

Same Dorms, New System

University Park---A new procedure for assigning students to University Park residence halls, giving all categories of student applicants equal opportunity for the spaces available, was announced by Pennsylvania State University officials, the plan to be effective next Fall.

Ralph E. Zilly, vice-president for business, and Dr. Raymond O. Murphy, vice-president for student affairs, also outlined a plan to increase residence halls capacity by 1,000 spaces, the increase to be accomplished by converting certain residence hall areas into student living facilities and by assigning three students to the larger double rooms and two students to the larger single rooms.

Reduced rates for students assigned to such rooms are planned, Mr. Zilly said.

The new assignment system was developed after a detailed study by University officials and student groups, the study prompted by shortage problems that arose last Fall when more than 15,000 students applied for the 11,500 spaces available and priority under the system then in effect went to residence hall occupants at University Park, leaving little opportunity for transfer and other students.

After deducting spaces reserved for freshmen, required to live in residence halls, and other designated groups, such as sororities with suites in the residence halls, the rooms will be assigned in accordance with the percentage of applicants in each of four major groups. Priority within each group will be determined by the sequence of the filing of the application.

The groups are students currently living in the University Park residence halls; Commonwealth Campus, Behrend College and Capitol Campus students transferring to University Park; students on practicums, student teaching or in foreign studies programs; and transfers

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The most hamburgers to be eaten in one sitting is 77.

from other colleges and universities, students readmitted, students residing off campus, and students returning from leaves of absence.

For the Fall Term, contract forms will be made available on Feb. 24 to each student living in University Park residence halls and also on or about Feb. 20 to students on other campuses requesting contract forms and other students who may desire the contract forms.

Beginning on March 11, contract forms with a \$45 advance payment may be filed at the Bursar's Office and designated residence hall areas at University Park, and at designated areas on other Campuses.

The time of filing will be recorded on the contract form to determine the priority of assignment within each of the four categories. Thus, students within each stratified group will have equal opportunity for assignment.

If all spaces are assigned by March 26, the University will process no more contracts, it is explained, or if space remains, all contracts processed will be classified into one group with priority in the sequence of the application filing. Students filing too late for assignment will be notified no later than April 16 that their contracts are cancelled and the advance payment will be returned.

Term System Stays

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the day after Labor Day.

---The Fall Term completed prior to Thanksgiving with the Winter Term providing, as nearly as possible, three weeks of instruction prior to the holiday break.

---The Spring Term ending about the middle of May with commencement in the last week of May; and

---A six-day period scheduled for final examination after each term, in accordance with the President's interpretation of the Senate's recent action requiring final examinations in essentially all courses.

President Oswald told the

Senate he plans to publish the new five-year calendar containing the basic elements listed about April 1, 1976, and said that if the Senate had any different interpretation of their policy regarding final examinations, that the Senate should inform him of this no later than the March Senate meeting.

He further asked the Senate to provide him with advice concerning the length of the Summer Term beginning with the summer of 1976 - specifically, should there be a ten-week term as at present or should the University move to an eight-week term. He indicated to the Senate that this was a matter of concern also to student and administrative officials and, therefore, asked the Senate to take steps to involve opinion from those sources in the process of providing advice on this matter, also before the March 1976 meeting of the Senate.

In making the calendar decision, President Oswald said he took into consideration the many differing views on the calendar decision, including two contradictory reports of a University Calendar Commission that had studied the matter for two years.

He said there seemed to be no consensus among the faculty on the semester-term issue but students have overwhelmingly stated preference for the term system.

He added that there seems to be no conclusive evidence of over-all educational advantage to either system and that a financial analysis seemed to indicate little cost difference.

He further noted that there was consensus that the calendar should begin about September 1 and finish by June. To schedule a term system within this time period, the Winter Term has to be split by the Christmas break. The President reported further consensus, however, that the longer the instruction period in the Winter Term before break, the less the objection to the split.

COFFEE BREAK

The world's greatest coffee drinkers are the Swedes, who drank 29.24 lbs. of coffee per person in 1969.