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BALLOTING WILL REVEAL STUDENT OPINION OF PLAN

Semester System Sentiment Proposal Will Be Decided By Straw Vote

POLLS OUTSIDE LIBRARY

Lone Booth Will Be Open from 8 A. M. Until 4 P. M. With Journalists in Charge

The vicinity of the ballot box in front of the library will be the most popular spot on the campus today, it is predicted, especially during the ten-minute intervals between classes, while the hundreds of students from all departments of the University gather there to cast their votes on the proposed change from a three-term to a semester basis. Members of the Emerald staff will have charge of the booth, which will be open from shortly after 8 a. m. till 4 p. m. The votes will be counted immediately after the closing of the booth by a committee chosen from several departments.

Rules governing the ballot today are as follows: There will be but one voting booth, which will be placed outside the library or just inside the door, depending on the weather. A printed ballot will be given the voter, which must be signed by him and marked with an X in the blank space opposite the plan of his choice. Ballots not properly signed, or marked in any way will not be counted by the committee. In case of duplication of signature, or other irregularity, the counting committee will act as seems advisable, but in any case of doubt will destroy the ballot.

Booth to Close Promptly

The booth will be closed promptly at four o'clock. It is urged, therefore, that all those who can should vote as early in the day as possible to avoid overcrowding in the late afternoon. Also those who can cast their ballots during class periods will lessen the rush between classes.

The following members of the counting committee will meet at the journalism shack at 4 o'clock to count the votes: Ellen McVeigh, senior, English literature; Mary Parkinson, senior, business administration; Carlton B. Spencer, registrar of the University; Lester Turbaugh, junior, journalism.

Student View Welcomed

Since "the point of view of the students is always welcomed and actually does have influence in determining faculty policy," and the question under consideration is one of the most momentous of recent years among the students, it is quite safe to assume that the results of the straw vote will show that a very large majority of the students availed themselves of the opportunity to express their opinion. Faculty members, both pro and con, await the outcome of the straw vote with considerable interest, realizing the weight an overwhelming majority of the student body might have on the faculty and the final decision of the proposition.

LIBRARY BOOKS CHANGED

During the Christmas holidays some changes were made in the provision for books at the library. New shelves were constructed in the graduate room and in the librarian's office. Books from the basement were moved to the graduate room. Those were mostly state documents, and the shelves left empty by this removal were filled with bound copies of newspapers. The shelves in the librarian's office were filled with books from other departments.

Persons of Various Vocations Enrolled In Extension Division

Grandmothers, shepherds, school teachers and orchardists are among the more unusual people enrolled in the University extension division. Besides these a farmer living in Eastern Oregon and located 60 miles from a post-office who gets his mail in Nevada every two weeks, is studying English and grammar and intends to study theology.

Another Eastern Oregon extension student, an elderly lady of 67 years, is a grandmother to ten children and despite ill health, finds time to do her extension work. She attended summer school at Berkeley last year.

A young woman residing in Salem is taking education through the extension division. Her father has been blind for 14 years and recently suffered a paralytic stroke. Her mother has been suffering from a nervous breakdown and pneumonia. The girl and her brother are the sole supporters of the family.

WALL PROTECTS CLIMBING VINE

CARPENTERS SCHEME TO SAVE STALK ON McCLURE HALL

Plant Passes Through New Hallway of Journalism Building by Means of Metal-Lined Holes

Did you ever hear of building a wall around a vine?

It is being done right on the campus, in the new Journalism building, where a hallway joins the new structure to McClure hall. Here the brick-layers and carpenters have left two metal-lined holes in the wall so that the main stalks of the vine go in through the hall itself, coming out through similar holes on the farther side.

There is a definite reason for such careful treatment. The mere fact that cutting the largest stalk would kill the whole plant carries a more than sentimental significance. The fact is, that the vine has been in place so long that if it were removed or killed the old structure would be considerably weakened, according to information from the construction office.

WRESTLERS WILL MEET DENTAL COLLEGE SOON

Five Men to Be Chosen for Portland Contest Saturday

With the first wrestling meet less than a week away Coach Widmer has been speeding elimination bouts to decide upon the five man team to meet the North Pacific Dental College squad in Portland on Saturday of this week.

The team, as Widmer has named it, consists of Jens Terjeson, 175 pounds, James Bradley, 158 pounds, A. Robertson, 145 pounds, Tom Chatburne, 135 pounds and Chester Sumption, 125 pounds. These men, accompanied by the coach will make the trip Saturday, and the same five will probably be sent north a week later to meet the Washington squad in Seattle on January 25 or 27. The Washington meet is rated as the most important since Washington has five veteran wrestlers back from last year's squad.

