

Students File Race Petitions; Professors Go on Griddle

Cut in Vacation Draws Protest From Campus

Signed petitions and a letter of explanation were submitted last weekend to the administrative board of the University of Oregon in protest of the shorter spring vacation scheduled for 1950.

Corlista Vonderahe, sophomore in liberal arts who has led the protest movement, said that "There were a large number of names on the petitions." The petitions had been circulating for some time in campus living groups.

The letter, according to Miss Vonderahe, suggested a calendar similar to those currently used at Stanford, OSC, and the University of Oregon.

It stated that "psychologically, the effects of spring term are many," going on to explain that students are more or less confined to quarter during the term.

The fact that no pre-registration is scheduled for spring term also came in for criticism. In addition, it was pointed out that a previous attempt at a shorter vacation, tried during the war years, proved unsuccessful.

"We also feel," said Miss Vonderahe, "that many students will be deprived of the chance to look for jobs during spring vacation. This is a time that a lot of job-hunting is done."

The language of the petitions is as follows:

"The undersigned do petition the administration of the University of Oregon for a repeal of the schedule as planned for the academic year 1949-1950.

"We recommended that the winter term final week be scheduled March 20 to March 24, and that spring vacation be held until April 3. We also recommend pre-registration."

Miss Vonderahe included in her letter of appeal a request for reply. The calendar for each year is set by the board of deans, which will meet in the near future.

Speech Contest Scheduled Tonight

Finals of the annual Jewett intersectional speech contest will be held tonight at 7:30 p.m. They will be held in two sections, one for men, the other for women, in room 4 Villard, and room 3 Fenton, respectively.

Contestants were chosen from the fundamentals of speech classes. Preliminaries were held yesterday afternoon to narrow the field to 8 men and 8 women.

Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each group. They are: first place, \$15; second prize, \$10; third prize, \$5.

Judges for the contest will be W. C. Ballaine, Robert Hord, and J. R. Parsons for the women, and R. V. Mills, Paul Means, and P. A. Killgallon for the men.

List of Graduates Posted at Emerald

So you think you're graduating June 19?

Maybe so, maybe not, but there's one safe way to find out.

An advance list of graduating seniors has been posted in the registration office in Emerald hall. C. L. Constance, registrar, asks that anyone expecting a sheepskin check the list for their name and report any mistakes to the registrar's office.

It may make a difference.

Student Drowns In Umpqua River

John E. Eldridge, 19, freshman in liberal arts, was drowned Saturday night when a car driven by Henry Howard, graduate student in music, plunged off the highway 15 miles east of Reedsport into the Umpqua river.

Howard and the other passenger, Robert Fry, liberal arts student, swam 20 feet to safety. They were uninjured.

When contacted by the Emerald yesterday, Howard stated that the lights of his late-model sedan failed and the car fell over a 35-foot embankment. The top of the car was caved in as it rolled over.

"All three of us escaped through the right window," Howard said. "John couldn't swim, but of course we didn't realize that until later."

Howard and Fry were picked up by the Ed Seablooms of Reedsport, who lent them dry clothes and housed them.

The three students had been on the way to the beach when the accident occurred. "We were going to hobo it on the beach and cram for tests," Howard said. An ironic note was furnished by the loss or ruin of the books with the car.

Eldridge's body was recovered Sunday noon. He was a resident of Eugene.

Eldridge was a graduate of University high school where drama became his main field interest. He played a leading part in "Pride and Prejudice," the senior play and was also a member of the Scarlet Masque, dramatics club, and worked on the high school paper. He was born in Pasadena, Calif., and had previously attended high school in Indiana.

Here at the University of Oregon he played a bit part in "Marco Millions." He was a member of the Yeomen.

His major field of study was botany and he was also taking a course at Northwest Christian college.

Funeral services will be held at the First Christian church at 2 p.m. Thursday with the Rev. A. L. Webb, of Tillamook, officiating.

The Weather

Partly cloudy with scattered showers. High: 65.

Quiz Results Secret Till End Of Exam Week

Beginning with 8 o'clocks this morning students in nearly 500 courses will have the opportunity to rate their professors.

Supervisors drawn from the senior class, Alpha Phi Omega, Phi Theta Upsilon, and Druids will administer the "opinionnaires" under the supervision of the faculty rating committee. They will hand out the forms at the beginning of the hour in all classes where the professors have requested the rating.

Students are asked to fill out the forms as quickly as possible so that a minimum of class time will be lost. Professors will be absent from the room while the tests are being given.

When students have filled out the forms, the supervisors will seal the results in designated envelopes, which will be kept by the committee until after the professors' finals have been given. They will then be returned unopened to the professors.

Classes meeting on both Wednesday and Thursday, will be rated on Thursday. Headquarters of the faculty rating committee during the two days will be the Old Oregon offices in Friendly hall. Those assisting the rating are asked to enter the offices through the back door facing the parking lot.

