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Explanatory Statement

This bulletin summarizes the results of the fifth annual Midyear College Accounting Testing Program. The midyear programs supplement the regular fall and spring programs that have been in operation since 1946 and 1947, respectively, and also provide an opportunity for senior students to obtain up-to-date test results for use in connection with early spring employment interviews.

The number of participating colleges and the number of tests administered in each midyear program since 1951 are shown below.

YEAR	NUMBER OF COLLEGES	NUMBER OF TESTS
1951	50	2,183
1952	50	2,054
1953	35	1,462
1954	41	1,932
1955	55	2,749

With respect to both the number of participating colleges and the number of tests administered, the 1955 figures are the highest since the midyear program was begun five years ago. The total of 2,749 tests administered is 26 per cent greater than the previous high for 1951, and 42 per cent greater than the 1954 total. The geographical distribution of the participating colleges is as follows: New England, 7; Middle Atlantic, 13; North Central, 19; South, 10; West, 5; and Mexico, 1. Twenty-three states were represented. Nine of the participating colleges were in Pennsylvania, and there were from one to four participating colleges in each of the other states represented.

The various kinds of tests were used this year in the following quantities: Orientation Test, 1,332; Achievement Test, Level I, 798; Achievement Test, Level II, 404; Strong Vocational Interest Blank, 215. Of the 2,534 Orientation and Achievement Tests, 2,382 were forms recommended for this midyear program, and 152 were out-of-program forms. Distributions of the scores of individual students and of the medians of participating colleges on the forms recommended for this program are shown in Tables I through IV. For purposes of comparison, the medians resulting from the use of the same forms of these tests in the combined earlier midyear programs are indicated by a broken line across the columns. The 1955 median is marked just to the right of each column by a short, horizontal line, and the range of the middle 50 per cent of the scores is shown by a vertical line adjacent to each column.

It will be noted from the tables that the differences between the 1955 medians and those of the earlier programs are quite small in relation to the wide variability of the scores. As shown in Table I, the medians on the Orientation Test for the first-year students in the 1955 program closely approximate the combined medians for the four previous programs. On the verbal scale, the medians are practically the same, while the 1955 group falls below the 1951-1954 norm by 1.5 points on the quantitative scale, and by 1.8 points on the total scale.

The seniors are a little further below the combined 1951-1954 medians on the Orientation Test. The difference in raw score points is 3.6 on the verbal scale, 3.3 on the quantitative scale, and 5.7 on the total scale.

On the Achievement Test, Level I, the first-year students have a median which is 1.8 points below the combined 1953-1954 median, while the median for the senior students on the Level II Achievement Test is identical with the combined group median for the 1952-1954 midyear programs.

Any participating college may obtain, on request, a confidential copy of this bulletin marked to show the placement of its medians in these distributions.

TABLE I

DISTRIBUTION OF SCORES AND COLLEGE MEDIANS
ON ORIENTATION TEST, FORM C, OF FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS
IN MIDYEAR PROGRAM, JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1955

VERBAL			QUANTITATIVE			TOTAL		
RAW SCORE	SCORES OF INDIVIDUALS	MEDIANS OF COLLEGES	RAW SCORE	SCORES OF INDIVIDUALS	MEDIANS OF COLLEGES	RAW SCORE	SCORES OF INDIVIDUALS	MEDIANS OF COLLEGES
99-100								
96						160		
93						155		
90			60			150		
87			58			145		
84			56	1		140		
81			54			135		
78			52	3		130		
75			50	5		125		
72			48			120		
69			46	8		115		
66	1		44	5		110	3	
63			42	9		105		
60			40	27		100	3	
57	4		38	35		95	4	
54	4		36	25		90	6	
51	4		34	38		85	11	
48	9		32	52		80	18	
45	18		30	56		75	35	
42	33		28	75	2	70	41	
39	49		26	61	2	65	86	
36	76		24	62	2	60	84	
33	115	1	22	91	5	55	122	6
30	140	7	20	90	3	50	117	5
27	133	4	18	77	1	45	127	2
24	136	3	16	74	1	40	125	2
21	118	1	14	74	1	35	114	2
18	106	2	12	76	1	30	81	1
15	75	1	10	54	1	25	67	1
12	50		8	41		20	38	
9	38		6	30		15	26	
6	16		4	19		10	20	
3	6		2	21		5	3	
0-2			0-1	22		0-4		
Total	1131	19	Total	1131	19	Total	1131	19
Q3	33.8	31.4	Q3	29.5	25.3	Q3	60.5	56.0
Md	27.5	28.9	Md	21.7	22.6	Md	48.6	51.5
Q1	20.8	24.8	Q1	14.5	19.5	Q1	37.1	41.9
Range	3-66	15.6-34.5	Range	0-57	10.0-28.3	Range	5-111	27.9-58.8
10%ile	15.1	19.4	10%ile	9.0	13.8	10%ile	36.9	34.5
90%ile	39.5	32.6	90%ile	36.4	28.1	90%ile	71.0	58.4

