

A New Plan

Today is not only the day on which the state board of higher education will decide whether or not the University library will get an addition. Today is the date originally set for the presentation of the semester system for approval.

However, apparently the requested shift will not reach the state board—at least not during this session.

Altogether the semester plan has had pretty rough going. The faculty finally passed it by a one-vote margin after a long but calm discussion of the pros and cons.

Now the decision rests with Dr. Newburn whether or not to pass it on to the state board. In view of the controversy, he has been giving the matter careful study.

Since the faculty approval of the semester system, students have made their sentiments known through their spokesmen. The ASUO executive council voted unanimously to send Dr. Newburn a resolution stating their opposition to the plan. Letters to the Emerald editor have poured in—some pro but more con.

Apparently the comparative advantages of semester vs. terms or vice versa do not heavily outweigh one another.

Now word reaches us of another possible solution to the ills of the term system as it is now in practice at Oregon. This new plan would retain the division of the school year into its present three parts, but other innovations would be introduced.

In essence, the plan is this: to re-evaluate courses so that there would be more four and five hour courses, although they would be taught for fewer terms.

This would seem to get rid of many of the disadvantages of the term system as now practiced without replacing them with the disadvantages of the semester. For instance, professors would have a longer time to get into the meat of the course before midterms or finals were upon them.

Students would have fewer finals to take, and could therefore do a better job on those they did have. There would be less likelihood of having three or four finals in one day—a fate which really involves a test of endurance.

The faculty, correspondingly, would have fewer finals to make up and grade at the end of terms. While they might have as many students, they would be concentrated in fewer courses, thus making the job somewhat easier.

Office records would not have to be changed, since they are at present on a three-term basis; the extra expenses that would result from a semester system would then be circumvented.

On the surface of the matter, there seems to be no reason why such a plan could not be worked out for the University of Oregon. Such a move has been considered elsewhere. Why not here? J.G.

Washington's Dismissals

By its dismissal Saturday of three professors accused of communist activity, the University of Washington board of regents, we suspect, has set the stage for a long and bitter struggle in American educational circles.

The regents at Washington have established a precedent which could lead to similar dismissals at other schools.

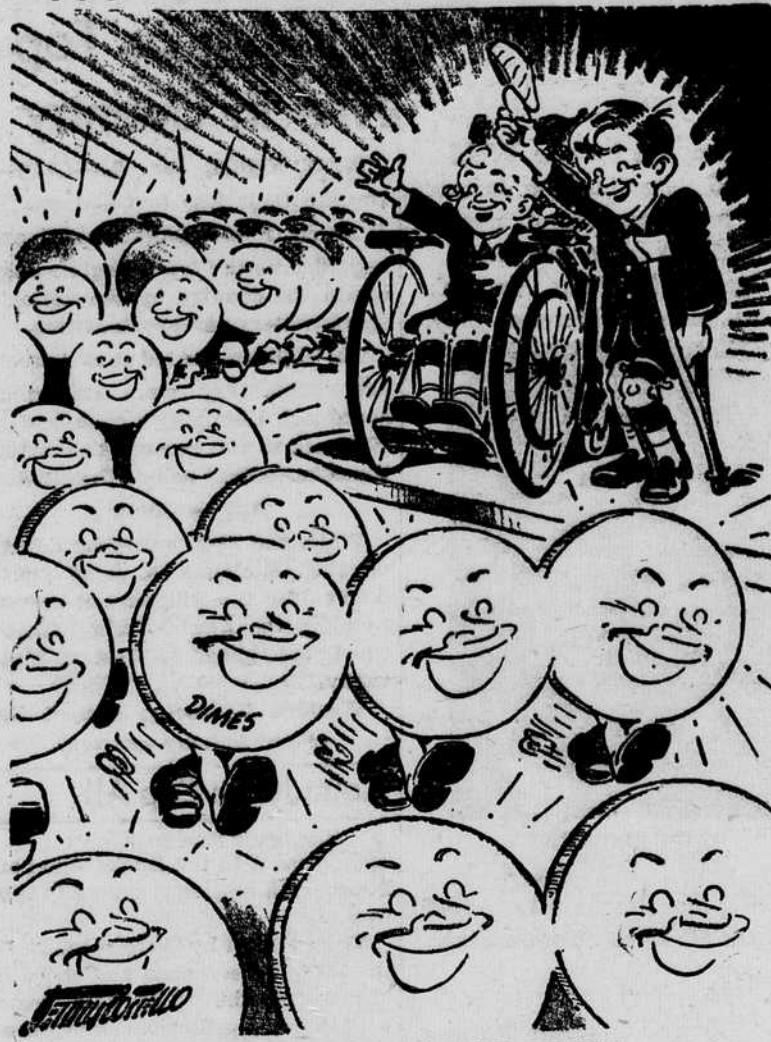
Although not all the facts which led to the firing of the three professors have been made public, it seems apparent that the regents based their decision primarily on the belief that membership in the communist party or adherence to communistic dogma by a college professor renders him unfit to teach.

How would this philosophy, extended to other colleges and universities, effect American education?

Would it—as some educators believe—throttle academic freedom? Or, does communism pose so great a threat to democracy that distasteful but necessary means have become mandatory to prevent further infiltration.

American education must ask itself these and many other questions. Upon the answers may rest the future welfare of the nation.

