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## UM SOCIETY ENDORSES METRIC CENTENNIAL STAMP

The University of Montana chapter of the Society of the Sigma Xi has written Postmaster General Lawrence O'Brien, endorsing the issuance of a stamp commemorating the metric system of measurements.

The society pointed out that 1966 is the metric centennial year. The metric system was adopted as the official standard of the United States in 1866. The system effects measurements in terms of centimeters, grams and seconds.

The metric system is generally favored among scientists. It is officially used to define the units of the more commonly used English system.

The University chapter expressed its hope that the simpler metric system may soon replace the English system in popular as well as scientific applications.

Markings of weights of items on grocery shelves in kilos and grams, as well as in pounds and ounces, occurs frequently and is evidence that such a change is taking place, the society said.

The Society of the Sigma Xi is affiliated with The Scientific Research Society of America.