**Press likely Carter science advisor**

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**Units battle basic**

(Continued from page 1) so great that the distinction between 9 and 12 units seems petty to many. Some professors would advocate a shift to a system of "whole courses" and "half courses."

The controversy, however, hinges on a more basic point — should humanities courses be treated as director of the Seismological Laboratory at the California Institute of Technology, where he conducted research on the detection, measurement and analysis of seismic data.

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