Happy Warriors



JOIN THE MARCH OF DIMES

American AIRPLANES

By Tom Marquis

Things in Washington have pretty well slowed down by now, but from all indications it must have been quite a show while it lasted.

As with all great events these days radio was at the inauguration to bring some of the excitement and color to the millions of people who couldn't actually be present. The people who were really lucky were the ones who were within TV range of the big doings.

The TV cameras started grinding as early as 11:30 a.m. and gave a constant coverage of all the inauguration ceremonies until they were over, about 4:30 in the afternoon.

The video broadcasts were beamed as far as the Mississippi via the new co-axial cables recently completed. Maybe by the time the next inauguration rolls around things will be set up so that TV broadcasts will carry from coast to coast.

This sounds very familiar to our ears. Believe we heard of a similar situation much closer to home. Seems Paulena Carter, pianist on "The Meredith Willson Show," carelessly left a pair of argyles she was knitting for the maestro lying around the studio after a recent broadcast.

When she returned the next day, said argyles were missing and another barefoot boy was added to our ranks. Not for long, however. Miss Carter already is in the process of knitting Meredith another pair.

Hope our own local argyle mishap had such a happy ending. It would be might tough wandering around in this weather without a pair of sox.

From the "You Can't Win Department": Bill Bendix of NBC's "Life of Riley Show" and his wife decided it would be unfortunate if their young daughter Stephanie grew up without ever having a chance to play in the snow.

So, without further ado they bundled the young lady up and shipped her to Denver, there never

being any snow in sunny Cal.

And what happened? That's right! Stephanie was hardly out of L.A. city limits when a bunch of saboteurs from the Florida chamber of commerce shipped in quite a quantity of the article in question.

Bendix may get over it some day, but I doubt if L.A. ever will, even if people would let them try to forget it.

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"Suspense" comes up with a top notch radio drama this Thursday night when they present an adaptation of F. L. Green's great novel, "Odd Man Out."

Robert Montgomery will star in this story of an ill-fated Irish underground leader caught in the web of fate as he stages a desperate fight for a lost cause.

Time for the program, as usual, is 6 p.m. PST, Thursday, on ABC.



Bob Montgomery

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If you have had trouble finding Kay Starr at the time previously listed in this column don't grow discouraged. She really is on every Monday night.

For a couple weeks now the show has been broadcast in an abbreviated-minute version, not appearing until 7:45 p.m. Starting in the almost immediate future the show will be back on full time, (Please turn to page seven)

Porchlight Parade

by Ed Cauduro

Congratulations to the many ducklings who have just shed their yokes of neophyte servitude by saving up enough box tops to merit their secret decoder badges . . . and while in the same vein, a tip of the well worn rain bonnet to the three new Druids, Mac Epley, Bob Lavey, and Fred Taylor.

On campus everything except traffic is moving pretty slowly but instead of moaning the winter term blues I'll venture to a somewhat "gayer" subject . . . namely the Senior Lead Balloon . . . The crowd was just good, not big . . . and there will never be a big crowd at the campus dances until the Educational Activities Board changes its present policy and allows the various dance chairmen to contract name bands that would draw the average student away from his fireside. . . .

Our rivals in Cornvalley always seem to do okay . . . in fact Tex Beneke is playing for their Junior Prom next weekend . . . and I'll venture to predict that the place will be packed to the rafters . . . insuring a definite financial success. . . .

Though the music wasn't all it had been cracked up to be in the earlier publicity releases many familiar steadys and some new combos feigned having a good time . . . Art Johnson and Pi Phi Anne Case were wheeling around the pine . . . Chi O Franny Baumer on the arm of Sig Prexy Hob Deule . . . Senior class officer Hans Wold escorted Tri Delt Nancy Starkweather . . . and Theta Chi Bob Gilbert was there with his steady DG Pat O'Harro. . . .

Tri Delt Gretchen Grondahl is in a dither again . . . she's been getting a carnation every day for the past week with a card signed only with a half circle . . . the poor lass is wondering who this poor man's Diamond Jim could be.

The bubbly Chi Os were surprised at Sunday's dinner when Lucy Madden, down from Portland for the weekend announced her engagement to Phi Psi Roy Bashaw.

A couple new pinnings ready to be filed away for future reference are the Pi Phi Jackie Younger and K. Sig Dave Aiken combo and the Alpha Gam Donna Stageberg, Phi Psi Bob Bennett match.

The ZTAs are threatening to have their telephone removed if a certain DU Whitey Logan doesn't stop calling about six of their clan . . . the engaged girls are particularly disturbed . . . The Emerald staff is making a book as to whether Business Manager Virg Tucker keeps his office door locked to protect his love life or his APO calendars . . . We won't say how the odds are running . . .

Perhaps one of the more foolish or many foolish moves was the cancellation of the Frosh Glee . . . the reason given for scratching the shindig was that last year's affair proved to be a flop. Quite sure the story would have been reversed this year because, unless my calendar is wrong, the Frosh Glee was scheduled the Saturday night of AWS weekend . . . (this is the weekend set aside when the girls from Oregon's high schools are guests of the campus) . . . undoubtedly the houses at which these girls would be staying would see to it that their guests had dates for the dance . . . that spells a crowd which means cash in the till. . . .

A recent survey shows that university men prefer women who wear their hair.

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