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## HOUSE CENSURES GRADING SYSTEM IN EFFECT HERE

### Dean Believes Grades Should Be Cut Into Three Classes

By ED HINTON

"Although I have had no experience in using the present system of grading in the University, I believe that grades should be divided in three classes as stated in a recent editorial; merit for exceptional students, pass for the average, and failure for those that can not pass," said R. B. House, dean of administration, in an interview yesterday.

#### Present System

"I think that the present system is practical for only such subjects as mathematics and other classes in which the answer is either definitely right or wrong. The present system is both trying on students and teachers.

"The present system can not be used to best advantage on comprehensive courses."

These statements Dean House made when asked to present his opinion on the recent open-forum letters condemning the present grading system which appeared in the DAILY TAR HEEL last Friday.

Much interest has lately been displayed by faculty members and students in expressing opinions on the method of evaluating student work now used in the University, and it is expected that Dean House's statement will arouse more discussions pro and con.

## CAMPUS TO HEAR BACH'S ORATORIO

### Choral Club Will Give Festival Program

On December 15 the Choral club will present the "Christmas Oratorio," of Johann Sebastian Bach, written to celebrate the six-day festival of Christmas known in the Lutheran church of Bach's day.

The Oratorio is written in six parts, one part for each day—Christmas day, the two days after Christmas, New Year's day, the Sunday after New Year's day and Epiphany. The Choral club will present selections from each of the six parts in the December program, trying to select those parts which reveal the familiar story of the birth of Christ.

The club will sing five choruses and six chorales in all. Between the choruses there will be solos and recitatives by soprano, alto, tenor and bass soloists.

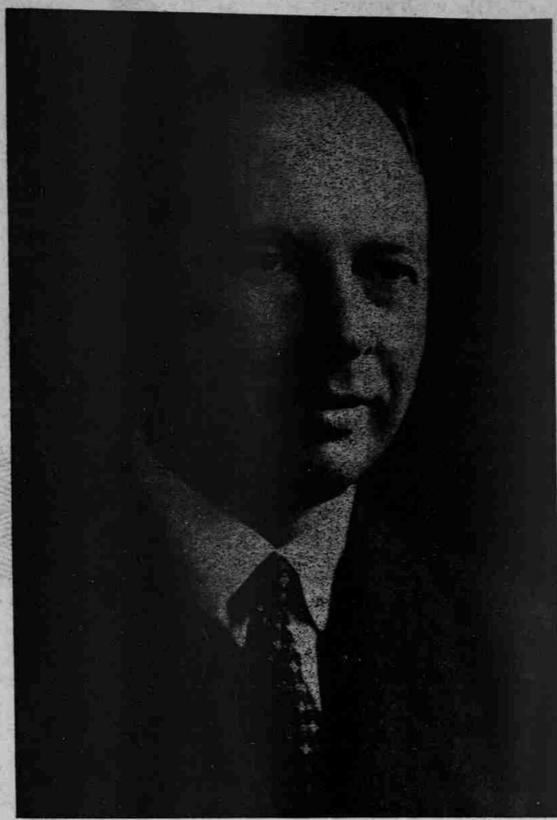
The Choral club last night at its weekly meeting continued work on the oratorio.

## Cosmopolitan Club Will Meet Tonight

### Exhibition of Chinese Customs to be Feature of Program

In its meeting tonight, the Cosmopolitan club will present a picture of China and the customs of the Chinese people. Several people who have spent considerable time in the Orient will give short talks about the country. An exhibition of Chinese costumes and a demonstration of the art of eating with chop sticks will be featured on the program.

## Opposes Grades



Dean R. B. House, who, in a statement issued to the Daily Tar Heel yesterday, went on record as opposing the present system of grading employed by the University.

## Story Of Passion Play Told Vividly By Bavarian Woman

### Colored Plates of Oberammergau's Famous Pageant Shown

A charming blond woman with a well-developed sense of humor brought Oberammergau to Chapel Hill last night. She spoke of the green hills and mountains surrounding her home, and the birds who sang in the Passion play and frequently annoyed the players in the midst of their most intense scenes.

