

Switch to semester system prompts student survey

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SALEM — The Student University Affairs Board (SUAB) moved 10 to 1 to sponsor a statistical survey of University students to test their reaction to switching to a two-semester calendar system when it met Wednesday afternoon.

Speaking for the proposal, SUAB Chairer Andrea Gellatly said evidence collected from the survey could be used later even if University Pres. William Boyd didn't wish to switch to semesters now.

The General Faculty voted 65-63 at its last meeting to recommend that Boyd

make the change at the earliest convenient time. Several SUAB members suggested the closeness of the faculty vote would probably mean that Boyd would not go ahead with the proposal.

"We have no assurance that Boyd won't go ahead with the semester plan," said Gellatly. "This may be our last chance to have some student input in the matter." Gellatly said she believes students oppose semesters and noted that if students don't speak now, a decision to change to semesters could be made in their absence during the Summer.

"Even if that doesn't happen it would be nice to have some hard data saying

this is the way students feel," said Gellatly. "We already have money for the survey allotted in our budget under special projects. That shouldn't be a factor in the decision," she added.

Cost of the survey was estimated at \$200.

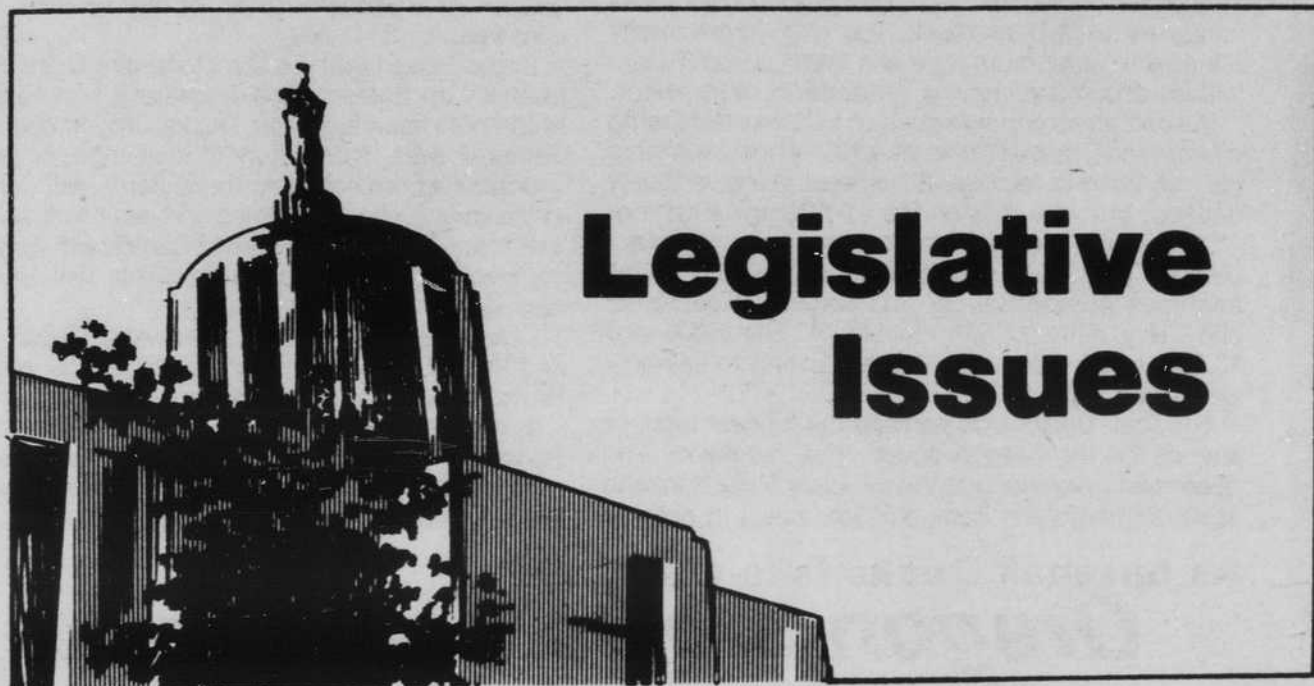
Kim Defenderfer, representing business administration, opposed holding the survey, saying no one knew whether Boyd would recommend a change to semesters considering the close faculty vote. "Until we find that out I don't think we should spend the money," he said.

Nominations for next year's SUAB chairer were also made at the meeting, though the final vote on them was de-

layed until next Wednesday. Representatives Cathy Tearnen, psychology, Dino Cooper, education and library, and Jeannette Bunch, history and political science, were nominated.

SUAB chairer receives a \$95 monthly stipend and is responsible for calling and organizing meetings, presenting and monitoring the SUAB budget and assisting new members. The chairer also must hold 10 office hours per week in the SUAB office, EMU Suite 4.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to informing new members about student issues now before the SUAB and General Faculty. Five of the seven newly elected members attended.



