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Let's Call Time

University officials have worked out rather elaborate time schedules for final examinations at the end of each term. A two-hour exam period is set aside for each class hour.

Unfortunately, quite a few professors seem unaware of the tight scheduling needed to squeeze in all the exams. Most instructors, of course, begin their exams on the scheduled hour. The University requires it. Many professors, however, do not feel obligated to limit their exams to a two-hour period.

Some students are allowed to write three and four hours on their final examinations. Professors often do not call a halt to exam writing until two complete exam periods have gone by. We think this is unfair.

True, the professors may receive papers more legible and better organized if they allow their students to write for an unlimited time. Essay type answers can be outlined before the student even starts to write. The students may be able to spend a half hour in "organizing his thoughts" before he even puts pen to paper.

But what of the student who can only write for two hours because of another exam immediately following? He must finish his paper in two hours and be forced to compete in grading with those who have spent twice the time on their answers. It is hardly fair to expect him to give as good answers in the fleeting two hours as has the student with an unlimited time in which to fill his bluebook.

The officials who make the schedules for final week well might consider the possibility of setting time limits on term examinations. If three hour exams are necessary, then they should be so scheduled.

The Law

On page three of today's Emerald the rules, regulations and procedures of the Student Affairs committee and the University's Discipline code are printed.

These two documents include the rules which govern student behavior and social events on campus. The Emerald is publishing the two so that students can become more familiar with what acts can bring disciplinary action by the Office of Student Affairs or the Student Discipline committee.

All conditions which could result in disciplinary action are not covered in the two documents because certain state laws also apply to student conduct. In addition, announcements by Student Affairs, such as the one which resulted in the suspension of a student because he discharged firearms in a dormitory, can supplement the list.

We urge all students to read the code and the listing of regulations.—(P. K.)

Added Service

An added service was provided at the end of last term by the University library. In response to student request, Librarian Carl W. Hintz opened the reserve book section and first floor study rooms of the library on the Friday evenings of the two weekends preceding final week.

Since the library is normally open seven days a week for a total of 81 hours, this concession was definitely above and beyond the library's obligation to provide adequate service for University students. Hintz, however, announced that the extra hours were being offered only on a trial basis.

Student response to the gesture might have appeared disappointing to the library staff. Barely 35 students showed up on the first Friday evening the library was open. The expected larger crowd made an appear-

ance on the Friday immediately preceding final week.

One must remember that the scant crowd on the first Friday could be attributed to the coinciding opening of the basketball season with a double-header at Mac court, a stone's throw away. A few more students were thinking about examinations on the second Friday the library was open.

If the library is to continue this added service (and we hope they will), it would seem that the doors should remain open on Friday and Saturday evening of the weekend immediately preceding finals, rather than the Friday evenings of the two weekends before exam week.

On behalf of the students who found this service a great benefit for pre-final week studying, we wish to thank Hintz and the entire library staff for their responsiveness to student opinion and their generous concession to those who so desperately needed a place to study.

The TV Devil

Seen much TV lately? We watched it quite a bit during vacation. It's a fine thing, especially for sports events—that Rose Bowl game was great. But having had TV in our home town for over a year and a half we've gotten sort of used to the thing—it no longer holds the fascination it once did.

A lot of people haven't seen much TV yet. A lot of those people are on this campus, and quite a few of them live in fraternity houses that have or are going to install a TV set.

We wonder at the effect this will have on grades of some of these people. From all reports we have heard TV doesn't help much.

Sure, we're adults—supposed to be able to determine for ourselves when we have time to play and when we have to study. But do we? Let's face it, there are plenty of us who don't budget our time properly, who waste the whole term and end up with a GPA that leaves much to be desired.

And these are just the people that you'll find in the living rooms watching TV. House scholarship chairmen used to bemoan the fact that these "borderline cases" would take off for a movie at the drop of one of those proverbial hats. Now they don't even have to leave the house—just go downstairs and watch the TV set.

Don't get us wrong. We think TV is the coming media. It has a great future and great possibilities. But we question its value to a campus living organization. And we hope that those houses installing sets will consider that bad aspect of the baby media as well as the advantages of owning a set.

We're afraid it'll show in their grades if they don't.—(J. W.)

Footnotes . . .

It's always good to get back to campus at the beginning of each term to see the old familiar faces and drink the old familiar coffee, which the SU conveniently warms over from what was left the preceding term. If their final week free coffee doesn't move, they can always reheat it and sell it the next term.

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We've heard it said that there are a few curs enrolled at Oregon, but Monday both Snowbelle and Jim Dandy, campus mascots, joined the registration lines in the Student Union ballroom. Wonder if they are officially enrolled in the UO student body.

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Who is the mysterious person who studies so late at night in Deady hall? Light is on almost each night in one of the windows of top floor room until even the Emerald is locked up.

U. N. Chief's Mission May Alter Red Policy

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The fate of Dag Hammarskjold's mission to Peiping probably will illuminate to some extent the future of Red China's policies.

If the U. N. secretary general succeeds in producing the promise that American fliers imprisoned by Red China as spies will be released, it will surely mean that Peiping is of a mind to make a big play for United Nations recognition.

Such a gesture would be considered by the neutralist world to be highly conciliatory and to bolster Peiping's claims to U. N. membership. However, the move would lose its value if Peiping should continue its noisy saberrattling over the Formosa issue.

The Red Chinese regime is totalitarian and thus has a flexibility in maneuvering. With such flexibility at its command, Peiping would gravely disappoint the Indians and others of the world's neutralists if it continued to threaten the peace of Asia by words and deeds.

Such a course could only be looked upon as the willing surrender by Red China of a golden opportunity to push her claim to U. N. membership.

Thus, if the Americans are to be released, the move must be followed up by other Peiping gestures which would nail down the benefits thus acquired in the influencing of world opinion.

India's Prime Minister Nehru, so, seems to be reasoning along such lines. Here, to the Indian way of thinking, might be a chance to achieve something significant in the quest for peace, a chance which should not be bootied by Peiping.

If Nehru seems to be sulking at Hammarskjold's mission, it may be that he thinks the secretary general should offer some lure to Peiping to make the wanted gesture more attractive.

Yet the release of the Americans itself in the present circumstances has many attractive prospects for the Red Chinese. To the Indians it might seem incredible that Peiping could overlook such an opportunity to make powerful propaganda.

Surely, the Indians may reflect, a gesture by Peiping now would make it extremely difficult for the United States, short of using its veto power, to keep Red China out of the United Nations.

Peiping has had things pretty much its own way on this issue, which now reaches a climax with the arrival of the world organization's representative, hat in hand, to plead for release of the Americans. Peiping has made face.

The cool reception apparently given Hammarskjold in China, plus the background music supplied by Moscow in advertising its faith in the Chinese spy charges against the Americans, both can be part of the window dressing toward making the gesture look magnanimous.

If there is no Peiping response to the plea, then neutralist leaders can only reckon that the Red Chinese are not too interested in recognition by the U. N.

If that should turn out to be so, Asians would be more nervous than ever and much of the blame would rub off on Peiping. From a standpoint of logic, therefore, it would seem the chances for release of the Americans were rather good. The cost would still be high.

Just Like Them



"Well—I guess the reason I talk so much is because it doesn't require any thought."



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