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THE PROPOSED CALENDAR

Accepting unqualifiedly the suggestions proposed by undergraduates, the faculty committee headed by Dean Stoddard of the School of Liberal Arts yesterday approved the 1930-1931 calendar submitted by Student Board. The committee advocated a delay in the Senate's consideration of the plan, however, until a more reliable report could be made on the between-semester recess, one of the moot points in this year's schedule.

The proposed calendar cuts down that period considerably, but the faculty committee feels that definite action should be postponed until the contested recess has been given a fair trial. Pending those findings, prolongation of the Thanksgiving and Christmas vacations was sanctioned. Otherwise the calendar remains practically the same, retaining the Memorial Day and football Saturday holidays, while dropping the purposeless Armistice Day suspension.

To meet the demands of working students, the suggested Christmas recess would begin at noon Friday, December 19. This arrangement will afford five full days prior to the holiday. Moreover, vacation periods would end on Monday mornings instead of the Thursdays or Fridays preceding. The second semester, under this schedule, would begin the Thursday following the close of the first semester, Tuesday and Wednesday would be reserved for registration. It is hoped that an Interfraternity Ball, or one of the class social functions, would be promoted the Monday night preceding the new semester.

Recognizing the presumably remote possibility of friction on a team that promises to write an enviable chapter into Penn State football history, the senior lettermen yesterday voiced their preference for the "no-captain" system during the 1930 campaign. The gridmen are one in the belief that the prospective leaders are equal in ability, and no doubt make the suggestion in the best interests of Penn State football.

"T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE—"

The days of "Silent Night," Santa Claus, gift troubles, and Salvation Army bell-tinklers are here at last; and today, all over the campus Tom-Dick-and-Harry will dream of train schedules and Christmas parties in a manner that would seem to thumb a nose at professorial dignity and authority. Who gives a care about Ag Hill cows when reindeer are in the air, for this is the season of Blitzen and not of Penn State Jesse? Who thinks of grades 3, 2, or 1 (perhaps minus) when gifts must be figured in dollars and cents? Who does? Answer: no one. In a few days, Santa Claus will descend the chimney on his 1929th world tour.

There is little that can be said about Christmas, because every one except a two-months' old baby knows that it's the time to receive useless gadgets and baubles, carol, and other wise prove that there's peace on earth and war in China. Speaking of war and other brutalities of life—like the shortness of the forthcoming vacation—no time is more appropriate than the present for mentioning to the seniors that next year they will be lucky to have a vacation of even one day.

In all seriousness now, there isn't a single person, organization, or what-have-you, that doesn't like to receive Christmas presents. Even the Pennsylvania State College is guilty, for scandal has proved that \$5 is charged for cutting classes before and after the Yuletide so that the various Deans' wives may have new winter coats. The reason that Christmas vacations endure year after year, of course, is to furnish a period in which college students can worry over the nearing final examinations. And as a final word, "Merry Christmas to all," and to all—be sure to return January 2.

Contrary to practices at other colleges and universities, Penn State fraternities have established a reputation for good fellowship by permitting upperclassmen to "visit" during week-end dances. The only blot on this record has been occasional abuse of "stag" privileges, and of "closed dance" rights. Now, however, there is the added problem of curbing visiting by underclassmen, particularly sophomores. Imposition of the Interfraternity council fine no doubt would discourage the practice; but before the fine can be imposed, the violators must be reported to the Council. This should be the accepted duty of upperclassmen.

THE LION'S DEN

—BY DANIEL—

Mary Christmas and Happy Hooligan!

"This is no time for spats," said the bridegroom to his bride as he pulled off a new pair

Delusion

For several months Daniel has had the impression that he was working for a semi-weekly newspaper, but the official organ of the University of Washington recently referred to the COLLEGIAN as the "Penn State Daily."

No wonder COLLEGIAN subscribers howl when they receive their paper only on Tuesdays and Fridays

College Humor

What would happen if Judge ordered Punch for Life?

Imagine the amazement of two friends last Sunday when they discovered that their assigned chapel seats were side by side.

Notice

Will some kind brother please return my black necktie and powderpuff?

Isn't This Punny?

"Hair' han!" said the barber as he caressed another cheek, "don't be untidy, people will believe you're oiled." Feeling a tingle upon his shoulder the barber sheered away and cut in for another dance.

He, I believe this story is dirty. She, Yes, it's the autobiography of a chimney-sweep.

The Linguist's Good-bys

"Adios," says the Spaniard "Reservoir," pipes the "Frog" "Carbolic Acid," croaks the suicide "Pleased to mt you," says the mate boxer.

According to the editor of the Daily Californian—"any college student should feel the appeal of 'Ten Nights in a Bar Room'."