Legislative Issues

Senate votes unit pricing

SALEM — The Senate voted 25-4 Thursday to accept a bill which would call for mandatory unit pricing in Oregon grocery stores.

The bill, HB-2242, requires grocery stores grossing \$1.5 million or more annually and stores affiliated with a food store chain to mark the price per unit of weight or measurement on or near the product.

Passed by the House in a 36-23 vote last month, the bill will become effective March 1, 1978 if signed by the Governor.

Gov. Straub has already indicated he will sign the bill. Oregon will become the 11th state to adopt a unit pricing law when he signs the bill.

Sen. Mary Roberts, D-Portland, told the Senators that the bill

would save consumers about \$30 million over a five-year period. "The true cost of food is what we're talking about," she said. "We're trying to help the consumer make a wise choice."

Sen. Walt Brown, D-Lake Oswego, also supported the bill on the Senate floor. "Grocers now accept a large amount of goods in odd weights," he said. "That makes it difficult for the consumer to know what he's paying per pound."

In other action, the Senate passed a bill which would ban the use of plastic rings to hold metal beverage containers together. The bill, HB-2539, is geared toward preventing litter. Plastic rings are now commonly used to hold six packs of beer and soft drinks containers together.

Evaluations

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cause it might come to a different conclusion on a newly proposed two-part evaluation form.

As proposed in the House Education Committee's amendments to HB-2702, the two-part evaluation form calls for one portion to be released to students and one portion to be placed in faculty members' private files. It was proposed in response to faculty members' objections to releasing material in their private files.

"This (the two-part form) is a totally new proposal," said Nelson. "It is not clear to me how the Board would respond if this proposal were put before it."

But Bernau contended the Board will still refuse to release the evaluation because the two-part evaluation form would still be considered a "personal record," since it is a measure of employment performance.

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State estimates child care cost at \$800 million

SALEM (AP) — It would cost \$800 million a year to provide state-subsidized day care to all Oregon children under 12, State Children's Services Division officials said Thursday.

The prediction came during testimony before a ways and means subcommittee on SB928 and SJR48, which would give all parents the right to day care, even if the state has to pay for it.

Rocky King, manager of day care programs for the children's services division, said the estimate was based on 427,000 children under 12 years old.

Assuming an average yearly day care cost of \$1,900 a child, he said, it would cost \$80 million a year even if 10 per cent of the children were placed in state-subsidized day care.

The division's proposed 1977-79 budget calls for spending of \$8 million a year on day care. The state gives day care subsidies only in cases where a single parent is in a low-paying job or in a job-training educational program.

"All day care is paid for by the public," said J.N. Peet, administrator of the children's services division. "Those who can afford it are paying for those who can't. We might as well have it for all children since the money comes from the same source."

Kay Sohl and Phillipa Harrison of the Oregon Council for Women's Equality said they were not proposing governmental day care.

The \$800 million estimate was too high, they said, because parents who could afford to pay part of their day care costs would be required to do so.

Another bill heard by the sub-committee, HB2459, would appropriate \$3.6 million to fund day care for low-income students.

Led by legislators from Eugene and members of the Oregon Student Lobby, the bill's supporters said day care costs deprive single or married students with children the chance to go to school and increase their job skill.

campus hearing Tuesday

The Joint Ways and Means Education sub-committee will hold a hearing at the University Tuesday on tuition, financial aid to middle-income students, the funding of minor sports, faculty salary adjustments and other higher education related issues. Sponsored by the ASUO, the hearing will be held from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at a room to be announced in the EMU.

The Annual Undergraduate Art Show

May 16, 17, 18
12-4 pm 167 EMU

The Following Guidelines Should Be Followed When Submitting A Work:

1. Each artist may submit a total of two works. They may be drawings, photographs, paintings or self-standing sculpture. All pieces must be properly mounted, and 2-dimensional works no larger than 4' x 4'.

2. Each entry must have an entry card and jury card filled out; the entry card must be returned to the Forum by May 13 (Friday). Jury cards should be attached to the works. Cards are available in Suite 2, EMU.

3. Pieces must be brought to Room 167 EMU between 12 & 1 pm Sunday, May 15. The works will be juried and rejected works should be picked up between 5 & 6 pm Sunday.

4. The pieces may be picked up after the show on Thursday morning, May 19, between 10 & 12 p.m.

But Dick Fehnel, a University CSPA professor, cited an article in the Journal of Higher Education that said no relationship exists between grades students receive and the evaluations they give their teachers.

On the cost issue, Garrett said that the program would cost nothing, if the two-part questionnaire was put on one computer form.

However, Dave Nicodemis, Oregon State Dean of Faculty, said that hiring at least two persons to supervise the evaluations program could cost \$60,000.

"I ask my son who is a student if he'd rather see that money spent on faculty evaluations or more library services," said Nicodemis. "He said, 'library books.'"

At this point the Committee seems undecided on the bill. They will probably schedule a work session on it sometime this month.