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## Change to the Quarter System?

Just before the war, the discussion-of-the-moment on our university's campus was whether or not to abandon attendance on the semester basis and adopt a school year based on the quarterly system. But addition of the 12-week summer school at that time seemed to forestall any definite plan favoring the three-month quarters.

The days of hurrying and cramming one's education down one's throat are now over, and features of school on the quarter basis designed for preparing students for war-time activities are no longer necessary. But plenty of other reasons still exist as to the validity of dumping the semester system for once and for all.

To begin with, a student at this university desiring to transfer to one using the quarter system will find it much easier to arrange his credits to the new university's satisfaction. Twice as many institutions in the West are on the quarter system rather than on the semester basis.

On the other hand, college students from other states would find much less red tape and possible loss of credits in transferring to Idaho if this university were on the quarterly system.

Other arguments in favor of the change are these: (1) The finals would be over and done with before the vacations and students travelling home for Christmas and Easter would find life at home more enjoyable than if they had worried minds and guilty consciences.

(2) It would be simpler to graduate in three years for students eager to be breadwinners or housewives.

(3) Seniors failing to pass certain courses during the spring would not find it necessary to wait until the following year to make up their work.

Most courses could be effectively changed and offered on the quarter system without any actual loss of educational worth or value. Mathematics and most lecture courses could easily be divided into three quarters.

However, operation on the quarter system would undoubtedly be costlier than it is at present. Operation of the registrar's office alone would increase an estimated 20 or 30 per cent, due to the additional grade recordings to be entered. This would mean a jump of two or three thousand dollars a year in the costs of this office.

One point in favor of the quarter system over the semester system is easy to overlook, nevertheless many students will consider it vital and extremely important. The nine-week tests will be tossed down the drain! Only three exhaustive and comprehensive tests a year instead of four exhaustive and comprehensive tests. That fact in itself, we think, is enough to recommend an immediate switch to the quarter system.

—S.H.G.

## TIPS FOR VETS

By GEORGE

A survey is being conducted of one-third of the veterans enrolled here at the U. of I. which will provide the university and the Veterans Administration with current data on how much it is costing veterans to attend college. When first information appeared on this project a few optimists took it as a possible preliminary to increasing subsistence payments in the future. The office of veterans counselor made it very clear that when a veteran receives one of these questionnaires it should not be interpreted as a possibility of increased subsistence.

The survey, as announced by C. O. Decker, veterans counselor, is to be conducted from a cross-section of veterans. It is to be detailed and will include every item to which veterans pay out money every month. The main reason for wanting this information is to provide the university and the VA with valid answers to the many questions they receive as to what it is costing a veteran (either single or married) to attend the university. As soon as this data is compiled it will be provided to service organizations on request.

Any vet who still have pay coming for last month or who have any back pay at all coming are requested by the VA to drop into the Guidance Center and report to them. The regular monthly report is supposed to be in by the fifth of every month; however, it will not be too late to report today (December 6) and have your name sent in to Boise.

Paul, Gentle, new manager of the VA sub-regional office, has set up temporary headquarters in the City Hall. All of the department heads are here and they will move into their new building in Moscow within the next two weeks.

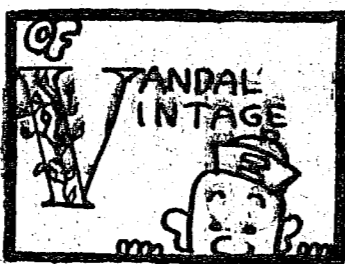
## Coal Shortage Cancels Jamboree

Effects of the coal shortage reached down as far as high school basketball yesterday by forcing the cancellation of the Bi-State Jamboree which was to be held in the Memorial gymnasium on December 14.

University officials could not guarantee that the building would be heated on the scheduled night

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## A Look Into The Future-- Martians Appear In Town

The Martian rocket-ship glided softly down on the hardened lava that covered the former thriving little city of Moscow, Idaho. Captain Yuiop was the first to disembark; he carefully wiped his glasses, unholstered his Buck Rogers gun, and gazed at the ruined terrain.

His co-pilot joined him. "We've searched the entire Earth for the last ten years for some vestige of information about the Beings who used to inhabit this planet. These five square miles are the last."

"Yes," agreed Captain Yuiop. "If we can't find any information about the Beings here, we will never know what kind of life existed on Earth before the atomic flash was recorded."

The two Martians proceeded to poke about the lava and dust. The Captain worked slowly and cautiously—he had no hopes of ever finding a key to the perplexing problem that had all Mars worried. The co-pilot was on his first mission to the dead planet, and he dug furiously with his shovel and crowbar.

Suddenly the co-pilot grabbed the Captain's arm and screamed, pointing to a little red book lodged between two pieces of granite. The Captain sank to his knees and prayed to his Gods. Then they eagerly, but carefully opened the book.

