

New Grading System Forecast

'Darkness' To Open At 8 Tonight

Edwin Justus Mayer's "comitragedy" of life in a jailer's home in 1870 England will open for the first of six weekend performances at 8 tonight at Center Stage in the Temporary Union Building.

"Children of Darkness," or "The Jailer's Wench," was a critical and financial Broadway success in 1930. It is an adaptation based on characters from Henry Fielding's novel "Jonathan Wild."

Newgate Prison housed all noblemen and poets in debt or in jail for murder during the 1870's, and those rich enough paid money to live in a room in the jailer's house, where the action of the play takes place.

Kelly Yeaton, associate professor of dramatics, is directing the arena-type production. Cast members are Ann Wylie, James Borad, Carl Held, Richard Land, James Carroll, William Taylor and Emil Hass.

Players are presenting the play only on Friday nights, but plan to have use of the Temporary Union Building ballroom on Saturday nights after the opening of the Hetzel Union Building.

Special perfume has been imported for Miss Wylie from New Orleans for the role of Laetitia, the only girl in the play.

Tickets are available at the Student Union desk in Old Main for \$1.

Simes Rejects Committee Idea

The proposed student committee on town affairs is fine in theory, but in practice, it probably won't do any good, Frank J. Simes, dean of men, said in an interview yesterday. The committee was proposed by Town Independent Men.

Lack of student interest, no legal recognition, and the confusion now existing because of too many different committees were listed by Simes as the prime factors that would work against the committee.

The committee was suggested as a solution for differences between students and townspeople. Simes said that taking action through existing Senate and Cabinet committees would be the only possible solution to the problem at the present time.

IFC to Donate Chapel Pews

Interfraternity Council will donate two pews to the All-Faith Chapel in memory of Helen E. Eisenhower, late wife of President Milton S. Eisenhower, according to John Carpenter, IFC president.

One pew will be designated as the presidential pew, and will be used by the president and his family when they attend chapel.

The IFC is donating \$100 to pay for one pew and the other will be bought with funds contributed by individual houses in IFC's name.

Letters asking a \$2 contribution from each house have been sent out, according to Carpenter.

Senate to Receive Lutter's Grade Plan

By DOTTIE STONE

A grading system proposed by Rudolph Lutter, sixth semester sociology major, will be submitted to the University Senate on the recommendation of All-University Cabinet.

After two hours of discussion, Cabinet decided to recommend the report, without comment.

Cabinet members were informed by H. Diehl McKalip, president of the Board of Publications, immediately after it had voted to recommend Lutter's report to Senate, that Adrian O. Morse, University Provost, had said the grading system will be changed by next semester.

Morse said in a speech last night that the -2 grade may be eliminated.

All but three members of cabinet were in favor of recommending the plan to Senate. Discussion arose on whether to submit a letter with the report, stating cabinet's view on whether to eliminate honor points or not. This motion was defeated.

Morse Release Praised

Lutter, originator of the proposed system, said he felt Morse's announcement was a "step forward" in that it would eliminate the -2.

In a statement to the Daily Collegian last night Lutter added: "However, this elimination in no way affects the seven other inequities that would be preserved by a mere elimination of the -2. The adoption of the system recommended to Senate by cabinet takes these points into consideration."

6 Proposals Listed

Some of the proposals to eliminate the inequities, or faults, listed in Lutter's report are:

1. Avoid grouping students with 80's and 89's in the same category.
2. Avoid the possibility of having a superior student getting a semester average below an inferior student's semester average.
3. Eliminate the false impression of accuracy given by semester averages being shown in decimals.
4. Give the University a grading system comparable with those used at schools of similar size and curricula.
5. Be simple enough for the average person to understand, while accurate enough to be meaningful.
6. Eliminate the -2.

Collegian To Publish 48 Pages

A special 48-page issue commemorating the University's Centennial will be published Tuesday by The Daily Collegian.

The Centennial issue will contain many pictures and stories dealing with the first hundred years at the University.

Richard Gordon, circulation manager of Collegian, has announced that special distributing methods have been set up for the edition.

Gordon also said that since 16,000 copies will be published, many students may receive their paper late. He asked that these students be patient.

Gordon outlined the distribution system as follows:

1. Students living in dormitories will receive their copies in their mail boxes sometime during the day.
2. Fraternity men will receive their issues at the house as usual.
3. Students not living on campus may pick up their copies at the Student Union desk in Old Main. This will be the only distribution point for independents. University staff members and other employees are requested not to take copies from the SU desk.
4. Copies will be sold at Graham's for University faculty and staff members, townspeople, and students desiring extra copies. Price will be 10 cents. Subscribers will receive copies through the mail.
5. Any organization desiring to purchase copies may call Gordon at the Collegian office, ext. 543.

Morse Reports System Would Eliminate -2 Grade

By ED DUBBS

A new grading system which "very likely will not have a -2", was announced last night by Adrian O. Morse, University Provost.

"If you stick around until next fall, you will probably have a new grading system," Morse said in a question-and-answer period after a speech before the American Foundrymen's Society at the University.