Men who have made the varsity squad, although they will not be on the team which goes to Portland, are Estel Akers, Lars Bergsvik, Mike Youngs, Walt Whitcomb, John Bryson, Ray Garrett, Sterling Patterson, Wilbur Larabee, Donald Wilkinson, Howard Winard and Ed Kirtley. These men, as well as any others who prove their merit have a chance to engage in future competition.

The only members of this year's squad who have participated in varsity events before are Whitcomb and Bradley, and Kirtley. Because a wrestler must win his event in a varsity meet to win a letter, Oregon will have no lettermen in competition this year.

Coach Widmer of the physical education department who is handling wrestling for the first time this year, is hopeful over the prospect of a formidable freshman squad and although the yearlings are barred from conference participation, they present promising material for next year.

The varsity schedule for this year is:

Jan. 20—North Pacific College at Portland.
Jan. 27—Washington at Seattle.
Feb. 3—O. A. C. at Eugene.
Feb. 16—North Pacific at Eugene.
March 3—O. A. C. at Corvallis.
March 12—W. S. C. at Eugene

LORENZ LEAVES SCHOOL

Fred Lorenz, president of the University Chamber of Commerce, will not return to the campus this term as he intends to accept a position in Portland.

ORCHESTRA GOING TO COOS COUNTRY IN EARLY SPRING

Bandon, Coquille, Marshfield Myrtle Point Included in Itinerary

PROGRAM NOT ANNOUNCED

Manager Edwards Completing Plans for Tour; Director Well Known

The University Symphony orchestra, comprised of 27 members, is to make its first trip of the year during spring vacation when it will give concerts in Marshfield, Coquille, Bandon and Myrtle Point. Arrangements for the trip are being made by Shirley Edwards, manager of the orchestra, who is also forming tentative plans to include North Bend in the trip.

It was originally intended that the orchestra give concerts in some of the Washington towns, but upon referring the matter to the finance committee, it was discovered that only one club in the University would be permitted to tour outside the state, and this privilege was given to the Men's Glee club because of their seniority of organization.

Group Was Welcomed

Four years ago the initial trip of the orchestra was made to these same towns, where they were extremely well received by the alumni, townspople, and friends of the University and it is because of this that the members of the orchestra feel assured that the trip will be successful in every way.

Seven members of the present orchestra made the trip at that time. Ralph Hoeber, cellist, was then president of the organization with John Anderson as manager. The violin solos were given by Alberta Potter, and Gwendolyn Lamphire played first violin. Ralph McClaffin, viola, and Herbert Hacker, trombone, were also in the orchestra then. Beulah Clark, flute, who withdrew from the University a year ago to study in New York, is returning to the campus, and will go with the orchestra again on its trip to the coast towns. Miss Clark has been on a Chautauqua circuit during her absence.

Program Not Announced

While the program for the concert has not been definitely decided upon it is probable that some of the numbers on the "pop" concert program which was given in December will be repeated. It will also include some of those in the program scheduled for January 28 in the Methodist church under the auspices of the Eugene Elks.

This concert will mark the first appearance of the orchestra downtown, and the proceeds of the affair are to be turned over to some charity organization in Eugene. The Elks are having a special platform built for the concert, which can be moved, and which is to be given to the church for use during future concerts.

Rex Underwood, director of the orchestra, is known throughout the state for his ability in organizing and conducting as well as one of the leading violinists. Mr. Underwood was a student in the Leipzig conservatory of music, and the Bavarian school of music, and studied under Joseph Olshelzer in Chicago, and in Berlin and London. Mr. Underwood came to the University from Chicago in 1919 and since that time has been instructor in violin in the school of music, and director of the orchestra.

HUT IS BEING REPAIRED

Electric Lighting System Undergoing Change; Old Wiring Defective

Along with the other improvements which are being made on the Y. M. C. A. hut, a new system of lighting is being installed. Up to this time there has been an excessive waste in the use of electricity because of a poor arrangement of the wires. The wiring so arranged that less electricity is used will now be more efficient and more economical for the maintenance of the building.

Plans are also being made to utilize the extra earth which was thrown on the curbing in front of the hut when the new street was excavated. This earth will be piled around the outside of the building in the form of beds and later, shrubs and plants will be placed there to add to the attractiveness of the hut. H. M. Fisher, superintendent of the grounds and buildings says that the painting of the Y. M. C. A. hut will be completed within a few days. Two men have been working on the building but because of the bad weather little progress has been made.

PROMINENT STUDENTS STAND FIRMLY OPPOSED TO PROPOSED RETURN TO SEMESTER SYSTEM

General Belief Is That Three-term Plan Aids Self-supporting Men and Women; Change Would Involve Much Trouble

The consensus of student opinion opposes the semester plan passed at a recent faculty meeting, according to data collected by Emerald reporters yesterday. Men and women prominent in campus affairs were asked their opinions of the much-discussed change and it was found that the majority favored the three-term plan.

