

# STUDENTS OPPOSE SEMESTER SYSTEM

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not always possible for a student to know what a course is like until he has been in a class for perhaps a month. The present plan makes it possible for students to choose more of the things they want and spend less time on things they have found that they do not care for.

### Students Encouraged

"I believe in the three-term plan," asserted Imogene Letcher, senior in music, "because it is more encouraging to students to have more fresh starts during the year, and it will make examinations come before Christmas instead of after. Also it is a more progressive plan than the other. The two semester plan is good in that it lets school out early enough to allow students to compete with others for the best summer jobs."

"I am in favor of retaining the present system," said Paul Patterson, senior in the school of business administration, "because of the great trouble which would be necessitated by a change from the present plan. Also under the present plan, a working student may drop out for a term or more and then return to school, without the necessity of remaining out until the beginning of the next semester which may be sometime off. I believe that the present system has worked very successfully."

"I tried the semester plan at the University of Washington," said Katherine Pinneo, who majors in dramatics, "but I personally favor the three-term year. There is more opportunity to take different courses and the breaks in the year are less marked."

### Change Liked

Emily Veazie says she thinks the semester plan, after it is worked out, will be a saving in time, for both the students and the faculty, that is now spent in registering. "Most of us," says Miss Veazie, an English major, "are resenting the semester plan because we hate the idea of a change."

"I am in favor of retaining the present system," said Claude Robinson, senior in the department of economics, "because it has worked very successfully, because it is more easily adaptable to the working student's schedule, and because of the great trouble which would be incurred by such a change back to the old system."

### Athletes Not Benefitted

Ralf Couch, a member of the varsity basketball squad, said that he could not see where it would benefit any of the students. "It will mean," said Couch, "that during the middle of the basketball season some of the players will be found to be ineligible. As it is now we know before we start out whether all the men can play or not." "It is easier for most students to get a fresh start on their work three times during the year than it is for them to have exams and studies hanging over their heads during the Christmas holidays, to be finished later," said Margaret Jackson, secretary of the student body. "After a vacation we come back with a new zeal and interest, and I feel it is easier to take three finals during the year than to take mid-terms and only two finals, as would be necessary under the semester plan."

### Change Disrupts System

"The three term plan also gives students working their way through college an opportunity to come the fall and winter terms and then drop out and work during the spring and summer, or to stay out any other term, should they find this necessary. Under the semester system, this would not be possible. A change in the system will make it very hard for those already in college, with year courses incomplete. This will be true especially of the junior class.

"However, it is to be hoped that whatever action is taken at the present time, will be final and that this question will be settled once and for all."

"I am in favor of retaining the present system," said Delbert Oberbauer, senior in physical education, "because it has proved efficient. It is easily adaptable to the working student's program and great inconvenience would be occasioned by the change to the old semester plan."

### Faculty Suspected

Verne Fudge, a senior in the University, emphatically declared himself opposed to the semester plan. "I can graduate by attending the University one term next fall," said Fudge. "The semester plan would necessitate me staying an additional month with added expense. Because of the Christmas vacation before examinations there will be an unnecessary delay and expense. The plan will always work a hardship on those who are either partly or wholly supporting themselves. I can understand," said Fudge, "why the semester plan will be of advantage to the faculty. They will not have so much work to do if it is adopted. And that gives rise again to the question: Whom is this University for? Is it for the students or for the professors?"

"Under the three term plan," said John Anderson, senior in the school of journalism, "a self-supporting student is enabled to stay out one term and during that time and the summer months may earn enough to put himself through two terms of school. Under the two semester plan, it is probable that the self-supporting student would be able to attend but one term a year as he would be unable to earn enough during the summer vacation to put him through the entire school year."

### Registration Nuisance

Rolf Skulason, a senior majoring in law, very tersely said, "Registration is a nuisance and the less we have of it the better. I am in favor of the two semester plan." "One of the great objections to the two semester plan," said Don Woodward, associate editor of the Oregana, "is that under this plan the vocations, instead of coming after examinations, where they should come, would come shortly before examinations, and who wants to come back from a two week Christmas vacation and have exams staring him in the face? Of course," he went on to say, "the two semester plan has its advantages but it is doubtful whether these advantages are sufficient to justify the change."

Ted Osborne, noted campus musician and also one of the foremost contributors to Lemon Punch, was one of the champions of the two semester plan. "The two semester plan works fine at the University of California," he said, "and a great number of the students at that institution are self-supporting. I see no reason why the plan would not work to a good advantage here at Oregon."

### Change Expensive

"A great many of the courses, especially in the science department," said Ralph Poston, a member of the men's glee club and a major in zoology, "have been adapted to the three term plan and the change back to the two semester plan would involve a great deal of time and expense."

Lelaine West, president of the Y. W. and a senior in the romance language department, says, "I am not in favor of the semester plan. I believe that as much work can be done under the three-term plan as under the proposed semester plan. The present system also enables students who are working their way through school to work part of the school year and yet get in two thirds of a year's school work. The three term system enables students to take short courses which they may desire to take before graduation."

