

Questionnaires Show Faculty Divided Thompson to Remain On Merits of New Four-Term Plan As Men's Dormitory

Faculty opinion appears to be almost evenly divided on the worth of the new four-term plan, according to results of a survey taken by The Daily Collegian.

Returns from approximately 100 questionnaires show widely diverging views on such subjects as quality of the courses, "breaks," teaching plans, final exams and grading.

Approximately 20% of the faculty members polled felt that the quality or breadth

Director of Housing Otto E. Mueller said yesterday that Thompson Hall will probably remain a men's residence hall despite a request by the West Halls Men's Area Council.

The council voted, at its meeting Monday night, to ask that Thompson Hall be made a women's residence hall so

(that the present West Halls Community ratio of three men to one woman would become a one to one ratio.

Mueller said that this would not be feasible because of the difficulties it would cause in the overall housing plans for the University.

Mueller said, however, that Runkle Hall would be a women's residence hall next September. Runkle, which can accommodate 287 students, would thus become the first women's hall in North Halls which is now an all-male community with over 1100 students.

Mueller added that the new East Halls dormitories, which will house 1050 students when they open in September will have a one to one ratio of men and women.

A spokesman for the West Halls Council said that, with the community's present three to one ratio, the girls are a "little shy" in participating in area social activities because they are usually outnumbered.

The council plans to make its request in a letter to Dean of Women Dorothy J. Lipp. Miss Lipp said that she was not able to make any statement on the matter at the present time.

Mountan To Resign Post As Dean

The dean of women's office announced yesterday the resignation of Mrs. Norma M. Mountan, assistant to the dean of women. Mrs. Mountan gave her husband's transfer to a different job in Pittsburgh as the reason for leaving.

Mrs. Mountan has served in her present position since September, 1959. As assistant to the dean of women she was in charge of Panhellenic affairs, women's honorary societies, the summer pre-orientation program, women's student loans and student recommendations for job placement and transfer to other colleges. She has also served on the Orientation Committee and the Manual on Procedures Committee.

Mrs. Mountan, originally from Grove City has been at the University since 1953 when she enrolled as a freshman. She graduated with a bachelor of science degree in 1957 and earned her masters in education in 1959.

She did part time secretarial work in the summer sessions department and the College of Home Economics as an undergraduate and later worked in the Division of Counseling office.

"The opportunity afforded me by Dean Lipp to be a part of her staff at the University will always be one of the highlights of my life," Mrs. Mountan said. She added that she hoped she would be able to derive as much enjoyment and satisfaction from endeavors she might undertake in the future.

Mrs. Mountan said she planned to "retire into housekeeping" and that she had no plans at present to continue in the same type of work she has done here.

of course material will be improved by the change. Thirty four per cent foresaw a change for the worse while 46 per cent felt that there would be no change in course quality.

Most students probably will have to sit through the entire 75 minute class period as only 24 per cent of the professors questioned indicated they planned to allow for a break. Fifty-five per cent were definitely opposed to a break and 31 per cent were unsure. One professor said he would allow his classes to vote on a 10-minute break.

Answers to how many terms the professors intend to teach ranged from "as many as possible" to "as few as possible." Most professors—60 per cent—said they intended to teach only three terms each year. About 28 per cent plan to teach all four terms while two per cent were unsure. One solution was offered by a professor who plans to take every other summer off.

Opinion was especially evenly divided on the subjects of final exams. The majority—53 per cent—of those polled opposed the administration of exams during the last class period.

Most opponents of the plan felt that the exams would be shorter and less comprehensive, as well as more difficult for student studying, than under the present system. One professor summed the whole thing up in his own two words, "It stinks!"

Forty-one per cent either favored this kind of exam or felt the difficulties encountered would be negligible.

Only 22 per cent of the returns showed professors plan to change the type of final they give. The other 78 per cent plan to continue with the same type of finals. One professor said that he intends to take up two class periods in administering his final exam.