The chief defense of the semester plan, as expressed by the students, is that it would do away with one period of registration, while the upholders of the three term plan maintain that it would not only render worthless the work of instructors in arranging courses in the past three years, but would also work serious hardships on the students who are working their way through school.

MacGregor Opposes Change

John MacGregor, president of the student body, said that he would like the present plan to be kept, as it affords the student who is working his way through a much better opportunity to stay out of school when his funds are low. "I do not believe the saving will be sufficient to compensate for the loss that will be sustained in a great many ways by the students," said MacGregor. "I would say if they want to put down on expenses, let them adopt the plan suggested by Dr. Gilbert, to have every student register for the whole year at the beginning of the fall term instead of making separate registrations at the beginning of every term."

"I believe that we should retain the present system," said Arthur Rosebraugh, senior in the school of law, and Varsity yell king, "because it has proved successful, and because of the great

inconvenience which would be brought about by such a change."

Present System Logical

"I am in favor of retaining the present system of division of the college year," said Leith Abbott, senior in journalism, "because it is the logical and most convenient demarcation. The present system permits a student, who finds it necessary to work in order to put himself through college, to work two or three terms and attend the remaining two terms, counting, of course, the summer session as a term. It also prevents the unnecessary expansion of short courses to fit the semester plan, and the present plan of holding examinations every three months prevents the student from putting off as great amount of work until the end of the term as he would be able to do under the semester plan of four and one-half months between examinations."

Len Jordan, a member of the varsity football team, when asked if he believed that the proposed change would be of advantage to the football men, said, "No! I believe it will not help them in the least. I attended the University of Utah for one year, where they had the semester plan. The average football player is likely to be low in his grades. To the students who are already high in their grades, the vacation before examinations will be of value; but to the student who is behind in his work Christmas vacation means only time for anxiety. One cannot make up in two weeks what he should have learned in three months. The majority of students 'find' themselves in college," said Jordan. "It is

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MOST HOURS CARRIED IN ROMANCE LANGUAGES

English Next; Men's Courses Heavier Than Women's

A survey made in the registrar's office indicates that the romance language department, while men made only 1554 takes first place in the total number of registered hours in the department of the University during last term. The English department with a total of 3510 hours takes second place, while third place goes to the school of business administration with 2525 term hours taught.

In both the romance language and English departments women carried the greatest number of hours, 2421 hours being credited to them in the language department, while men made only 1554 hours. In the English classes men carried only 1278 hours, and women took a total of 2232 hours. The lowest number of hours were carried in the department of mechanics and astronomy and, in the 42 carried, women had no share. The 659 hours carried in the department of military science were also entirely by the men. As might be expected, no man figures in the 132 term hours credited to the household arts department.

The complete survey is as follows, with the name of the department listed first, men second, women third and the total number of hours carried in each department last:

Department	Men	Women	Total
School of Arch and Allied			
Arts	927	37	964
Fine Arts	80	339	419
Normal Arts	2	187	189
Botany	60	432	492
Business Ad	2170	355	2525
Chemistry	990	302	1292
Drama and Speech Arts	192	221	413
Economics	2075	417	2492
Education	359	1264	1623
English	1278	2332	3510
Geology	689	219	908
German	472	170	642
Greek	111	66	177
History	798	1117	1915
Household Arts	132	132	264
Journalism	387	316	703
Latin	64	134	198
Law	521	24	545
Mathematics	671	200	871
Mech. and Astronomy	42	42	84
Military Science	659	659	1318
Music	67	697	764
Philosophy	112	156	268
Physical Education	837	1308	2145
Physics	431	88	519
Political Science	595	88	683
Psychology	553	651	1204
Romance Languages:			
French	726	1492	2218
Italian	5	61	66
Spanish	823	868	1691
Sociology	284	180	464
Zoology	793	574	1367
Average number of hours carried:			
Men 15 1-3, Women 14 1-2.			

UNIVERSITY ACTS IN ASTORIA RELIEF WORK

Ralph D. Casey Views Services Rendered by Faculty

"The thing that interested me is the part the University is taking in the relief work," said Ralph D. Casey of the journalism department, who spent last Saturday in Astoria. "This is the first time we know of that a University department of social service has taken charge of relief work."

