

STAFF SPEAKS

Penn State Correspondence School

Taking on a task as difficult as converting the Gregorian Calendar to one capable of accommodating the work, the University Senate has been conducting a calendar revision study. This is fine. How they are going to satisfy everyone is beyond my belief.

Where is their concern for the individual student and faculty member? Their reason for a calendar revision is concentrated in the area of 'busy work' involved in the term system. They did, however, decide that they needed an opinion from "the viewpoint of learning" and sent their concern in the form of a return addressed, pre-stamped, please-check-one, return-in-one-week postcard.

Being curious, I became disturbed about the little paragraph mentioning a consultation of "various groups" and review of "several suggestions". Also they stated that some suggestions were not in the term or semester system category were rejected for "various reasons". Now I ask myself: How is our response? Haven't psychological studies been done on the term and semester system? It seems these reports favor the term we are now under over the semester system because of its better learning and teaching results. The student has reached his peak by the end of ten weeks and usually goes down hill after reaching it. The Prof's also don't have to end their lecture and discussions so soon. Personally, I do not look forward to roller skating at University Park, loaded down with books under the semester system, trying to attend six classes situated at diverse ends of the main campus.

I can only say that I feel their reasons are insufficient. If they do not have enough time, maybe working on Memorial Day will help. Will this proposed change guarantee less important things than grade processing, student advising, and registering et cetera such as the day after Thanksgiving or Memorial Weekend???

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AT UNIVERSITY PARK

Dr. John A. Hargleroad II, a staff physician at the Ritenour Health Center of the Pennsylvania State University, has been named director of the center. This was reported by Dr. Charles L. Lewis, vice president for Student Affairs who also stated Dr. Hargleroad will succeed Dr. Albert L. Ingram, Jr., who resigned to become Mental Health Commissioner of Delaware. Dr. Hargleroad joined the Health Center staff at Penn State early in 1965.

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SDS: Catalyst or Bottleneck?

Recently much attention has come to the revolts taking place on the college campuses across the nation, and the part the SDS (Students for a Democratic Society) has played, particularly at Columbia University in New York. What is the SDS? How did it get started? What is its purpose? These are but a few of the questions today's Americans want to know.

The SDS was founded in 1960 by the League for Industrial Democracy-- a group termed by Newsweek (May 20, 1968) as "moderate Socialists". But this version of the SDS was founded by 59 people representing eleven colleges at Port Huron, Michigan, on June 11, 1962.

The goal of this organization, as stated by a national secretary, is "not to create a free university within an unfree society. Our goal is to create a free society." The founding statement of the SDS began: "We are the people of this generation, bred in at least modest comfort, housed now in universities, looking uncomfortably to a world we inherit."

But does this "free society" consist of guerilla sieges of buildings, improvised disturbances at many campuses across the nation, a general hampering of college and university functioning? If the institution is at fault for not providing proper facilities or discriminates in any way, then these disturbances are justified and organizations like the SDS and similar groups will continue to make their presence felt. But the student is at these colleges and universities primarily to get an education, and unwarranted assaults on "the system", purely for "kicks", only prove their irresponsibility and immaturity.

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CONCERTS, MOVIES, AND SPEAKERS

The cultural committee has selected their program chairmen for next year's activities. At their meeting on Tuesday, May 20, members selected categories representing their various interests. Heading the Publicity Committee will be Mr. Grode assisted by Jack Richards. Mr. Iobst will take charge of art exhibits with the help of Terri Harper. Jim Burger will be in charge of speakers for next year. Dean Lane will be working with Mr. Grove and Steve Winger on film selection. Mr. Mertonella will be in charge of the Harold Better's Concert and Mr. Clavidge will make plans for a second concert.

The Cultural Committee did outstanding work in this year's program and with their enthusiastic plans for next year, we can be sure of excellent results in the future.

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