



New Exam Schedule "More Efficient"

Although final exams are looming ominously on the horizon and you think nothing can be done to improve them in any way, something has been done.

The Records Office now utilizes a "more efficient" method of scheduling the exams, according to Mrs. Jane Sheetz, Administrative Assistant for Resident Instruction. The Office plans exam periods based on when the classes actually meet. For example, exams for all classes which meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays during second period will be scheduled at the same time. Instructors may request "common exams" to administer exams to multiple sections of the same class.

In the past, instructors submitted requests to schedule ex-

ams at specific times. But, students often had two or more tests scheduled during the same time period.

The new system has been used with success at several other Commonwealth Campuses. It enables the Records Office to release the final exam schedule at the beginning of each term, as opposed to later.

Sheetz commented that the new method has "avoided conflicts" during Fall Term, adding that only a few students have reported conflicts. She is confident that the system "will work out after instructors and students get used to it."

Students with questions or problems concerning the scheduling of exams should contact Mrs. Sheetz in room 312-C.

—Carolyn Horning

Draft Copies of Perspective on 80's Distributed

Copies of the initial draft of "A Perspective on the '80s: A Plan for the Pennsylvania State University" have been distributed to the Board of Trustees and to the University community for discussion and consideration, Provost Edward D. Eddy reports.

Dr. Eddy, in a letter accompanying the document, expressed the hope that "extensive discussion of this draft will ensue over the next month at department, campus and college faculty meetings and meetings of student organizations."

Any individual or group within the University community wishing to submit written comments to the Steering Committee is encouraged to do so. A special forensic session to discuss this draft will be held at the regularly scheduled November meeting of the University Faculty Senate," the Provost noted. "The draft will be discussed also by the Educational Policy committee of the Board of Trustees."

To facilitate consideration by the University community, copies of the draft have been placed in the offices of all college deans, Commonwealth Campus directors, and department and division program heads. All faculty senators have received the document, and copies are available at the Pattee Library in University Park and at each Commonwealth Campus Library.

Students, faculty, and staff members were invited to a meeting in the Student Lounge last Friday to voice their opinions on the draft to Steering Committee members. A special Campus Faculty Senate meeting was held Monday for discussion of the plan.

"The plan revolves around the themes of quality, selectivity, and flexibility," Dr. Eddy said. "Although we anticipate that many discussions and recommendations in the Plan will be singled out, reviewers are requested to consider the Plan in broader context. Do the

pieces fit? Are proposed solutions consistent? Are we sufficiently realistic? The Plan is an attempt to establish a direction, not to specify details.

"The Steering Committee will consider all responses in its continuing deliberations. Appropriate modifications will be made by the Committees. A final report is scheduled to be recommended to the Board of Trustees in December for possible endorsement in January.

The Academic Affairs Committee of the Delaware County Campus Faculty Senate has expressed special consideration about the following areas of the plan:

1) that, in the future, more freshmen and sophomores will be admitted to University Park, thereby lowering campus enrollments. -p. 22

2) that the Commonwealth Campus system and Continuing Education should be merged into a single administrative unit without our knowing the full implications of such a consolidation. -p. 25

3) that no campus closings are anticipated, but, in the case of a campus's declining response to local needs, "it could become necessary to permit that location to cease operations as a full-scale campus." -p. 25

4) that an emphasis on programs based on community needs might aim the campuses toward servicing a preponderance of associate degree, provisional and extended degree students. -p. 25

5) that University Park and the Hershey Medical Center are considered the principal research branches of the University. -pp. 17, 21, 28

6) that little attention is paid to undergraduate education beyond suggesting remedies to logistical problems. -pp. 14-16

7) that consideration is not given to the varying natures of the Commonwealth Campuses. -pp. 24-28

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1979 Fall Term Exams Schedule

Tuesday, November 13

8:00 - 9:50 All MWF 1 classes
English Basic Skills Retake, room 203

10:00 - 11:50 All TTH 2 classes

12:00 - 1:50 Common Exams (requested by instructors)
ACCTG. 101.1.2 (Terrell), room 101

POL. SCI. 1.1.2 (Manoogian), room 305

SP. COM. 200.5.6 (Gaulard), room 206

SOC. 1.1 (Mandle), room 215

SOC. 1.2 (Mandle), room 216

2:00 - 3:50 All MWF 5 classes

4:00 - 5:50 All TTH 5 classes

Wednesday, November 14

8:00 - 9:50 All MWF 2 classes

10:00 - 11:50 All MWF 3 classes

Math Basic Skills Retake, room 101

Common Exams (requested by instructors)

