

Michigan State Adopts...continued

- years, instead of 4.
- 2. Summer school will include a ten-week term to run concurrently with two five-week terms. Heretofore, summer school has offered six-week and nine-week terms with a maximum student load of 13 hours work.
- 3. Registration and examination periods will be condensed.

In another action, the Senate approved a proposed recommendation requiring all June graduates, beginning in 1959, to take final examinations. Previously, spring graduates, except in special cases, have been exempt from final exams.

Net result of the new program will be "better utilization of facilities at our disposal," commented Dr. Thomas H. Hamilton, vice-president for academic affairs. "However," he added, "no one believes that all of our students will be able to take advantage of it. Many students still will have to work in the summer months to earn money for their school work the rest of the year." *

SUPERIOR STUDENTS MOVE HELD AT COLUMBIA

New York, N.Y.-(I.P.)- With the declaration that "There is nothing sacred about the four years that have been traditionally required for the A.B. in the American college," Dean Lawrence H. Chamberlain of Columbia College has revealed plans underway on a program that would encourage the superior student to move ahead in his field of special interest "just as rapidly as his abilities permit."

He disclosed that Columbia College is now granting up to six points of academic credit toward the A.B. degree--college credit earned not on the campus, but in the high school. These credits, it was explained, are

being awarded in recognition of the excellent teaching that is being done in some high schools and preparatory schools. Under the new policy, an advanced placement student will find it possible to take graduate level work in his senior year.

"For many years entering students have been permitted to begin their college work in foreign languages, mathematics and the sciences at the highest level of advancement possible as indicated by placement tests administered before registration," said the report.

"Columbia College has endorsed the recently established program of admission with advanced standing which permits entering freshmen who have completed college level work in high school to begin their collegiate studies of such subjects at a more advanced level than the customary basic college course. In each instance, the department concerned must examine the evidence of achievement submitted by the student in order to make sure that it qualifies him for advanced work."

Dean Chamberlain concluded: "For the average student, the four-year term will probably continue to make sense, however, for the student of superior capacity and drive, standard patterns, whether of ground to be covered or of time limitations, can only stultify when emphasis should be upon stimulation." *

MONMOUTH COLLEGE GETS TUITION ASSURANCE

Monmouth, Ill.-(I.P.)- A plan providing for tuition assurance for all Monmouth College students has been approved by the college's trustees. The plan provides that in the event of the death of a student's supporting parent, the student shall receive free tuition for the remaining years of his college enrollment.

The tuition benefit begins with the opening day of the semester following the parent's death and continues until