Walter Hempy, an employee of the Co-op, said that if there was a very great saving to be made by the semester plan he would favor it. When questioned as to the effect he thought it would have on the business at the store, he said, "The more terms we have the more business the Co-op will get. Lets keep the present plan."

### Semester Plan Favored

Ellen McVeigh, English literature major said, "I think the semester plan is a good idea. It is used in almost all of the large colleges and has been a success. I think it will be just as successful at Oregon as soon as the students get used to the new order of things."

In regard to the way in which the two semester plan will effect the University high school, Principal Benjamin said: "For those students who are doing supervised teaching on the campus, and in other Eugene high schools, the two semester plan will be much more convenient. At present, in order to do practice teaching for one semester in the high school, which ends January 27, the student must plan the same schedule for the fall and winter term. But the last two months of the winter term will leave vacant the hours formerly spent in practice teaching. On the other hand, there are regular teachers in the high school who are taking University courses. They cannot change their schedules at all during the year because when the high school schedule changes, the University has already begun a new term. At Christmas time, students teaching in the high school were forced to return to the campus a week earlier than their fellow students."

### Another Plan Offered

The discussion of the proposed return to the semester system has given rise to a new plan that is being talked of. Dr. John Straub has proposed that classes be held on Saturdays and much of the vacation time during the school year be eliminated, making the actual

time during the school year much shorter and thus giving students twenty-two weeks during the summer to work. However there seems to be universal approval of the present plan, and many believe that the professors who voted for the change have a desire to avoid work.

## P. H. DATER WILL SPEAK TO TECHNICAL SOCIETY

### "Forestry from an Engineer's Point of View" Is Topic of Lecture; Work in Connection with Roads

P. H. Dater, chief engineer of the United States forest service in the Oregon-Washington district, will speak on "Forestry from an Engineer's Point of View" before the Technical Society at 7:30 tonight in Deady hall.

It is through the courtesy of Mr. Nelson F. Macduff, forest supervisor for the Cascade National Forests that the Technical Society will have the privilege of hearing Mr. Dater. Mr. Dater is from New York. He did his first engineering work on the New York State Barge canal.

Later he came to Portland, where his offices are now located, as city engineer. He held this office for two or three years. Mr. Dater's work is principally in connection with the state roads which receive federal aid and the national forest roads which connect or form a part of the state roads. He now represents the Federal Water Power commission in the Northwest.

## DANCING CLASS IS STARTED

### Miss Lillian Stupp Instructs Children Between Ages of Six and 14

Miss Lillian Stupp, of the physical education department has started a class in dramatic and interpretative dancing for children between the ages of six and 14, which met yesterday afternoon for the first time and will meet every Monday at 4 o'clock at the Woman's building.

There is no limitation placed upon the number enrolled and no pre-requirements, with the exception of the stipulation as to age. At the first meeting, about 30 children were present and it is expected that more will enroll.

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## DO-NUT SWIMMING STARTS FEBRUARY 3

### Contestants for Oregon-O. A. C. Meet in March Will Be Picked from Interclass Stars

Women's do-nut swimming meets will begin January 29 and probably continue until February 3, according to plans outlined by Miss Carolyn Cannon, head of swimming in the school of physical education. Thirteen organizations have signed up to compete and practices are again under way. As yet many teams are deficient in the eight required practices. Each team is urged to have one or two substitutes who have fulfilled the necessary requirements, as no last minute contestants will be permitted to enter the meets, said Miss Cannon. Every girl who expects to compete is urged to work on the events which she will enter.

Class meets will take place as soon as the do-nut series have been finished. The teams to meet Oregon Agricultural College will be picked from the best swimmers participating in the interclass meets. The contests with O. A. C. are scheduled to come some time in March, which will necessitate working much earlier in preparation for these meets.

A class in life-saving is planned and all girls who are interested in life-saving and in winning honor points toward earning sweaters are asked to meet Miss Cannon at five o'clock Wednesday in room 121 of the Woman's building. Further announcement of this class will be made in the Emerald. All upperclassmen who are not registered in physical education must pay the \$1.25 fee at the Ad building and present their receipt to Mrs. Hempy before entering the pool.

## RATS SUBJECT OF EXPERIMENT

Ransom J. McArthur and Virgion Hockett majors in pre-medic, are carrying on an extensive research with white rats in order to find the relation of the thyroid gland to the germ cells. In addition to results of this experiment will add something to the relation of the thyroid gland to goiters. McArthur and Hockett have 134 rats and will move them soon to the new research building near the men's gym.

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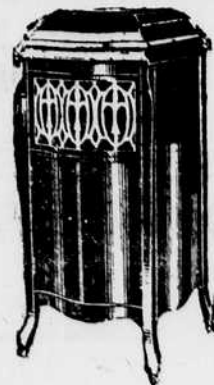
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