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BERKELEY, Nov. 1.—That the present system whereby students are admitted to the University of California only on the recommendation of their high school principals is the most efficient accrediting plan to be found at the present time in the declaration of Dr. Thomas M. Putnam, dean of the undergraduate division.

If this plan is abandoned then a system whereby every student desiring to enter the university must take examinations in all of six subjects must be adopted as the other alternative, according to Dr. Putnam. Admission of students merely on high school diplomas, as in effect in some states, Dr. Putnam declared, would lower academic standards.

Dr. Putnam's statements follow agitation inaugurated at Tuesday's meeting of the Berkeley Board of Education by parents of high school students, who, although they received diplomas, were barred from entering the university because of failure to secure the recommendation of Principal C. J. Biedenbahr. The parents also presented that their children were not allowed to return to high school to make up deficiencies in certain subjects, but were recommended to attend private schools where high tuition fees were charged.

"This agitation seems to center about the question as to whether or not pupils might return to high school to make up their deficiencies," said Dr. Putnam. "I don't know the particular reason why Berkeley High school students cannot do this, but I presume it is because of lack of room. In smaller schools of the state this practice is followed, but larger schools would undoubtedly have difficulties in handling this additional number of students.

"If the high school students who do reach the university on the recommendation of their principals, only three-fourths make good. That is something to be taken into consideration. The university under the present arrangement will receive without question any student recommended by high school principals. This is a standard adopted by the high school principals themselves in consultation, of course, with the University of California."