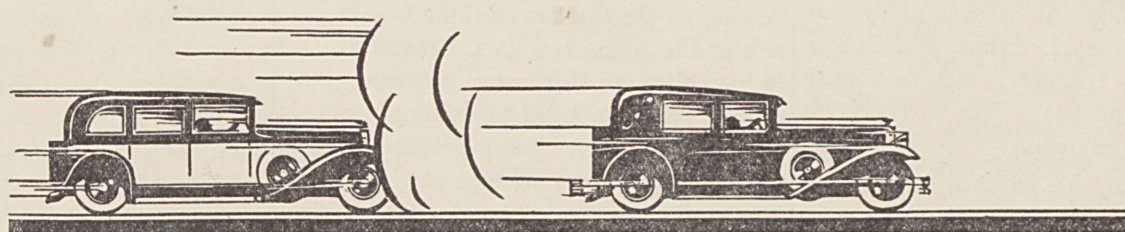
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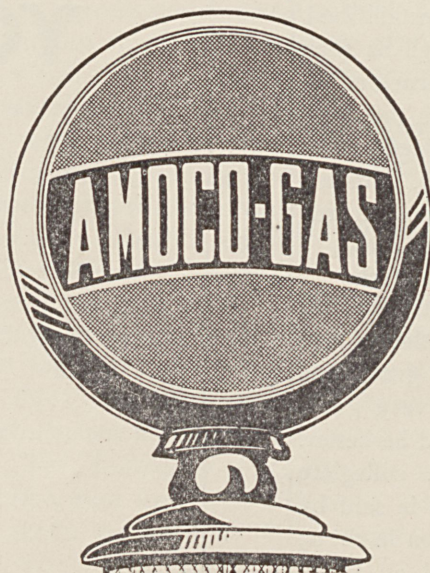


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ABUSES OF MARK SYSTEM REVEALED

30 Instructors of 50 Found To Be Violating Plan

HIT BROADNESS OF 'S'

Minor Deviations from System Made; Whole Scheme Disregarded, Often

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this in itself is a deviation from the prescribed methods of judgment.

Principally because he believes numerical percentage grades are necessary, separate records are kept by Dr. John C. Hubbard, collegiate professor of Physics.

As shown by his records, students who were given averages as low as 5.0 and as high as 9.0 in laboratory and classroom work, quizzes, examinations were marked Satisfactory for the half-year. It is evident that students who passed under the new system would have failed under the old.

French Instructors Differ

To H. Hyman Shapiro, instructor in French, 9.5 to 10.0 is Honor; 6.0 to 9.5 Satisfactory.

But David R. McKee, also an instructor in French, places Honor at 8.0 to 10.0; Satisfactory, 6.0 to 8.0. Mr. McKee explained that he has lowered the standard of *H* so as to "justly include" those students who, because they have not attained quite Honor, would be classed in the *S* section.

When questioned, Dr. Earl E. Franklin said he interprets *S* as 7.5 up. For *H* he has no definite mathematical equivalent.

McComas' Firmly Disapproves

In firmly declaring his disapproval of the new marking system, Dr. Henry C. McComas, lecturer in psychology at Homewood, said he is convinced "the student, under the new system, doesn't know where he stands" and that the system is "not quite fair to him".

The psychology lecturer has a numerical basis for the marks *H*, *S* and uses variations in the *S* category.

Evans Would Abolish "H"

Though on favor of an additional mark in the present system, Dr. George H. Evans, associate in political economy, would abolish the *H* and use *S* plus to represent honor attainments.

Dr. Roy M. Dorcus, associate in psychology, declares the new marking system is tending to lower the quality of the work done by the students. Explaining his opinion, he states that the student who heretofore would have strived for an 8.5 or thereabouts has relaxed his efforts and now is satisfied to obtain *S* which includes "borderline", average, and near-honor students.

Dr. Dorcus keeps numerical records of his students' work.

Calls System "Improvement"

Dr. Charles K. Swartz, collegiate professor of geology, calls the system "a great improvement." Calling the search for marks by undergraduates "an injurious attitude of mind", Dr. Swartz declares that there is no such thing as marking in grades.

