

Faculty Votes for Semesters

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Tennessee Williams' Play Cast

Casting of the forth-coming University Theatre play, "The Glass Menagerie," was announced yesterday by Horace W. Robinson, director. The play contains only four characters.

Mary Esther Brock will play the part of Laura, a shy introvert; Geraldine Hettinger will portray her mother, Amanda; the part of Tom, Laura's brother, will be taken by Lewis Vogler; and the visiting gentleman will be played by Donald Dimick.

Glass Menagerie is Tennessee Williams' first successful play, and was written in 1945. The part of Amanda in the first Broadway production was played by Laurette Taylor, who was famous a generation ago for her portrayal of Peg in Peg O' My Heart. She was persuaded to come out of retirement to star in the play.

Helen Hayes portrayed Amanda last year in the London production of the drama.

The plot of the play centers around Amanda's continuous efforts to make her children amount to something. She nags Tom, who becomes a constant patron of the local movie theaters. Her attempts to find a husband for Laura result in the introduction of Jim, a friend of Tom's, who shows some interest in her.

But the plot takes an unusual turn before the final curtain, which sets The Glass Menagerie above the ordinary drama.

The drama is the type which may be classified as a non-realistic memory play. It is narrated by Tom, who makes the introductions, tells some of the background, and relates the story.

It will open February 4, and will play seven performances. It is the Ethel Sawyer Memorial production for the year, and was chosen as such because of its unusual qualities.

Pumps to Fix UO Millrace

Eugene's city council has approved a recommendation that pumps be used to restore the millrace, rather than a restoration of the dam above Judkins point.

According to Dean Seeger, city manager, an engineer has examined both the possibility of using pumps and the restoration of the dam headgates, and has estimated that pumps will be more practical and inexpensive.

Eugene voters designated \$20,000 at the May elections for the restoration of the millrace, and these funds are to be matched by the millrace association. Several financial loopholes are being worked on in preparation for action, according to Seeger.

Cykler to Speak In Lecture Series

Starting off the winter term series, Dr. Edmund A. Cykler will speak on "Musicology: Some Contributions" in room 207 Chapman tonight at 8.

Dr. Cykler is an associate professor of musicology in the University school of music.

There will be no admission charge.

Ys' to Sponsor Lecture Series On Facts of Life

The annual "Majoring in Marriage" series of lectures sponsored by the YMCA and the sophomore commission of the YWCA will be presented this year on consecutive Thursday evenings beginning January 13.

The first of the lecture-discussions, which are to be held from seven to eight in the YMCA, will be entitled "Marriage and the Facts of Life." Following subjects will be "Anticipating Marriage," "Marriages Are Not Made in Heaven," and "Life With Children."

Speaker at the first lecture will be Dr. L. F. Beck, professor in the University psychology department. Other speakers will be announced later.

Due to a limited seating capacity, those interested in attending are urged to register early for the lecture. Registration will be at the YMCA and the YWCA from Monday until the first lecture or until 100 have registered.

There will be no charge for the lectures.

Blizzard Maroons Faculty Members

Three members of the UO faculty are at present snowed in at Egbert, Wyoming, en route to Eugene via Union Pacific, according to a telegram received by the University graduate division.

The three are Dean Theodore Kratt of the school of music, S. L. Green, also of the music school, and William Schallek, biology professor. They were returning from Chicago. Dean Kratt attended a music conference there.

Oregana Payments Due by January 15

Balances due on the 1949 Oregana must be paid by January 15, Olga Yevtich, business manager, announced Monday.

Students who have made partial payments on the yearbook will have to pay the remaining \$3 before that date, she added.

Payments will be accepted at the educational activities office in McArthur court or at the Oregana business office between 3 and 5 p.m. daily.

WSSF Drive To Open Monday

By Stan Turnbull

WSSF—World Student Service Fund.

It's not a big thing, compared with the millions involved in the Marshall plan, but it's important.

Students in the war-devastated areas of Asia and Europe make up one of the most important groups—they are the leaders not just of tomorrow, but the leaders of today.

And Oregon's WSSF drive, slated to begin next Monday is a part of a systematic effort to aid these foreign students—food, medicine, clothes, shelter, and equipment are doled out in proportion to need from the headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

Americans, far more than any other people, have the material means to bring hope to hundreds of thousands of students throughout the world. WSSF appeals to the more fortunate students in the world to help students elsewhere to keep going.

Shortcuts are used wherever possible to make the limited funds go as far as possible. Thousands of textbooks, unobtainable in printed editions, have been mimeographed and distributed by the students themselves.

Five main phases in the program are aid in food, aid in providing shelter, aid in providing medical care in books and equipment, aid through study-grants.