"Every page but one was blank, as if a heavy searing force had wiped away every bit of ink. The one page on which writing remained had been written with a pencil, and Captain Yuiop (whose mind was as intelligent as his patience was enduring) quickly coded the writing into a key for understanding the language.

His lips formed the words as he read: "Notes for Vandal Vintage, by E. . . (but the rest of the name had been blotted out).

The co-pilot listened as he had never listened before to his superior officer's words. The Martian Captain continued.

"Date, December 2, 1946. Delta Tau leading dog on leash. Might be O.K. Not much point to it, though. Wonder why he suddenly developed such an interest in canines?"

The Captain frowned. This didn't help at all, but perhaps a later perusal of the paragraph would be of some significance to the council of professors back at local beau and proceeded to get married. The Sig Chi's are now waging an intense campaign directed at discouraging all possible suitors of their potential sweethearts. So if you gals hear any nasty rumors about yourselves, you will know why and where they come from.

## Red Literature Is Worth Money If Found

One university professor will need a salary raise for sure if the Argonaut columnist, George, is correct in statements published last issue under his "Tips for Vets" heading.

Robert E. Hosack, professor in political science, wrote a letter to the student newspaper commenting upon the column and backing his knowledge of the situation with finances. The letter reads:

"Because of a professional interest in political affairs, I am very much interested to learn from Tips for Vets that possibly there is an 'organized communistic group on the campus.' If this allegation is true, it is significant.

"Since I do not know George, may I avail myself of the assistance of the Argonaut to offer him a dollar for any literature advocating Communism which has been distributed on this campus and for information leading to the discovery of those persons who know that it has been so distributed."

"We aren't communists, but with an offer like that we're kinda tempted to print up our own.

About 2700 children in the Pacific Northwest whose fathers died in World War II service receive compensation from the Veterans Administration.

## Students Receive Scholarship

Two scholarships, offered annually by the Statesman newspapers of Boise for the furtherance of journalism studies, were awarded recently at the university to Louise Schlegel and Joyce Hanson. Miss Schlegel received the \$100 senior award, and Miss Hanson the \$50 junior award.

Columbus' entire expedition probably cost about \$7,000.

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# Costume Dances Feature Of Pre-Christmas Week

If you are wondering just why the Jolly Roger is flying from the Delta Chi mast-head, it is because once again the Delta Chi house has been converted into a Pirate Ship in order to make ready for the annual Pirate's Dance being staged tonight.

The dance, a costume affair staged annually on the Idaho campus, was first held in November of 1932. It was originated by David Kendrick, now an instructor with the school of business administration, and Wilber Owings "Doc" Hogue, who is now with the Firestone company in Liberia.

The idea of the dance came about when Dave and Doc, during the depths of the depression, were forced to originate a costume dance that, for obvious reasons, would entail little cost for costumes. Though in those days the pirate costumes were somewhat scarce and inexpensive, tonight the Delta Chi buccaneers are offering a grand prize for the most elaborately costumed couple, and it is rumored that some spectacles are in store.

Meanwhile, women who date Tekes or SAEs will also don costumes Saturday evening to attend the Apache and Bowery dances. Both of these are traditional customs long looked forward to by men of the two groups. Delta Chi George Bellós, Robert Boyer and Bud Creighton were pledged this week.

Harry Hendren was a dinner guest Wednesday evening.

**Tau Kappa Epsilon**  
The patrons for the annual Apache dance this Saturday will be Professor George Herring, Mr. and Mrs. Russel Linstrom and Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Ingle. Music will be furnished by John Nelson of Coeur d'Alene.

**Sigma Nu**  
A fireside will be held Friday night. Open house will be held Saturday evening with dancing and bridge as the evening's entertainment. Pledge king John Caple is in charge of the evening's activities.

**Delta Tau Gamma**  
A business meeting was held at the Blue Bucket Inn Wednesday evening at which time plans were made for a Christmas party to be given by the freshmen. The same evening an exchange was held with Delta Chi.

**Campus Club**  
An exchange was held with women of Pi Beta Phi Wednesday evening. Charlotte Johnson from Ridenbaugh hall was a dinner guest Wednesday.

**Delta Tau Delta**  
A fireside will be held at the chapter house, Friday evening. Wednesday night an exchange was held with women of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

**Beta Theta Pi**  
Dr. G. Carlson from Lewiston was a dinner guest at the chapter house Monday evening. Thursday dinner guests were Dean Louise Carter, Dean and Mrs. Bert Lattig, and Keith Whiteman, Moscow.

**Idaho Club**  
Dinner guests during the Thanksgiving week-end included Edith Patrick from Emmett, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gabica.