He branded numerical grades as "the false motive for study". When told of the divided opinions among the faculty, the professor said: "No system can be readily standardized". Satisfactory, according to him, should mean "whether the student's work in a course is worthy of being counted toward a degree". Nevertheless, despite Dr. Swartz's emphatic views on the matter, his examination grade record revealed that he differentiated the intermediate mark with *X* for superior work and *XX* for merely passing.

Ewing Says It's "Sensible"

To S. Blaine Ewing, instructor

Feminine Touch Given Blue Jay By Election Of Co-ed To Staff

Margaret Howser Is the Touch; Dowell, Thatcher, Kuslovitz, Passagno, Katz, Biggs, Bahlke, Jandorf Also Elected

Breaking its unwritten rule of over ten years' standing, the *Black and Blue Jay*, organ of wit and humor at the Johns Hopkins University recently elected a co-ed to its editorial staff. Margaret Howser, student in the College of Teachers, was admitted to a position. As far as records show, this is the first time in the history of the University that a member of the feminine sex has broken the male exclusiveness of a Hopkins student publication.

Movement Is Not New

The movement for what may be termed woman's suffrage is not entirely new. There has been a marked tendency to look to the fairer members of the campus for support and contribution to campus activities, as evinced by the women that appeared in the Barnstormers' show this year, and the fact that feminine dance sponsors will

crash the pages of the *Hullabaloo* when the annual makes its appearance this semester.

This is the first instance, however, than an activity has been honored by the presence of a woman on its active board of contributors. According to members of the *Jay* Board of Control, this election will act as a test case on Hopkins masculinity.

8 Others Elected

In addition to Miss Howser, eight others were elected to the staffs of the *Jay*. They are George Dowell, editor of the *NEWS-LETTER*, Allen M. Thatcher, and Harold Kuslovitz, who were received to the editorial staff, Eugene Passagno, who was made Photographic Editor, and Albert Katz, Gordon Biggs, Charles Bahlke, and Richard Jandorf, who were admitted to the business staff.

Wood of Wash.G.L. Co. To Speak February 26

"Building For a Career," Will Be Topics of Address

Mr. Wood, President of the Washington Gas Light Co., will lecture on "Building for a Career" on Thursday, February 26 at 4:15 p. m. in Room 110 M. E. Building. Mr. Wood is an outstanding figure in the country's utility industry.

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New Uniforms Given To Basketball Team

Howell H. Thomas And Malcolm Douglas Are Donors Of New Togs

It was announced last Friday afternoon by Dr. Ray Van Orman that new uniforms have been purchased for the basketball team. An interested alumnus, Mr. Howell H. Thomas and a friend of his, Mr. Malcolm Douglas were chiefly responsible financially for the team getting new togs.

Mr. Thomas after viewing a few games at Evergreen wrote Dr. Van Orman the following letter:

"My dear Dr. Van Orman—
"I have had the pleasure of seeing three games that the Johns Hopkins basketball team has played at Evergreen, and I think the team is to be congratulated on its good work.
"The purpose of my writing you is to make a suggestion as to your uniform why not dress your team up a bit the present uniform of Hopkins is as homely as can be conceived. A uniform can give the team a great deal of class and also add greatly to the morale.

Very truly,

HOWELL H. THOMAS."

As a result of this letter, last Friday the basketball team was the recipient of new uniforms which will make a marked improvement in the appearance of the team.

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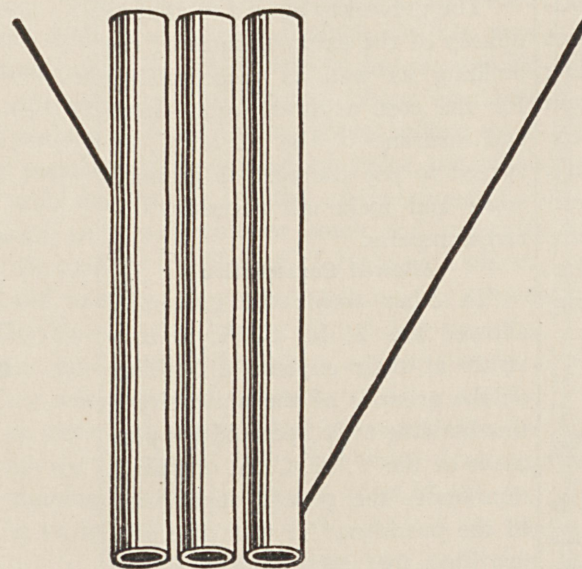
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