The slides illustrating her lecture were in natural color. The scenes from the play were vivid and caught something of the feeling with which the people of the village of Oberammergau present their play of the passion of Christ.

#### Plays Virgin

Miss Anny Rutz has played the role of the Virgin Mary twice, and her ancestors for the past four hundred years have been intimately connected with the play. The first man to enact the role of Christ was one of her forebears. Her great-grand-uncle composed the music which was added to the production in 1811. Her sister has been in the drama with her in the last two series. As two major roles may

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## Harland Will Speak To Philosophy Club In Graham Memorial

### First of Series of Talks on Aesthetic Standards

Dr. J. P. Harland of the Greek department will address the Undergraduate Philosophy club tonight in the Grail room of Graham Memorial. He will speak on artistic standards in ancient Greece, Babylonia and Egypt.

Dr. Harland's address will be the first in a series on aesthetic standards to be delivered before the club.

Meeting time has been changed from 8 o'clock to 8:30 in order to allow members of the Delta and Phi societies to attend.

## No Dance

Last night the Student council denied a petition of the sophomore class to approve its budget without the sanction of half of the members of the class. Unless a meeting is attended by the required 50 per cent of the class in the near future, there will be no dance on December 4.

## R. T. Smith To Talk At Bull's Head Tea

### Director of Art Department Will be Featured Speaker Today

Russell T. Smith, new head of the recently created art department at the University, will be the featured speaker at the regular Bull's Head this afternoon at 4:15.

"Modern Art" will be the topic of Mr. Smith's talk and according to Mr. Smith will be in the nature of a general discussion of modern paintings.

Tea will be served at the Bull's Head at 4:15, and the featured talk will begin at 4:30. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## New Art Exhibit Will Be Placed In Hill Music Hall Lobby Today

### Work of Artists Employed Under Federal Arts Projects to be Featured

By NANCY SCHALLERT  
An exhibit of dry-points, etchings, copper-plate engravings, and block prints picturing contemporary scenes will be placed today in the lobby of Hill Music hall.

According to Miss Corinne McNeir, in charge of art department exhibitions, the best work done under Federal arts projects is in the field of graphic arts. The exhibit in Hill Music hall, therefore, should be interesting, as it represents the work of artists employed by the Works Progress administration in New York City, Pennsylvania,

## Freshman Class To Elect Officers At Graham Memorial Polls Today; Parker Urges All New Men To Vote

### Freshman Nominees Have Fine Records In Secondary Work

### Life Stories Told

Freshman candidates for class offices, to be named today, are shown as outstanding, according to high and prep school records which they have made for themselves.

#### Records

Baxter Taylor, nominee for president, was captain of Asheville School football team, played three years on the basketball team, and one year on the tennis team, was on the crew for two years, made his school paper, and was a member of the Student council.

Edward Hubbard, coming from Sanford High School, was president of the student body and junior class, was captain of the football and track teams for two years, was an all-state tackle, and was an editor of the school paper. At Fort Bragg last summer, he was the heavyweight boxing champ, and won a scholarship to Furman University.

#### Walker

Philip Alfred Walker is from Winston-Salem, where he attended R. J. Reynolds High School. He was a member of the Student council there for three years, vice-president of the council, president of the Senior class, member of the national honor society. He ran the high and low hurdles for two years as a member of the varsity track team.

During the fall quarter Hubbard and Taylor have been members of the freshman football squad, and Walker a candidate for the track team.

The nominees for vice-presi-

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## Graham To Attend Texas Convention

### University President to be Away Until Monday

Dr. Frank Graham leaves tonight for Austin, Texas, where during the next four days he will attend the annual meeting of the National Association of State Universities.

He is a member of the association's standing committee on group life of students, and of the committee on academic freedom.

Dr. Graham will return to his office next Monday.

## Vote Freshmen!

"If the freshmen are sincerely interested in student government, they can show this enthusiasm in no better way than by turning out to vote," said John Parker, president of the student body, in a special statement last night.

## Walking Clubbers Discover New Path To Morgan's Creek

### Hike Taken at Rapid Rate Over Long Route; Duke Club Also Out On Jaunt

Twenty-eight members of the Walking club discovered a new route to Laurel hill. Not content to take the short two mile direct route, the hikers traveled extensively over the southern part of Orange county. Three dogs accompanied, but there were more than three tired dogs when the hikers returned.