All-University Cabinet was debating a proposed grading system which would also eliminate minus grades at the same time Morse made his speech.

Cabinet voted to send the proposed system, which came out of a study conducted by Rudolph Lutter, sixth semester sociology major, to the University Senate.

Received Report Yesterday

Morse said that the Senate subcommittee report on the possibilities of a new system arrived at his desk late yesterday afternoon and that he had not had time to examine the report closely.

Morse also said the report will go to the Senate on March 3.

Morse said that, along with the more lenient system, a higher average will be required for graduation. The present system has been in for 25 years, he added.

In speaking on the "Second Hundred Years" at the University, Morse said:

Laying Future Plans

"While we are celebrating our Centennial, we are laying rather careful plans for the future.

"It is not only a matter of professional pride to offer the best education we can produce, but it is a matter of vital importance. If our children and our children's children are to make this a world of peace and prosperity, they will need all the intelligence and all the education we can help them obtain.

"As we begin our second hundred years, we can therefore do no less than pledge ourselves to provide the best teaching, the best research, and the best extension service of which we are capable."

Unions Fail to Stop Merger

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (AP)—Objections from some union leaders are having little or no effect on AFL and CIO chiefs in their resolve to merge into a single national labor organization. In fact, the merger timetable may be stepped up.

World at a Glance

British Discover H-Bomb Secret

LONDON, Feb. 17 (AP)—Britain announced today she has solved the secret of the hydrogen bomb and is proceeding immediately to become the third nation producing H-bombs.

Prime Minister Churchill's government disclosed Britain has the H-bomb know-how along with the United States and presumably Russia. The disclosures came in an almost casual reference buried in a white paper on defense.

Britain also reported that less money would be appropriated for defense and armed forces manpower would be reduced.

Defense Minister Harold MacMillan said "We have now developed the power to produce a thermonuclear weapon and we will now proceed."

"We have solved the research and we are now moving into the development stage. Production will follow."

Educators Oppose School Aid Plan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (AP)—President Eisenhower's school building program bumped into strong opposition today from the National Education Association and some other professional educators.

Some Republicans on the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee, now holding hearings on the measure, indicated they may favor drastic modification of the program keyed primarily to a form of federal guarantees of long-term credit to make it easier to float school bond issues.

There was a strong possibility that the Democratic-controlled committee might dump the Eisenhower administration bill in favor of a direct grants-in-aid program with a Democratic label. Committee Democrats were lining up solidly behind a one-billion-dollar, two-year program of direct federal grants proposed by Sen. Hill (D-Ala), committee chairman.

British Dismayed At Dulles' Speech

LONDON, Feb. 17 (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles' foreign policy speech was viewed critically in Britain today—as a spark endangering the Formosan powder keg.

Britons were dismayed at Dulles' hint the Americans might decide to defend Quemoy and Matsu Islands to shield Formosa. Officials left no doubt they would continue to insist that the Nationalist Chinese turn over the offshore Chinese islands, within easy striking distance from the mainland, to the Chinese Communists.

Dulles said in New York last night the United States is not committed to defend "as such" the "coastal positions" held by Nationalist Chinese, which include Quemoy and Matsu. But he declared the Americans will defend Formosa and the Pescadores against any Communist Chinese invasion and thus will "be alert" to actions elsewhere by the Communists.

Election Changes Postponed

The All-University Elections Committee last night decided to table a proposed amendment to the All-University Elections Code which would provide for a \$25 bond to be posted by each campus political party in the spring elections.

In case of a violation of the code, this bond would be forfeited.

The amendment was tabled after committee members failed to agree on whether the elections committee should have the power to decide whether the monetary fine, a vote penalty, or both would be levied on the parties in case of a violation.

The amendment as originally proposed implied that in the case of a violation by the clique as a whole, the monetary fine would be levied, while in the case of a violation by a specific candidate, that candidate would be penalized votes.

The amendment also stated that in the event of a serious violation of the code due to both a clique and candidates, a party might be penalized votes on its entire slate in addition to a monetary fine. The decision was to be left to the discretion of the elections committee.

However, some members of the committee and the three clique chairmen, who were also present, felt this was placing too much power in the hands of the elections committee.

The issue will be taken up at the next meeting of the committee.

A tentative agreement on the slates for the spring elections was reached. It provides that the All-University President and Secretary-Treasurer will be fraternity men, while the All-University Vice-President will be an independent man.

The presidents of the senior and junior class will be fraternity men while the vice-presidents will be independent.

The secretary-treasurer of the senior and junior classes may be either independent or sorority woman.

Faculty Luncheon Club

Dr. Arthur H. Reede, professor of economics, will address the Faculty Luncheon Club at noon Monday in Hotel State College.

Infirmary Treats Cases in Dorms

University students with minor illnesses and complications are being treated in the dormitories because of the crowded conditions in the University Hospital. Excuses may be picked up at the University Hospital following recovery.

Forty-three students, suffering mainly from upper respiratory infections, filled the rooms to capacity yesterday.

Visiting hours will not be observed until the spread of illness has decreased.