The University has ten representatives in the relief work, according to Mr. Casey. Earl Kilpatrick, director of the extension division, is in charge of the work. Directly cooperating with him are Dr. Phil A. Parsons, director of the Portland center of social work of the University of Oregon, and Miss Elnora E. Thomson, in charge of the public health nursing of the school. Others aiding in the relief work are D. E. Clark, assistant director of the extension division; Helen S. Hartley, associate director of public health nursing; Margaret Creech, special lecturer in the school of social work; Grace Holmes, a graduate of the school. Major William S. Gilbert of Astoria, who is a member of the board of regents of the University, is chairman of the citizen's executive committee of ten.

The newspapers were another interesting phase of the fire, continued Mr. Casey. The Astorian did not miss a single issue, and the Budget only two or three mimeograph copies. Both papers were flooded with advertising as each business firm wanted to announce its new place of abode. News, of course, was plentiful.

It is interesting to note that those burned out were all the dentists, all banks, nearly all the doctors, and the principal hotels, but not a school or church was burned.

A. T. O. HOUSE IS REPAIRED

Damages Caused by Fire Are Covered by Insurance; Work Is Finished

Members of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity have received \$4500 insurance as the result of the fire which recently gutted their new home on 12th street. Of this amount \$2700 was on personal effects and \$1800 on furniture, according to Raif Couch.

Six thousand dollars insurance was carried on the personal effects and \$3,000 on the furniture but the fire did not destroy all of the goods insured. The payment of the money was delayed for some time due to the increased fire hazard of having hay in the house at the time of the conflagration. A crew of five men have been working on the house since the fire and the work of reconstruction is practically completed.

DO-NUT STANDINGS SHOW KAPPA SIGS LEADING THUS FAR

Two of Ten Intramural Sports Have Been Completed and Third Nears Finals

CROSS-COUNTRY PUT OFF

Success of Last Year's Season Results in Increase in Number of Activities

INTRAMURAL STANDINGS			
Team	Basketball	Pent.	Total
1—Kappa Sigma	1	3	4
2—Phi	2	5	7
3—Phi Delta	3	7	10
3—Delta Tau	6	4	10
3—Kappa Theta Chi	8	2	10
4—S. A. E.	7	8	15
4—Sigma Chi	14	1	15
5—Bachelordon	10	6	16
6—Oregon Club	4	15	19
7—Sigma Nu	5	15	20
8—A. T. O.	9	15	24
8—Beta	14	10	24
9—Kappa Delta Phi	14	11	29
10—Chi Psi	14	15	29
Alpha Beta Chi	14	15	29
Delta Theta Phi	14	15	29
Friendly Hall	14	15	29
Phi Sigma Pi	14	15	29

With two of the ten scheduled do-nut sports for this year completed and a third nearing completion the percentage column is beginning to formulate, although a prediction as to the winner of the plaque is impossible this early in the season.

Basketball and the pentathlon have been run off with the Kappa Sigs and Sigma Chis placing first in these events respectively. The handball tournament is nearing its close with Kappa Theta Chi, Bachelordon, Friendly Hall, and S. A. E. leading the field, and another two or possibly three weeks will see the finish of the finals and challenge contests and the crowning of the school champions.

Cross Country Put Off

Of the remaining seven sports cross country was scheduled for October but will probably be held in the spring. Boxing, wrestling and swimming are on the books for the winter term and track, baseball and tennis will be held in the spring quarter.

Under the system of scoring used in the percentage column, the team having the smallest average wins. Each of the ten sports counts equally toward the final total, and one group does not necessarily have to take first place in all events to have the highest total in the end.

System Started Year Ago

The doughnut or intramural program of sports as it is now practiced was originated last year. It is "especially designed for the rank and file of men, not talented enough to make a varsity team, who yet wish to have advantage of competent coaching and to enjoy competitive games and sports." Lettermen are barred from participation in do-nut activities so that those of less experience may be given a better chance.

The system as introduced last year met with success and general approval, with the result that the scope of its activities has been increased. This latter move has met with doubtful popularity and is still a matter of controversy.

Kappa Sigma ranked first in percentage last year, winning possession for one year of the bronze plaque offered by the department of physical education, which is given each year to the interfraternity champions. Other organizations which ranked high last year were Sigma Chi, Delta Tau Delta and Kappa Theta Chi.

U. H. S. HAS NEW SYSTEM

Preppers Now Choose Courses Early to Eliminate Red Tape

With the introduction of a new system of registration in the University high school, a great deal of red tape and unnecessary office work will be avoided. The new system will be one of pre-registration; that is, the student will make out a card in one semester, stating what he wishes to take the next. In this way a schedule can be arranged before the opening of the new semester and a great deal of time will be gained which would otherwise be spent in an attempt to arrange a suitable schedule after work has started. Another improvement will be the use of one card which will cover the details of registration. The old system provides for three cards, one on which the student states the subjects taken, another for his schedule, and a third for personal information.