- - - Medians, combined midyears, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954

TABLE II

DISTRIBUTION OF SCORES OF INDIVIDUALS
ON ORIENTATION TEST, FORM C, OF SENIOR STUDENTS
IN MIDYEAR PROGRAM, JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1955

VERBAL		QUANTITATIVE		TOTAL	
RAW SCORE	SCORES OF INDIVIDUALS	RAW SCORE	SCORES OF INDIVIDUALS	RAW SCORE	SCORES OF INDIVIDUALS
99-100					
96				160	
93				155	
90		60		150	
87		58		145	
84		56		140	
81		54		135	
78		52		130	
75		50	3	125	
72		48	1	120	1
69	1	46		115	
66		44	2	110	
63	1	42	1	105	
60	1	40	2	100	1
57	1	38	5	95	
54		36	3	90	4
51	2	34	5	85	4
48	1	32	4	80	3
45	5	30	7	75	7
42	5	28	1	70	5
39	5	26	7	65	5
36	5	24	3	60	8
33	11	22	1	55	6
30	5	20	3	50	4
27	7	18	2	45	1
24	1	16	1	40	2
21		14	1	35	1
18	1	12		30	1
15	1	10		25	
12		8		20	
9		6	1	15	
6		4		10	
3		2		5	
0-2		0-1		0-4	
Total	53	Total	53	Total	53
Q3	44.3	Q3	38.3	Q3	79.8
Md	36.3	Md	31.9	Md	68.5
Q1	32.0	Q1	26.4	Q1	58.5
Range	17-71	Range	6-51	Range	32-121
10%ile	28.0	10%ile	20.2	10%ile	50.4
90%ile	52.1	90%ile	44.7	90%ile	90.9

TABLE III

DISTRIBUTION OF SCORES AND COLLEGE MEDIANS
ON ACHIEVEMENT TEST, LEVEL I, FORM C, OF FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS
IN MIDYEAR PROGRAM, JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1955

RAW SCORE	SCORES OF INDIVIDUALS	MEDIANS OF COLLEGES
114	1	
111		
108		
105	1	
102		
99	3	
96	5	
93	8	
90	6	
87	9	
84	19	
81	9	
78	11	
75	20	1
72	25	
69	23	
66	29	2
63	26	1
60	27	1
57	33	1
54	39	1
51	30	1
48	45	2
45	24	3
42	34	1
39	30	
36	37	3
33	42	2
30	36	2
27	26	1
24	27	
21	18	1
18	19	
15	11	
12	13	
9	8	
6	5	
3		
0-2	1	
Total	700	23
Q3	65.3	57.8
Md	49.3	46.5
Q1	33.8	35.6
Range	0-116	22.0-76.8
10%ile	23.2	30.5
90%ile	78.5	67.1

- - - Median, combined midyears 1953, 1954

DISTRIBUTION OF SCORES AND COLLEGE MEDIANS
ON ACHIEVEMENT TEST, LEVEL II, FORM C, OF SENIOR STUDENTS
IN MIDYEAR PROGRAM, JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1955

RAW SCORE	SCORES OF INDIVIDUALS	MEDIANS OF COLLEGES
56		
54		
52		
50	1	
48		
46	1	
44	2	
42	6	
40	8	
38	6	1
36	11	
34	13	
32	16	1
30	16	1
28	12	
26	37	3
24	25	1
22	20	2
20	35	4
18	30	2
16	25	1
14	14	
12	28	
10	15	1
8	15	
6	14	
4	3	
2	5	
0-1	5	
Total	363	17
Q3	28.2	27.2
Md	21.6	22.5
Q1	14.8	20.1
Range	0-50	10.5-39.0
10%ile	9.2	17.4
90%ile	35.8	32.6

- - - Median, February and June graduates, combined midyears 1952, 1953, 1954