**Phi Delta Theta**  
Dinner guests Monday evening were Judge I. E. McDougall and daughter, Amelia, of Pocatello. Wednesday dinner guests were Mrs. Roy Van Winkle, Lucile Thompson, Bettie Anne Chase and Betty West.

**Forney Hall**  
Wednesday night dinner guests were Jeanne Foster and Hazel Brodcord.

An exchange was held Wednesday night with men of Phi Gamma Delta.

**Alpha Chi Omega**  
A birthday party was held Wednesday evening in honor of Beverly Heinrich. The Moscow Al-

## Couples Reveal Engagements

Announcement was made last week of the engagement of Ethel Turnley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Turnley, Spokane, to Ernest Beal, son of Mr. R. W. Beal, Idaho Falls.

Miss Turnley is a graduate of John Rogers high school, Spokane. She is now attending the university and resides at Hays hall. Mr. Beal, a graduate of Idaho Falls high school, has just returned from two and one-half years of service in the navy. He formerly attended Willamette University and is now enrolled at the university here.

The wedding will take place in the early summer, and the couple will make their home in Idaho Falls. They plan to continue their studies here next fall.

**Bassett-Johnson**  
Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Bassett of Boise announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Marjorie, to Philip W. Johnson, of Waite Park, Minn., son of the Rev. and Mrs. Lorenzo Johnson. The wedding will take place December 21 in Boise.

Miss Bassett is a junior resident of Forney hall and is a major in dietetics. Mr. Johnson is living at Willis Sweet hall and is a sophomore majoring in forestry.

The couple plan to live in Moscow where they will continue going to school.

**Powell-Sims**  
The engagement of Miss Gwen Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marrel A. Powell of Lapwai to Corral Sims, son of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Sims of Bellevue, was announced at Forney hall Sunday.

The couple will be married sometime in February and are planning to finish the school year.

Miss Powell is a home economics major, and Mr. Sims is majoring in business.

**O'Reilly-Anderson**  
Mr. and Mrs. John O'Reilly announce the engagement of their daughter, Phyllis, to Neil Anderson of Palouse, Wash. The announcement was made Sunday at Ridenbaugh hall. Miss O'Reilly is a sophomore in the university, and a member of Spurs and Alpha Lambda Delta. The couple plan to be married sometime in August and will continue school at the university next fall.

**Worley-Dahl**  
The marriage of Betty Worley of Coeur d'Alene to Edmund Dahl Jr., also of Coeur d'Alene, took place Sunday. The ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. Dr. Hunter, was followed by a

reception at the home of the bride's parents.

Mrs. Dahl is a graduate of the University of Idaho and a member of Kappa Alpha Theta. Mr. Dahl also is an Idaho graduate and a member of Sigma Nu.

**Luce-Ryan**  
Announcement was made last Monday of the engagement of Jerry Luce to Robert Ryan of Moscow.

A prettily arranged table, carried out with pink and blue candles and ribbon streamers, bore cards with the announcement. The ring was placed in a nosegay of rosebuds.

Miss Luce attended the university last year and is now employed at the book store. She is affiliated with Alpha Chi Omega. Mr. Ryan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ryan and is enrolled at the university. He is a member of Phi Delta Theta.

No definite wedding plans have been made, but the wedding will take place sometime in the early spring.

**Chase-Gritman**  
Mr. and Mrs. Orvil Chase announce the engagement of their daughter, Bettie Ann, to Fred Gritman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Gritman.

Miss Chase lives at Forney hall, and Mr. Gritman is a member of Phi Delta Theta. The wedding ceremony is planned for June.

**Cooper-Stearns**  
Individual wedding bells bearing the names General and Jack were arranged at the dinner table of Alpha Chi Omega Monday evening to announce the engagement of Miss General Cooper to John Stearns, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Stearns, Grangeville.

Miss Cooper is a junior at the university and is affiliated with Alpha Chi Omega. Mr. Stearns is enrolled at the University of Montana.

No definite wedding plans have been made as yet.

**Lewis-Sage**  
Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lewis of Bonners Ferry announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret, to Floyd Sage, son of Mrs. Lena Sage, also of Bonners Ferry. Miss Lewis is a sophomore at the university and is living at Hays hall. Mr. Sage, a senior at the university, previously attended the University of Washington. He now lives at Lindley hall.

No definite plans for the wedding have been made.

A Veterans Administration survey revealed almost two-thirds of women veterans in the Northwest had applied for benefits under the GI bill within four months of discharge.

## Sampson Repeats Fiasco When Razors Near

The old Bible story of Sampson and his fiasco with the charming Delilah was re-enacted this week right here on our 20th-century campus in Moscow. There was only one Sampson, but an uncountable number of Alpha Phi took roles in the impromptu production as beautiful but untrustworthy Delilahs.

