

ASUO Plans Curriculum Proposals...

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much length in the Committee but they are still undecided on exactly what kind of a proposal they want to make in this area.

There are several possibilities. The student could pick any course outside his major to be graded pass or fail, limited by a University regulation that allows a student to take no more than 36 hours of his first 186 hours (the amount needed to graduate) in classes where no letter grades are given.

Or certain courses could be designated as ungraded for all students. Or for non-majors.

This raises the question of which classes. The idea behind

pass or fail classes is to encourage juniors and seniors to take non-major courses they might normally shy away from because it might hurt their GPA and to take the grade pressure off freshmen and sophomore students who are required to take many courses outside their majors. Ungraded lower division classes would take of the latter group but not the first.

Lower Division Classes

It has been also suggested that only lower division group requirements classes be ungraded.

The committee has decided these classes will be pass or fail, not pass or no-pass. That means that if a student fails the

class it affects his grade point average. The Committee feels this will justify giving a pass for any grade which would normally be a D or better.

The Committee is also unsure of whether to get that 36-hour limit lowered at the same time.

Changing the last day to drop classes. This is presently about three weeks after the start of the term—in other words, before mid-term. At one time it was 30 days before finals and the Committee is considering moving it back until after mid-term. Some faculty members ob-

ject, however, that students shouldn't be allowed to drop a class because they might fail it.

Changing from a three-hour to a five-hour course base. This would mean most students would take three five-hour classes instead of five three-hour classes.

This has been done on many other campuses. It would be one of the most fundamental changes the ASUO Committee is trying for. It will probably have to be done piecemeal, tried in a few departments before the entire University switches over to it, and will probably take several years to accomplish.

An academic appeals board. This would allow students who feel they have been dealt with unjustly to appeal to a faculty committee. "This probably applies to only 10 or 12 students a year," says Goldschmidt, but he still thinks it's worth developing a system. At present students can only appeal to the faculty member and then ask the head of the department to intervene. Most cases will stop there anyway, according to the Curriculum Committee, but there are a few who still feel they aren't treated fairly. They have no further appeal.

Examine Appeal

What the Committee will probably do is set up a committee of graduate students that will examine each appeal and make a recommendation to a faculty committee that will have the final authority. That committee will

probably consist of three standing members plus two professors from the department involved in each individual case. They would have the power to change the grade.

This proposal is still in the early stages. The Committee must still decide what a student should have to prove in order to demonstrate that he was treated unfairly.

There is also the question, which the faculty will surely raise, about whether this interferes with academic freedom.

Individual course changes. Several of these are in the works. They include some new classes and some changes in the present curriculum.

ROTC Staff Sergeant Assigned to Thailand

Staff Sergeant Lewis Turner, a member of the Air Force ROTC detachment, has been assigned to Bangkok, Thailand.

Turner will be leaving the campus after spending eight and a half years on the AFROTC staff as the training NCO for the Cadet Group. While in Thailand he will be working in personnel.

Oregon Daily Emerald

The Oregon Daily Emerald is published five times in September and five days a week during the academic year, except during examination periods, by the Student Publications Board of the University of Oregon.

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Faculty, Dads to Discuss Current Interest Topics

Dads and University faculty members will be provided with the opportunity to discuss topics of current interest Saturday morning of Dads' Day.

Nine discussion groups will be open to dads and University faculty in the Student Union beginning at 9 a.m.

Discussion topics and rooms follow: "The Changing Academic Community"—Rm. 108; "The Quality of Undergraduate Teaching"—Rm. 109; "Academic Freedom—and Responsibility"—Rm. 110; "Student Life, Its Stresses, Strains, Benefits"—Rm. 111; "Financing University Education: Institutional, Personal"—Rm. 334; "The Changing Role of Fraternities and Sororities"—Rm. 315; "The University's Role and Responsibility with Respect to Morals, Conduct, Manners—The Quality of Life in the University Community"—Rm. 101; "The University of Oregon in 1971"—Rm. 333;

"Intercollegiate Athletics—Meet the Coaches"—Rm. 214.