Benton Lane Site For Club Picnic

Benton Lane Park will be the destination of Condon club members and their friends when they leave Condon hall at 2 p. m. next Saturday for their annual picnic.

Softball, swimming and hot dogs will be the main items on the agenda

Not a New Idea Station KDUK Is Dream Fulfilled

Once upon a time there were three men with an idea, and, like the three men on a horse, they rode that idea to its conclusion.

The men: R. L. Davy, instructor in speech; Norman Lamb and Robert Litten, students.

The idea: Station KDUK.

It wasn't a new dream. Their road was paved by D. G. Starlin, associate professor of speech, and R. C. McCall, head of the speech department, who made the establishment of the station possible. Its operation is largely the work of the trio.

Davy, recognized Oregon's need for its own broadcasting studio when he joined the faculty last year. A 1947 graduate of the University of California, Bob was announcer and student director at the University of Wisconsin station while studying for the master

KDUK Broadcasts Today at Twelve

Vets' Dorm, John Straub Only Housing Groups to Hear Today's Broadcasts

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The voice University students in the Vet's Dorm and John Straub will hear this noon at 1280 on their radio dials will be that of KDUK, the school's own "powerful little 10-watter."

The station will feature mainly musical programs. There will be no commercials.

The station will operate on what is called the "phono-oscillator principle." Its power will be carried on regular wires to the two buildings, and then spread through the buildings by means of an oscillator, a device for relaying radio waves short distances.

The oscillator board is plugged in only when the station is operating.

For students who want to see KDUK on the air, there will be an open house tonight. The shows will be heard from loudspeakers in Villard halls at that time. Gwen Roberts and Arlett Morrison will be hostesses.

Broadcasting will be from noon till one, and from 6:30 p. m. to 11 Monday through Friday until the end of the term.

From studios located high atop newly-rebuilt Villard hall, the station will transmit "music for all tastes." Nearly everything, including 45 minutes of uninterrupted music to study by, from disc-jockey's choices to classical, will be broadcast.

From the first hour-program, "Duck Soup's On," 12 to 1, will bloom a program that has been budding all year.

Operations are being started experimentally this spring instead of waiting till fall term so there will be a nucleus of trained students around which to build next year's program.

College-trained students are needed in the radio field, according to Bob Davy, faculty advisor-director of KDUK. This station, the first of its kind in the state, was established as a training device for the speech department, and to gain the respect of radio station managers for college-trained students.

Direct participation by students will be encouraged. It is planned that student talent will be used in future programs. The program is aimed at students and run by students.

When the new equipment is installed and organization becomes more-or-less permanent, tentative plans are for the station to become a part of the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System, an organization to (Please turn to page two)

KDUK Airs Music and News

The opening day program for KDUK will consist of music and news, according to Norm Lamb, program director.

Be-bop to classical recordings will be featured, and the news will be campus doings plus international headlines. The station will broadcast an hour at noon, and four and a half hours at night. Here's the complete schedule for today:

12 noon to 1 p.m.—"Popular music" (An hour of good listening, with Norm Lamb.)

6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.—"Meet the Band" (Selections of one band, with Bob Hinz.)

7 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.—"Four for a Quarter" (Four ballads by a popular artist or combo.)

7:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.—"Show Time" (Hits from great musicals and stage shows, with Steve Button.)

7:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.—"Classical Listening" (Words from the Masters, with Bob Litten.)

8:15 p.m. to 9 p.m.—"Serenade to the Student" (A program designed for easy studying, with Ed Ladendorf.)

9 p.m. to 10:45 p.m.—"Anything Goes" (KDUK's Disk Jockey show, with Fred Young.)

10:45 p.m. to 11 p.m.—"Campus News" (A ten-minute roundup of campus meetings, announcements, and sports, plus five minutes of international news. Irv Steinbock will be the announcer.

of arts degree in 1948.

Besides his own experience, he had heard of what other schools were doing in radio work from friends at Stanford and USC and at a radio conference at Columbus, Ohio. He wrote to the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System for the information he needed, and then talked the plan up.

Actually, according to Bob, his selling job was easy—the most difficult part was waiting for the necessary equipment.

When the equipment was obtained, the station needed someone who knew what to do with it. Bob Litten was the man. An announcer on KASH from October through March, Bob became interested in radio while at Eugene high school. He started at Oregon as a journalism major but was soon acting and announcing on Oregon programs broadcast through KOAC. Bob, who wants to become an announcer after graduation this spring, did much of the wiring and technical work. Dave Strauss and Jack Vaughn have assisted him. His version of KDUK's history: "Like Topsy—it just grewed."

The station and equipment was ready—now they needed the programs. And the student who could arrange and supervise their production was Norm Lamb.

Norm started his radio work at Washington high school in Portland and has been working on the local KOAC broadcasts for a year and a half. He recently was awarded a scholarship for a ten-week training period this summer at station KEX in Portland, where he expects to do everything from "continuity, to filing, to emptying ashtrays."

The promotional end of the business, possibly in television, interests Norm, who will graduate in June.