



The Semester System: A Student's View

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The semester system seems to be growing on me, as it is with a lot of professors and students. Maybe it won't be

so bad having a schedule that changes after eight weeks. And with the longer semester, maybe the breaks will coin-

cide with those of my friends back home. I am not entirely convinced that I will completely love the new setup. The burning question in my mind is how confusing will registration be when people have to remember the concept

of "demi-sems"? I know that there has been confusion at registration before. What will this curve ball do to that process? Will I be able to remember which classes are when after the middle of the semester?

The sadness over losing Winter Term will linger through at least part of the Fall Semester. Maybe even into next Spring. All I know is that there is potential for this thing to make St. Andrews a different kind of school. Whether the change will be good or bad overall, well, I reserve judgement until next year.

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