

"Simpl Speling" Craze Hits U. of Oregon But Sentiment Is Greatly Divided on Issue

Resolution to Be Submitted to Faculty to Authorize Adoption Is Favored by Many While Opposition Are in Minority. One Person Even Favors a Much More Radical Change Than That Suggested, But Most Would See a Gradual Change.

Following up the census taken of the voting members of the faculty last issue regarding the simplified spelling proposition, The Emerald has completed the census for this issue and gives the sentiments of others intimately concerned with campus affairs. What the ultimate fate of a proposition favoring the new system would be if submitted to the faculty is doubtful, although from present indications it would seem a majority favor the adoption or at least a change from the old style of spelling. The compilation today shows four unqualifiedly favoring the new system, one even suggesting a more radical change, six in favor of partial adoption, seven for gradual adoption, three undecided and three against.

Dr. R. H. Wheeler, professor of psychology, is in favor of a partial adoption of the simplified spelling system. He said in part, "While I do not favor a formal introduction of simplified spelling into the University I would like to see more freedom allowed. As a saving of time and energy it is advisable. It would also promote efficiency."

"I believe," said Charles H. Edmundson, assistant professor of zoology, "that simplified spelling used in a limited way would be a good thing. I have not given this subject much thought and therefore am not prepared to say how I would vote on it if the faculty should decide to take action on it."

Favors Partial Adoption

Altho George H. R. O'Donnell, instructor in German is very much in favor of the first 12 or 13 words such as catalog, program, thru, altho, of the simplified spelling board, which have already been quite generally adopted, he says he is not so much in favor of the first 300, which the faculty will probably consider adopting, because they are not all on the same order as the first twelve or thirteen.

"I am heartily in favor of any resolution for the adoption of simplified spelling," said Miss Ida V. Turney, instructor in rhetoric.

Prof. Fred L. Stetson, of the school of education, states that in the dim future our spelling will be "simplified"; present usage of words under this method points to progress, which however will be slow; novelty must wear away and our present literature be taken into consideration.

He is undecided as to casting his vote in favor of a resolution for its adoption.

"I am in favor of using simplified spelling when there is a choice of using a short or longer word such as 'thru' for 'through' but it should be adopted among all the English speaking races if it is to be the sort in vogue at Reed college," said A. E. Caswell, instructor in physics. "Otherwise its adoption here would but encourage careless spelling and add more patients for the English hospital."

Allen Eaton, instructor in art: "I was very much impressed with the manner in which Dr. Danton presented his case for simplified spelling. I do not believe the change advocated to be broad enough. I would favor such a change that those following us would not also have to change. Until some definite change is agreed upon I will hold my pupils to the present system."

Agrees on Simplification

Miss Harriet Thomson, instructor in physical training, said: "Altho I did not hear Dr. Danton's talk in assembly, I am heartily in favor of simplified spelling and believe that it should be gradually adopted. Our language as it stands was not meant for typewriters."

Miss Ruth Howell, assistant instructor in botany, when asked about her views on the adoption of simplified spelling, said: "I really had thought nothing about it, and I shouldn't want to be quoted on what I might think."

Roswell Dorsch, of the school of architecture: "If this were some movement for simplified drawing I would be more interested. I really don't know much about the system but I believe a modified form would be all right at Oregon."

Reform Not Better Than Old

Mrs. M. F. McClain, head of the library circulation department, when asked her views of the simplified spelling reform, said that she had not given the matter much thought, but did not consider the reform superior to the old style. "Why," she asked "Should we throw off the harness of one form of spelling, only to adopt another? Besides, I believe that we derive a certain amount of good while reading by knowing the etymology of the words, even though unconscious of it at the time."

"I think the idea of simplified spelling is a good one and I hope we shall come to it. But the process in a democracy such as ours would be very slow because we would be confronted with two usages and people are very conservative about giving up old forms. At present I can see no adequate means of bringing the change about," said R. W. Broecker, instructor in education. "I am not anxious to see the new system adopted at the University now."

Considers Change an Advance

Miss Mary Gillies, Y. W. C. A. secretary, said that she considered simpli-

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- Unqualifiedly favor, 4.
- More radical change, 1.
- Partial, 6.
- Gradual adoption, 7.
- Undecided on resolution, 3.
- Against, 3.

fied spelling a great advance over the present form. Miss Gillies said, "I favor simplified spelling not only because it seems to save time, but also because it facilitates the ease of spelling."

Registrar A. R. Tiffany does not favor the adoption of simplified spelling, or any modification of it, for Oregon. "Unless the faculty has changed its attitude," said Mr. Tiffany, "there is little chance for simplified spelling coming in here. We have gone so far as to use the spelling of 'catalog,' but I do not believe we will go as far as Reed college has. I did not hear the lecture and I do not believe in this simplified spelling."

J. Frederick Thorne: "I did not hear the talk, but of course have my personal opinion—I am teetotally opposed to it. With me, it is entirely a matter of personal opinion and sentiment, but it seems that such a reform would rob the English language of much of its grace and beauty. We could as easily dispense with all historical dates and ignore the English kings."

Altho she believes that many of the students of the University would be in favor of the immediate adoption of simplified spelling, Miss M. Upleger, assistant librarian, thinks that the movement for adoption should be a gradual one. Miss Upleger feels that the use of simplified spelling is sure to grow. She uses some of the words herself and advocates the adoption of a part of the simplified spelling list at the present time. Many of the dictionaries are beginning to include the simplified forms of the words.

"Tis a Matter of Time," Says He

A. J. DeLay, who has charge of the printing department of the University school of journalism, says he believes that simplified spelling will come into use gradually but will not be generally adopted for a long time. He points out as a trend of the times the fact that some newspapers and magazines have already used it to some extent.

E. Erie Lane, reader in the extension division favors a gradual change. "My spelling is rather remarkable and I can sympathize with those who complain."

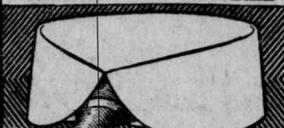
Miss Frieda Goldsmith, instructor in physical training, is in favor of adopting simplified spelling in the University, providing it is carried to the extent of being used by all persons "if it is not intended," said Miss Goldsmith, "to be universally accepted I would be against its being used in the University."

"I think the idea is a very good one but a very difficult one to introduce," said Miss Camille Leach, assistant instructor of art. "In the grammar schools it might be introduced and made compulsory. It could not be made obligatory in the University but it might be left as a matter of choice with the students."

Favors More Radical Change

"I favor even a more radical change

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than the proposed one," said Miss Julia Burgess of the English department. "We should have a completely phonetic spelling and I think the proposed system is a valuable step in that direction. It is only selfishness and convention which prevents a radical change."

Dr. H. A. Clark, instructor of latin favors a conservative movement toward simplified spelling. He believes in the idea of a single symbol representing a single sound.

E. C. Robbins, assistant professor of economics does not feel that he is sufficiently well acquainted with the movement for simplified spelling to commit himself either way. He says he would not definitely oppose a change of a very conservative nature. His idea would be to adopt a modified form of it in the lower grades of the grammar schools and gradually work it up.

Drew Made Ten Flat

Howard P. Drew of the University of Southern California, ran the hundred yard dash from scratch in 0:10 seconds at the New York Athletic Club games being held this week.

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