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NEW PLAN OF ADMISSION TO U. C. IS TOLD

Student's Scholarship Record Alone to Be Sufficient to Admit Him Without Principal's Approval

BERKELEY, March 26.—A new plan of admission to the University of California for high school graduates was presented today by Dean B. M. Woods on behalf of the university, the Association of High School Principals, at their annual meeting now being held in Oakland.

By terms of the new admission plan, which will be effective in August, 1931, graduates of accredited secondary schools of the state, to be admitted as freshmen into the university, will not need the recommendation of their principal but will be admitted on the transcrips of their records as sent to the university by their high school.

Under this new plan, which has been approved by the academic senate of the university, and which will be acted upon by the board of regents on April 9, the requirements for admission will be as follows:

REQUIRES 15 UNITS

"Evidence of the candidate's graduation with not less than 15 units of credit from an accredited secondary school of California.

"The completion of a list of subjects intended to secure the applicant's training in those fields of study which are the most important prerequisites for university work—English, mathematics, foreign languages, history and science. Twelve units of the 15 or more to be presented are restricted to academic subjects, the list of which does not differ materially from the similar lists now in effect in many well organized secondary school systems in California.

"Superior, or recommending grades in 10 of the 12 academic units included in the list of subjects mentioned above. It is further provided that students having deficiencies may remove them by entrance examinations in those subjects."

There will be no formal requirements imposed on the principal, who is relieved of the responsibility of recommending students for admission.

PRESENT REQUIREMENTS

At present, to gain admission to the University of California, a high school graduate not only must present his diploma, but also is required to have a recommendation from his principal, certifying to scholarship, subjects studied, and his fitness for university work. The principals require at least 12 units of grades 1 and 2, there being three or four passing grades; some principals demand 15 units of these grades. Subject requirements for high school graduation vary greatly among the schools, Dean Woods said; there has been growing recognition of the importance of having college preparatory curricula.

Under the present plan the high school graduate is admitted to the university provided his principal reccommends him. If he is not recommended he is expected to pass entrance examinations in 12 units of academic work. The principal assumes the responsibility for recommending or not recommending each student; the university charges the record of the student to the school. It is proposed immediately to admit high school graduates who have not been recommended on examination in three subjects.

The new plan is proposed, it was said by Dean Woods, because of the increasing difficulties in the administration of the present plan. High school principals have found it extremely hard to determine the proper conditions for recommendation, and, having determined them, to maintain the necessary standards.

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