

## Ostriches on Monday

For two terms we've tried classes and registration on the first day of the term. For two terms professors have lectured to first day classes that were as well-populated as an 8 o'clock on Saturday morning.

By Tuesday of this week, most classes had at least 30 per cent attendance. And on Wednesday attendance was just slightly below normal.

To the Board of Deans, which set up the academic calendar, all this may be rather disconcerting. To the professor who makes the same assignment and gives the same lecture the second class meeting as the first, and to the student who happened to attend both the first and second class meetings, all this is definitely disconcerting.

The point is: Classes and registration the first day do not work, particularly when it follows a short vacation.

The question is: What can be done about it?

We appreciate school's ending a week earlier in June than last year. But we do not appreciate the first day of Winter and Spring terms as they now exist.

And there is always the comparison with Oregon State—which has two days for registration before classes begin, and which has a term ending as early as the University's.

Naturally, our standards are higher—we at the University have more actual classroom days.

But why hide our head in the sand? The two classroom days this Monday and Tuesday had very little value. Monday classes were practically a total loss. The two days of classes were for the records only; they may look good to an outsider, but they were no good to the student.

The change in the calendar was made this year to allow University seniors to graduate the same time as OSC seniors. The only difficulty is when U.O. made arrangements to get out a week earlier, so did OSC.

As one student put it: It is simply a diabolical plot by the Board of Deans to slyly eradicate Oregon State. Each year the Board will arrange to let Spring term out one week early; each term OSC will move up graduation one week earlier. Eventually, OSC will move graduation up to early in September, and finally, they will have no classroom days at all, with no classroom days, no school. And by that time, of course, the University will have only 10 days of classes.

However, this is not a very practical outlook.

And what we need most of all at this time, is a practical, workable academic calendar.



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## Board Grants Faculty Leaves, Accepts Gifts at Recent Meeting

Sabbatical leaves for six members of the University faculty were approved recently by the State Board of Higher Education at a regular meeting in Portland.

The Board also accepted gifts totaling \$26,683, of which \$6,273 was earmarked for the University.

Sabbatical leaves were granted to Robert D. Clark, professor of speech and assistant to the dean of the College of Liberal Arts; Jack Wilkinson and Wallace Hayden,

professors in the School of Architecture; Carl L. Johnson, professor of romance languages; and Pierre Van Rysselberghe, professor of chemistry.

\$15,068 in gifts was approved for the University of Oregon Medical School in Portland. Three appointments were approved at the University of Oregon Dental School, with the naming of Frances Wilson as instructor in dental science.

## Sophomore Wisdom

### Invasion of the Little People

by Bob Funk

Well, we all may live after all, in spite of the inroads which the basketball tournament, final week, and spring vacation have made on the general health and sanity of the University populace.

The basketball tournament was the worst probably—we hardly noticed final week. It isn't that we don't enjoy young people. We were in high school once ourselves, but it seems to have been awfully long ago.

We are certain that the freshmen in our house scoured the streets of Eugene for lost souls from Wide-Spot-in-the-Road High School, etc.; or maybe all those strangers we saw at breakfast were self-invited. It got so bad during the last couple of



days in the tournament that you had to look in under your bed at bedtime to see if you were going to be one of the lucky ones sleeping on a davenport or in the bathtub.

The young high school people were very cosmopolitan about it all—they insisted that we all stay up till three or four in the morning having mad Canasta parties. One night we even studied for a final.

And it was rather disconcerting to go into the living room only to be confronted by numerous intense young souls battling over the sports page of the Oregonian.

We think, upon latest bed check, that they have all gone home. Now we can return to that which we call normalcy; and try to get some sleep between now and Duck Preview.

Final week, as we were saying, wasn't so bad—in fact, we rather enjoyed it, especially when the English Lit test got stolen. The English Lit tests always get stolen, and unpleasant as this may be, this may well turn into sort of an Oregon tradition, with some sort of cup awarded to the house that steals the test first.

And are we bitter? Heck yes! And just wait until Mortar Board finds out about this!

## In the Bag

### A Natural for Spring Term

A Letter

The following letter was received too late for Winter term publication; but its value is probably even greater in Spring, when a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of what a young woman has been thinking of all the time. If we held this letter until house grades came out for Winter term—who knows what might happen, the letter would probably disintegrate with age.—Editor.

Dear Sir:

This controversy over deferred living seems to be giving so much difficulty, I thought as an alumna and a faculty wife of twenty-two years standing, I would suggest a plan which should make everyone happy.

The Sunday Oregonian of Feb. 26 carried a feature article in which the statement was made that:

Statistics released by the president's office at the University of Oregon show a higher grade average for the enrollment as a whole, than for those students living in fraternity and sorority houses.

It embarrasses me to a point out that this statement is in error. The Emerald of Feb. 15, carried a full page table of figures released by the registrar's office for the fall term, giving grade point averages and relative positions of organizations. This table shows that:

All-sorority gpa is 2.57, thirteen places above

All-University gpa 2.427, and is five places above Women's dormitory gpa 2.500.

All-fraternity-sorority gpa 2.447 which is University but is four places above

Men's dormitory gpa 2.304.

Adding fraternity and sorority gpas you get

All-fraternity-sorority gpa 2.447 which is above all-university and is above

All-dormitory gpa of 2.402.

Another thing caught my eye, and this is where my plan comes in. The all-University gpa line divides the page with almost all women's groups above it (25 above, 3 below) and almost all men's groups below it (33 below, 5 above.) This of course proves that women are smarter than men, but we have known this all along, and what to do about it?

Since the object of this new plan is to raise grades, why not put the good students in with the poor students, and the poor students in with the good students, mix them up in a democratic manner and give everybody a good deal?

In other words why not move 25 Fiji's into the Kappa house, and let 25 Kappas go over to the Fiji house. Let 25 men from Zeta Hall go to the DG house and 25 DG's move into Zeta Hall. Let the Kappa Sigs trade with Ann Judson House, and so on down the line. This plan at least has the advantage of never having been tried.

There will be some stick-in-the-muds of a bygone generation who will object to this plan, but I'm sure it will not meet with the student opposition the present plan is having. I can see the difficulties the administration is having, and I'm just trying to be helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Lou Turnbull '23

## Cosmopolitan Club To Organize Tonight

An Oregon Cosmopolitan Club will be formed at a meeting at 8 p. m. tonight in the YWCA headquarters, Gerlinger Hall.

The club, which will be patterned after the one at Oregon State College, will be a social organization designed to acquaint foreign and American students and faculty members on the campus through shared recreational activities.

Jim Oswald, chairman of the constitutional committee, will present a report and the proposed constitution will be read and discussed.

All interested faculty members, students, and representatives from various campus groups were urged to attend by Carolyn Oleman, chairman of the YWCA International Affairs committee, which is helping in the formation of the club.

WSSF—the drive to help foreign students—begins at Oregon Monday.

Apr. 3-7 is the date for the Oregon WSSF drive. Invest in Tomorrow—Today.



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