To poor Sampson (alias "Doc" Watson—a bearded Fijian) it was a complete surprise to find himself the star of the show. All he did was to innocently walk by the Alpha Phi house on his way to the city center when . . . boom!

Watson (who is wearing his luxurious growth until Christmas to keep from paying a couple of "fifties" on a wager foolishly made during an off-moment) was ambushed and laid low by a horde of these reckless Vandalettes who fully intended to hack off his beard or part of his face, if necessary, with straight-edge razors.

Although the former student-body prexy fought valiantly, he was soon pinned to the ground and scraped at pitilessly by the vicious "cut-ups." Watson did not lose his "House of David" appearance due to his game fight, but latest reports say that he is hard to recognize through his bandages.

Which all goes to show that you can't argue with a buzz-saw, or rather several hundred of them—as the saying goes. They didn't come from South America—these girls who live at 604 Elm—but they are bloodthirsty, and this quality added to their generally accepted reputation for towering above skyscrapers make them true, bona-fide "Amazons."

**WEIR GETS HANDBOOK**  
The student branch of the American Institute of Electrical Engineering presented a copy of the Electrical Engineers Handbook to Harold Weir, engineering senior, at a business meeting of the organization held November 21.

During Weir's junior year of 1945-46, he attained the highest grade average in the school of engineering.

## COMING EVENTS

**Today**  
Panhellenic meeting at 4 p.m. in Dean Carter's office.

Organization meeting of a Naval Communication Reserve Unit at 7 p.m. in the Engineering annex. All interested students are invited.

Women veterans will meet at the home of Alice Hughes, 221 N. Asbury, at 4:15 p.m.

**Monday**  
Meeting of the Gem State sharpshooters will be held in the Memorial gymnasium armory at 7:15 p.m.

Meeting of the homemaking group of the Dames club at 8 p.m. in the Administration building.

**Tuesday**  
Meeting of the board of directors of the Ski club at 7 p.m. at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon house.

## CONCERT NEXT WEEK

Miss Marian Little, cellist, and Miss Genevieve Valerio, vocalist, will be heard in a concert Thursday, December 12, in the university auditorium.

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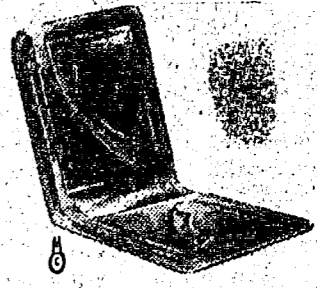
## Club Members Plan Christmas Party

Plans were made Tuesday at the Home Economics club meeting for the annual Christmas party honoring a group of children from the Russell school. Charlotte Johnston is chairman of the committee with General Cooper, Tivya Shear, and Jerry Potter assisting. Joseph Bebawi, a university student from Egypt, spoke to the group on American customs that differ from those of the Egyptian.

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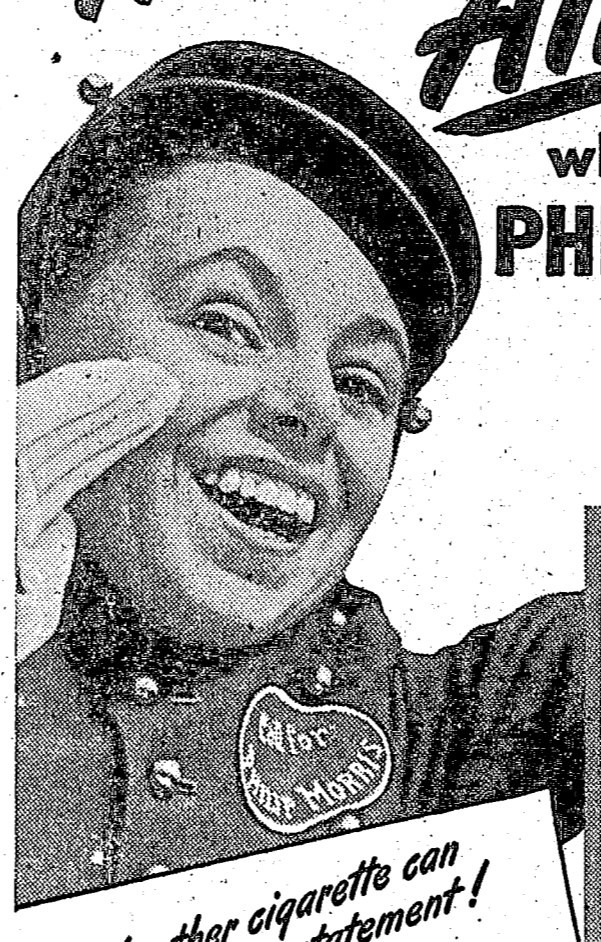
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