MATH 161.1.2 (Duncan), room 101

QBA 101.1.2 (Ehrman), room 305

SP. COM. 200.1.2.3 (Johnstone) room 206

2:00 - 3:50 All MWF 6 classes

Thursday, November 15

8:00 - 9:50 All TTH 1 classes

10:00 - 11:50 All MWF 4 classes

12:00 - 1:50 All TTH 3 classes

2:00 - 3:50 All TTH 4 classes

Friday, November 16

8:00 - 9:50

Common Exams (requested by instructors)

MATH 5.1.2 (Kramer), room 101

MATH 120.1.2 (Cavaliere), room 305

MATH 4.1.2 (Naber), room 206

Common Exams (requested by instructors)

MATH 10.1 (Stroffolino), room 305

PSY 2.1.2 (Davis), room 101

Common Exams (requested by instructors)

MATH 4.3.4 (Laison), room 101

Deadline for filing a request for a conflict exam was Tuesday, November 6. A fee of \$10 will be charged for the privilege of filing a late request (Senate Policy 45-80) in room 312-C.

Asbestos Precautions

Ventilation System to be Renovated

Campus officials opened bidding this week for the renovation of the ventilation system in the main building. The work is being done as a precaution. When the building was constructed in 1970, it was coated with asbestos, a fire retardant now feared to be carcinogenic.

Although there is no specific evidence that the substance may cause cancer, environmental agencies have recommended that air quality levels in affected building be monitored.

According to Campus Direc-

tor John D. Vairo, work on the system is scheduled to begin during term break. The renovations will be done "when classes are not in session," Vairo said. The project is expected to be completed within a few weeks. Vairo does not expect the work to interfere with any of the full compliment of activities in the building.

The renovations are being done in compliance with recommendations from the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Environmental Resources, and

several other federal and state agencies.

The renovations are designed to increase ventilation, however, recent tests show that air quality in the building is not at a dangerous level.

"To the best of my knowledge, there is no immediate danger to anyone," Vairo said.

Present regulations prohibit the use of asbestos in construction and it will not be used in the new Library/Learning Center on campus.

'Gateway Wall' To be built

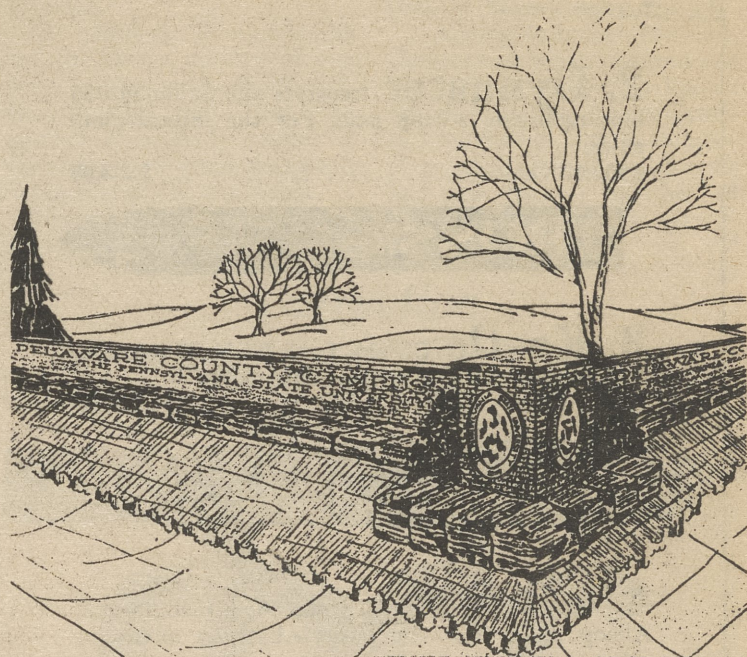
The Delaware County Campus will be more recognizable by passing motorists when the new "gateway wall" is completed.

The first phase of the \$15,000 project began last week as surveyors marked off the location of the wall on the corner of Yearsley Mill Road and Route 352. The lighted, masonry wall - with large aluminum letters denoting The Pennsylvania State University, Delaware County Campus - will replace the small blue sign at the campus entrance.

According to Campus Director John D. Vairo, people have often "driven back and forth" on Route 352 in search of the campus. He related one instance when a visitor searching for the campus saw "the big parking lot" and figured "this must be the place."

Funding for the project has been made possible through proceeds from last spring's alumni phonathon conducted on behalf of the new entrance (in which over \$5000 was pledged), from an Undergraduate Student Association gift, and from several other endowments from alumni and friends of the University.

The new wall will be "a beautiful asset to the campus and the community," Vairo said.



Architect's rendering of the new gateway wall at Yearsley Mill Road and Route 352.

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