The discussion groups, scheduled to end at 10:50 a.m., are to be followed by election of Dads' Club officers and reports of conclusions reached in the discussion groups, at a general meeting in 101 SU.

A "no host" breakfast will be available to dads beginning at 7:30 a.m. in the SU dining room. Dads may take their breakfast to a discussion room and eat while taking part in a discussion.

No advance reservation is needed for the Saturday morning breakfast.

Rhodesia Crisis Browsing Topic

"Southern Rhodesia: Background to Crisis" will be the topic of discussion in the Browsing Room Wednesday.

Prof. William J. Talbot, University of Cape Town, South Africa, will lecture and show slides at the 7:30 p.m. program.

Now chairman of the department of geography at the University of Cape Town, Talbot has been a member of the Association of American Geographers since 1957; he has belonged to The Society For Teaching Geography since 1959, and was elected an honorary life member in 1964.

Member of the South African Geographical Society since 1950, he has served as president and vice president of the organization.

Talbot, in preparation with his wife as a collaborator, has written "Changes in land utilization in the Western Cape Province, 1943-1963—a memoir to be submitted for publication by The World Land Use Survey," and "Maps and Texts for The South African section of the World Atlas of Agriculture, edited by Prof. C. Vanzetti—University of Padua."

Talbot has also written chapters on "Africa" for numerous United States textbooks, made atlases of The Union of South Africa, and written numerous articles for scholarly journals.

Discussion leader for the program will be Edward T. Price, head of the department of geography at the University.

Film to Show Pollution Of Historic U.S. River

A famous American river degraded by pollution will be seen in a color film, "Teamwork on the Potomac," at the University today.

The film, produced by the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin in Washington, D.C., can be seen by the public at 8 p.m. in the SU.

"Teamwork on the Potomac" shows the historic river at its worst and describes the difficult climb towards restoration.

The film is the third in a series of programs on pollution sponsored by the Student Union Board and Recreation Council.

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Audiences Asked For Poetry Show

Kester Svendsen, head of the University Department of English, is on television on "The Poet's Eye" program at the University.

Svendsen's show is telecast at 9 p.m. on alternate Thursdays over state educational television stations, KOAC-TV (Channel 7) Corvallis, and KOAP-TV (Channel 10) Portland. The program originates on the University campus.

Audiences are invited to be present at the telecasts in the studio on the third floor of Villard Hall. However, they must be in the studio by 8:30 p.m. before the program goes on the air.

Since there is limited space in the studio, those wishing to be in the audience are asked to telephone for reservations, which will be made on a first-call basis. Call the Director of Broadcast Services ext. 2411.

Greeks, Dorms to Vie In UO College Bowl

Dymet Hall will team up with Zeta Tau Alpha in another first round match against Chi Phi and Thornton Hall on University College Bowl today.

The match is scheduled for 9 p.m. on channel 3 in the dorms and channel 11 on television sets equipped with the ABAR cable. The public is also invited to watch the program live in the studio on the third floor of Villard Hall.

Briefing to Examine Democracy in Nigeria

"Political change in Nigeria... Has democracy failed?" is the title of today's briefing to be held in the World Affairs Briefing Center at 4 p.m. today. Sponsored by the University African Student Association, the program will be given by a panel of two African students. Longinus Iwu and Samuel Falegan. The briefing center is in the basement of the SU near the Bottom-of-the-Bowl.

Regent to Discuss Catholic Theology

Father Kevin Wall, O.P., pro-vice Regent of studies of the Dominican Student of St. Albert the Great in Oakland, Calif., will speak at 8 p.m. today in 204 Chapman Hall on "Directions in Contemporary Catholic Theology."

The speech is part of the round-table discussions sponsored by the Religious Directors Association.

Fr. Wall will speak about some of the theologians who have had the greatest impact on Vatican II and the life and thinking in the Church today.

Fr. Wall is also a professor of Catholic Theology at the Graduate Theological Union at the University of California.

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