Most of the professors seemed to agree with the philosophic comment added to one questionnaire, "... good students will still get good grades and poor ones poor grades and that's the way the cookie crumbles."

Warmth, Kindness Aid Injured Family

By LYNNE CEREFICE

It was a cold night just five days before Christmas near the small town of Marion, Virginia. The road was icy and traces of the recent snowstorm still remained.

Sam and Myrna Zamrick, a University couple, and their two small children, were driving home to Jacksonville, Texas, for the holidays.

Mrs. Zamrick had relieved her husband at the wheel; he and the children were asleep. It was very dark and the road was deserted.

In the next instant, the car went into a skid, overturned and plunged over a 20-ft. cliff into the Holston River.

Zamrick, a graduate assistant in mechanical engineering, said he and his little girl, Jamila, 4 years old, escaped the wreckage with only minor cuts and bruises. He explained that his son, Sammy, Jr., 18 months old, had been tossed out on the highway above and suffered a fractured skull.

But, Mrs. Zamrick, he said, was trapped in the car seriously hurt. "When I pulled her from the water she was almost dead," he said. "But what happened next was amazing!"

Zamrick said he carried his wife up to the highway, and suddenly out of nowhere, an ambulance appeared on the scene.

"It was like a miracle," Zamrick said.

He soon learned that the

ambulance had been sent by a family living across the river who had heard the crash and assumed there was an accident.

So began a fantastic campaign of kindness and generosity.

First, Mrs. Zamrick, who was taken 120 miles to the Roanoke Memorial Hospital, was greeted on her arrival by three specialists who immediately performed a nine hour operation to save her life. The surgeons were summoned as a result of a phone call from the local Marion Hospital.

Mrs. Zamrick, who suffered head lacerations, fractures to both arms and a fractured collarbone, is recovering nicely, Zamrick said.

In the days that followed, Zamrick and the children, received calls and visits from residents while they were in the hospital.

"They told me that they had recovered all our clothes from the river and that everything had been cleaned and mended. They refused to accept any payment," he said.

The Zamrick children also received letters and presents from children all over the country wishing them well.

In addition, a tree was set up in their room for Christmas, and they were given a party by the Roanoke Red Cross, the hospital staff and the people of Roanoke, Zamrick said.

Also, from their home town of Jacksonville, Texas, the Zamricks received an offer of a privately owned chartered plane to carry Mrs. Zamrick home when she is released from the hospital.

Aid for Future Grad-Students Now Available for Next Fall

Seniors considering graduate studies and wanting financial aid in graduate school for the fall term, 1961, should act now.

Most universities set February 15 or March 1 as their closing deadline for applications for fellowships, scholarships and assistantships.

The deadline for many financial aids such as the National Science Foundation Awards and the Woodrow Wilson Fellowships have closed for 1961-62. As many of these deadlines are in October or November it is not too early for juniors to start thinking about which ones they wish to apply for.

Further information for prospective graduate students may be

obtained in the reception room of the Graduate School Office Suite, 103-107 Willard.

Information regarding special types of aid for special groups of students or for study in special areas is posted on the Graduate School bulletin board in the front hall on the first floor of Willard.

Leonides, TIM Will Host Banquet

Leonides and the Town Independent Men's Council will sponsor the Las Vegas Banquet for all dealers and assistants from Las Vegas Night at 7 tonight at the Autoport restaurant.

All eligible persons may sign up for the dinner in the TIM office, 203 HUB.

Cars will leave S. Garner St., in front of the Copper Kitchen, at 6:30 p.m. Anyone who can drive, or who needs a ride, should be there at that time.

Yeaton Authors Article

Kelly Yeaton, associate professor of theatre arts, is the author of an article on theatrical make-up technique published in the December issue of "Dramatics."

Illustrated with photographs, the article is titled, "A Latex Skin for Old-Age."

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Soc Prof Writes Article

Dr. George A. Theodorson, assistant professor of sociology, is the author of an article, "Change and Traditionalism in the American Family: Part I of a Comparative Study of the Indian and American Family," published in the Journal of Social Research (India).



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