Over-all administration and allocation of funds is determined in Geneva by the executive committee of World Student Relief, international student agency for which

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Democrat Controlled 81st Congress Starts Work on Truman Demands

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5—(AP)—President Truman asked the Democratic 81st congress today to increase taxes by \$4,000,000,000 to help finance a vast social and economic program which he called a "fair deal."

While Republican critics cried "Socialism," Truman supporters on Capitol Hill rushed to introduce bills to carry out the Truman demands for:

Broadened social security coverage and bigger benefits, pre-paid medical and health insurance; 1,000,000 public housing units in seven years, and aid to education.

But his request for increased taxes met a cool reception. Legislators said they wanted to study it carefully.

The \$4,000,000,000 tax boost would be aimed chiefly at corporations. Some lawmakers estimated that, in addition to this, the president's program would involve \$6,000,000,000 in levies for increased

Close Vote Sends Matter to Newburn

One Hour Debate Precedes Recommendation by Largest Faculty Meeting of Academic Year

By Bob Funk

A change from the term to the semester system was recommended by an extremely close vote of the University faculty yesterday afternoon.

In an hour-long meeting at Fenton Hall, the faculty voted for the semester plan after debate pro and con had been presented. According to Lyle Nelson, director of information, the margin of victory was "very narrow."

Nelson emphasized the fact that the faculty has no power to put its recommendation into effect, but can only send it to President Newburn for consideration.

Newburn is not obliged to take action, but should he approve the change, his decision would go to the chancellor and then to the state board of higher education.

"The meeting was perhaps the largest this year," Nelson observed. 3 Fenton was filled to overflowing, with some members standing.

If the semester plan meets with approval, Oregon will join 622 other American institutions which run with a semester schedule, according to a 1944 poll. The poll revealed that only 99 colleges and universities follow the term plan.

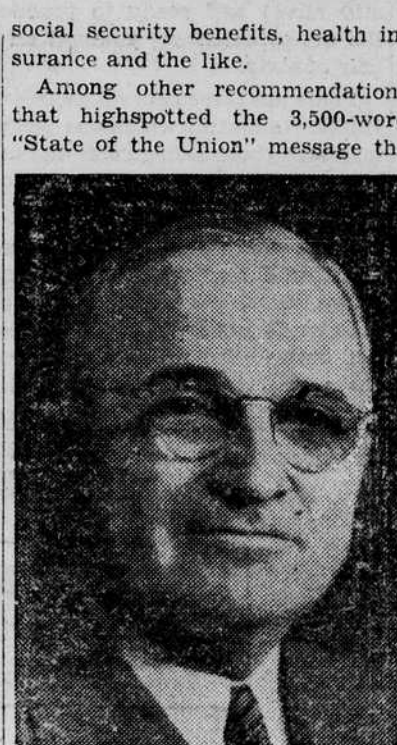
Among institutions on the West Coast, Stanford, Oregon State, and the University of Washington are on a term basis. Other coast colleges, such as Washington State, are considering a change from the semester to the term calendar, while still others have no change projected.

Oregon has fluctuated between the two systems, having used the term system from 1876 to 1896, and changing to a semester calendar from 1896 to 1917. Since that time the term plan has been in operation again, in spite of recommendations for a change by the faculty.

Present faculty action followed a study of the situation and subsequent report by a committee headed by Paul B. Jacobsen of the school of education. Committee members Jacobsen, O. K. Burrell, L. S. Cressman, W. J. Dixon, Donald M. DuShane, R. T. Ellickson, and C. G. Howard issued a report early in December, which was used as a basis for the decision. The report was favorable to the semester calendar.

Advocates of the semester system point out that less time would be lost in registration, courses might be arranged more conveniently, and teaching could be conducted more effectively if the term plan were abandoned.

Those opposed to a change have indicated an aversion to studying for finals during vacation, and being unable to change courses more than twice a year.



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social security benefits, health insurance and the like.

Among other recommendations that highspotted the 3,500-word "State of the Union" message the

president delivered in person to congress were: Authority to impose sweeping economic controls, including curbs on some wages and prices, power to build steel plants and other factories if deemed necessary in view of shortages; repeal of the Taft-Hartley labor law; universal military training; aid to farmers; and the full Truman program of civil rights laws.

A quarter hour after he finished talking, seven Democratic senators introduced a bill for a 40-year, \$18,000,000,000 program of public housing, slum clearance, farm home construction and housing research.

Senator Myers (D-Pa.), Aiken (R-Vt) and McMahon (D-Conn.) quickly offered bills to increase the minimum wage from 40 cents an hour to 75, as urged by the president.

In senate and house, Democrats

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