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MARKING TIME

After waiting patiently for two months, we learned that the possibility of installing a 7-hour class as a part of a general two-hour recreation period is very bright from the scheduling standpoint. After recent sentiment swung so strongly in favor of the move this fall this is all the more disappointing. However, the survey of the scheduling officer does not necessarily mean that the plan should be discarded on that no progress can be made next semester.

In his report, Mr. Bissey declares that the plan might be practical for the Schools of Education, Liberal Arts, and Physical Education and Athletics. He also believes that eventually the majority of scheduling problems can be solved for the majority of schools and courses but that some curricula can never be made adaptable.

If a gradual process is found to be the only way by which we can hope to introduce the recreation plan, no time should be lost in taking the initial steps. If the three schools named present fertile ground for the plan to take root in, why not begin with them? And there is no reason why as many 4 o'clocks as possible could not be dropped from all curricula when schedules are determined for September classes. It would be unfortunate that such a good proposition should die the conventional death of many good propositions suggested here—that of being pleasantly pigeon-holed.

OPEN SEASON ON PROFESSORS

At least once a year some institution of learning announces a "radical" change in its educational system. If we hear about it and feel in the mood, we usually comment favorably on the change and complacently hail it as an "example illustrating the trend of the times." This satisfies us and impresses no one. The institution which has made the change goes ahead with its program with little intervention and interest from the outside.

Several bills now up for consideration in the Oklahoma legislature fill us with consternation, however. If they are passed we will be the first to contribute to a tombstone fund for defunct educational brain-children in one of the nation's youngest states. The bills which will affect Oklahoma university and Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical college contain the following items:

All professors in state schools will teach in the class room six hours a day for six days a week. We haven't been able to find out if they will be paid by the hour or if they will be allowed the laborer's usual half-hour for lunch. Another bill, if passed, will remove all freshmen and sophomore students to junior colleges and teachers' colleges. By these two strokes of pen one-third of the professors will be eliminated by means of the thirty-six hour class room week program, and another third will be eliminated by removal of the underclasses. The "lucky" one-third remaining will be permitted to die peacefully, we believe. We were wrong. Another bill provides for a general reduction of professors' salaries and a tax of five percent on \$2,400 jobs and ten percent on the \$3,600 ones. They plan to "lay off" that last one-third to death.

If the purpose of the bills is to exterminate the species professorium as quickly as possible, we suggest an open season. Hunters would come from afar if attractive bounties were fixed in a sporting manner. For instance, a doctor of philosophy would bring a nice sum when bagged. An A. B. would net a smaller amount.

Well, that may be one kind of educational wrinkle. We hesitate to say what kind as we might shock the limotype operator who sets this up. We hope there's no chance of these bills passing the Oklahoma legislature. If they do, we'll never satisfy a desire to visit that state as they might mistake our stride for a professional shuffle and shoot us on sight.

TIGHTENING DOWN

Student Tribunal, whose activities of late have been seriously curtailed by lack of student interest, took a deep breath Wednesday night, and plunged into the business of imposing penalties on wayward members of the student body.

It is not, however, the fault of Tribunal that it has had little excuse to meet. At one time in the history of the College, freshmen had a well-founded horror of walking on the grass, sophomores actually wore some kind of head covering, and nobody thought of wearing our handsome R. O. T. C. uniforms without the regulation cap. But respect for such rules is fast becoming a tradition to look back upon and sigh over. The Tribunal cannot be censured for lack of interest on the part of the students as a whole.

While customs remain the governing code here, Tribunal should be given the opportunity to make use of its power of enforcement. The meetings should not become merely spasmodic outbursts of retribution. And while we were at first somewhat skeptical of the promise of the Divids to enforce customs rigidly, their actions so far indicate that they mean business. It is hoped that they continue to act in such a way as to bring the fear of Tribunal into the hearts of the wayward.

THE LION'S DEN

BY DANIEL

Discovered!

Snooping around in the Fresh waste-baskets the other day, we ran across an interesting item. It seems as though those so-called "funny men" are going to run an old-time "bulletin" number. Probably they intended to satirize us, but we fooled them. We're imitable like Fanny Brice. This half-column is given just as we picked it up, and it is, indeed, mighty flat-tering.

"The Lion's Den by Spaniel"

Over in one of the freshmen architecture classes, the prof asked a student what a Greek column looked like. The fresh replied that it was the chatter put out by Spaniel, because it was all Greek to him.

What with all the excavation and boom-booming going on around the College lately, we're going to write a story entitled, "All Riot on the Campus Front"

This Week's Worst Pun
People who live in grass houses should not throw hot parties

A Sob Story
A little kid riding in one of these new busses, went up to the driver and asked for his money back. The driver wanted to know what was wrong. The kid replied, "It's so lonely in here I'm scared." On further questioning the driver broke down and confessed he felt the same way, but somebody had to use up the gasoline.

Someday, if asked, Daniel might give them an example of clever writing.

Our "May Queen" Movement.

Because of numerous requests, Daniel now wants to make it clear that he really is a candidate for May Queen. Many of our admirers have written in asking us if we have any real qualifications for the post of "pole." Of course, we don't want to brag, but then...

Pacifists, Attention
Fraternity Fried, the confirmed pacifist, says he felt like a hypocrite the other night at Military Ball.

Due to Comp 1.
My theme, dear children, is today that due is not a preposition. A matter of indifference? Nay! Nay! for serious disquisition.

Then due may also be a noun—That which is due—when a fighter receives a short left to the jaw, He gets his due, he should guard tonight.

You may use due in many ways. But mark, I beg, this prohibition—While adverb, adjective, and noun, Due never is a preposition.

If I should die before my time Post-mortum will show this condition. Yrit in red ink across my brain. The words, "due is no preposition"

And now A-due

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DIFFICULTIES FACE 7-HOUR SCHEDULE

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of men which must be handled by an instructor in different laboratory and recreation courses. Finally, in a curriculum where a student has a wide range of elective courses, the elimination of a 4 o'clock hour, would limit his choice by causing more conflicts in those courses.

Mr. Bissey is submitting blank scheduling forms for next semester to all department heads. These forms, when filled out and returned, will give him an idea of the main problems to be overcome before the 7-hour day plan can be adopted. He plans to assemble these difficulties, work out solutions for them if possible, and submit a report to Director Hugo Bezelok, of the School of Physical Education and Athletics.

TO HOLD HORTICULTURE WEEK

Announcement of the seventh annual Horticulture week, to be held here, Wednesday to Saturday, has been made by Dr. Stevenson W. Fletcher, department head. Laboratory studies and round table discussions will feature the conference work.

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LAST 2 YEARS OF NEW CURRICULUM RELEASED

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Physical Education Society were other means used by Director Bezelok in order to select the courses of study for the School.

As the weekly engineering lecturer, Mr. William H. Gravell, consulting engineer of Philadelphia, will speak on "Some Engineering features of the Department of Justice Building in Washington, D. C." before senior en-

gineers in Chemistry amphitheatre at 1.10 o'clock today. Mr. Gravell was the architect in charge of construction on the \$8,600,000 building about which he will speak. He was also designer of the Palestine for the University of Pennsylvania and of the Detroit Museum.

ARCHITECT TO TALK BEFORE SENIOR ENGINEERS TODAY

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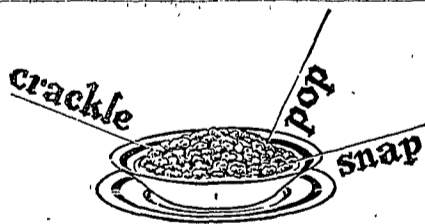
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