The trip started at the bell tower, went through the woods behind Kenan stadium, passed The Meeting of the Waters, followed along the Country Club road, and paused at Morgan's creek where an improvised bridge dunked one of the hikers. The rest forded the creek, went up Laurel hill, and returned by a more direct all-land route.

#### Duke Club

After the hike was started it was learned that the Duke Explorer's club numbering about 35 members were taking a similar trip. Some of the Carolina hikers joined that group and discovered Indian relics.

"The next hike will be conducted at a slower pace," announced Bing Stewart, "and those who wish to enjoy nature can do so without getting left behind. The fast walkers can do their cross country sprinting on the return trip."

## Honorary Sociology Fraternity Initiates 24 At Joint Meeting

### Raleigh, Greensboro and Chapel Hill Units Represented

Alpha Kappa Delta, national honorary sociology fraternity, initiated 24 new members at their third meeting Monday night as Professor Howard K. Beale of the history department addressed a joint meeting of the Raleigh, Greensboro, and Chapel Hill chapters.

Margaret Jarman Hagood, president of Alpha Kappa Delta, presided over the meeting and presented the new members. They are: Richard Ashby, W. F. Bailey, Katherine Barrier, Caroline Bonner, Walter Browder, Agnes Brown, Virginia Burd, Martha Croom, Anita DeMontseigle, Mary Hinton, James A. Hutchins, Josephine Kessely, William Levitt, Mary Pegram, Garnelle Raney, Margaret Sears, and Annie Tucker, all from Chapel Hill.

From Raleigh were Taylor Matthews, Robin Williams and Joe E. Kinord. The Greensboro chapter presented Betsy Dupre, Eileen Gamble, Alma Hall and Monie Sette.

Discussing his new book, "Are American Teachers Free?" Mr. (Continued on last page)

### Very Heavy Voting By First Year Men Is Expected Today

## Polls Open At 9

Polls for freshman voting will open in Graham Memorial today at 9 a. m.

Ballot boxes will be located in the small lounge for balloting until 5:30 p. m. Voters will be registered in the student directory by representatives of the Student council.

#### Candidates

Candidates for presidency are Edward Hubbard, Phil Walker, and Baxter Taylor.

For vice president, Edward Dickerson and Foy Roberson.

For secretary, A. C. Hall, Jack Barringer and C. J. Hines.

For treasurer, Ben Hunter and Stuart Ficklen.

Political observers anticipate a heavy vote among the 706 new men, due to unusually keen interest in politics shown by the entire class so far this fall.

They similarly expect voting to be closer in today's election than in freshman elections of the past two years. Last fall Bill Stronach's party swept into office with a three-to-one majority. The Pete Mullis party in 1934 had a similar success.

## DEBATE TRYOUTS TO BE CONTINUED

### Four Men Remain After First Elimination

Further tryouts will be necessary to determine the two men who will speak for the University in the British debate on November 20, but the field has narrowed down to four men, Paul Wallach, C. C. Greer, Jim McMillan, and David Kerley. Final speeches before the team is chosen will be made Tuesday evening at 7:30 in Graham Memorial.

#### Speakers

Eight speakers gave six-minute talks at the squad meeting Sunday evening. Paul Wallach, the first speaker, emphasized the fact that it is not the whole constitution that needs reforms, but only a small part of it. Ed Toon, the second speaker, explained the function of the checks and balances embodied in the constitution, and was followed by C. C. Greer, who also stressed these checks.

Walt Kleeman, the next speaker, made a defense of the supreme court and Jones, who succeeded him, accentuated the fatal effects of any substitute for it. Charles Gilmore compared the English system with our own. The next speaker, Jim McMillan, told how the constitution has protected our life, liberty and pursuit of happiness. The last speaker was David Kerley, who described our government as one of laws and men.

The British debaters will discuss the question, "Resolved, That the Constitution of the United States is a menace to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," here with two members of the debate squad chosen from the four picked Sunday evening. The two who are not chosen for the team will be alternates.