EPITAPH NO 5

Here he the bones, Of Santa Claus; He put a match Up to his jaws

"I'm caught!" spouted the sharkskin coat as it wiggled against the young lady's fishnet hose

Smile

"As embarrassed as a parachute jumper who forgot to pull the cord—"

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Wanted

To borrow one link and one black tie. Will return after tonight's dance

Senior

"Just try and add us," said two bas-relief figures to the mathematician

The melancholy days are come when college football heroes have to go back to study

"This sentence is in the progressive tense," opined the Judge, adding ten more years to a prison term.

DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR FRIENDSHIP AS EXPRESSED IN YOUR RELATIONS WITH US WE EXTEND TO YOUR OUR EARNEST WISHES FOR

A Merry Christmas

and

A Happy, Prosperous New Year

Keeler's

CATHAUM THEATRE BUILDING

PRESIDENT STARTS ANNIVERSARY PLAN

Names Committee To Arrange For Seventy-fifth Year Event Next Fall

In preparation for Penn State's seventy-fifth anniversary celebration next fall, President Ralph D. Hetzel on Wednesday selected a committee to arrange preliminary details for the event.

Edward K. Hishman, assistant to the president in public relations, heads the committee. He will be assisted by the deans of the schools, the college comptroller Raymond H. Smith, Adrian O. Moise, assistant to the president; Donald M. Cresswell, director of public information, and Charles L. Kinsler, professor of electrical engineering.

To Choose Student Group

This committee will select sub-committees to arrange the entertainment, invitations, and conferences. A committee chosen from the student body will aid the faculty in arranging for the anniversary.

The character of the celebration, the most appropriate date, and those eligible for selection on the committees were discussed at a preliminary meeting Wednesday afternoon. Results of this discussion will be considered by President Hetzel and voted upon by the committee at an early meeting in January.

Every school will be represented, together with the executive department, and grounds and buildings department. Buildings representing each school will be dedicated in a combined ceremony at the same time.

Dean of Education Visions Ousting of Antiquated Tutors

"Although not overcrowded, the teaching profession is full of incapable and old-fashioned instructors who are keeping more worthy ones from positions," stated Dean Will G. Chambers of the Education school in an interview yesterday.

When asked whether he favored the limitation of the number of persons entering educational schools, he replied, "I shall be in favor of such a plan only when statistics gathered over a number of years permit us to determine exactly how many teachers are needed."

Dean Chambers stated that he was not an objector to teachers continuing in their profession after marriage. When reminded that this might possibly keep unmarried teachers from positions, he declared, "It is the duty of the school boards to consider not whom they put out, but whom they take in. The only aim of the school board should be to provide children with the best possible instructors."

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

LOUISE A. LAMBERT

2nd Floor Leitzell Bldg. Phone 240-J

Senior Ball

Friday, January 17

1930

Rhythm by

Jean Goldkette

and his

Casa Loma Orchestra

\$5.00

THE ARMORY

Illini Phi Eta Sigma Group Wins Honors

Five per cent of the members of Phi Eta Sigma, freshman scholastic society, a chapter of which was installed at Penn State last month, was graduated with high honors in the past four commencements at the University of Illinois, a report from the Dean of Men's office there reveals.

The society initiated 356 from the classes of '26, '27, '28, and '29 and 267 members, seventy-five per cent of this group received their degrees. Twenty-seven per cent of the graduates won simple honors, while the remaining sixty-eight won no laurels.

Cornell Professor Proposes Teaching On Contract Basis

Putting students to work on a contract basis was advanced as a revolutionary scheme of teaching by Dr. H. H. Whetzel of Cornell university in an address before the College agricultural faculty Tuesday afternoon.

Doctor Whetzel, who has successfully used the plan for ten years, stated that under his system the student merely agrees to accomplish a certain assigned task during a semester with the understanding that he is not required to attend any classes or lectures. The student chooses his own type of work and determines the amount of time he will spend on his project.

The speaker stated that the instructor must arouse the interest of the student in the subject and not compel him to perform his work. Democracy, the visitor believes, is the feature making this educational plan hold the unusual interest of students because they do nothing contrary to their own will.

"I am thoroughly convinced that the plan is the answer to the educational problem of our colleges," proclaimed Doctor Whetzel as he spoke on the effectiveness of the new system. In summing up the merits of his self-devised plan, the doctor declared, "I would rather give up my reputation as an educator than revert to the old cut-and-dried methods of teaching. My system gives the student training in solving problems and constructive thinking which are not available under any other type of undergraduate instruction."

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A NEW YEAR OF CONTINUED PROSPERITY

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CLUBS TO FIX OWN SCHOLARSHIP RULE

Individual Womens' Fraternities Will Decide Standard for Eligible Pledges

Whether a pledge member who receives a below grade at the end of the first eight weeks is eligible for membership in women's campus clubs and fraternities will be decided by the individual groups, according to a new ruling passed by the Campus Clubs council at its meeting Tuesday.

The new regulation states that a girl may be initiated into a club or fraternity if she has an average of plus one, could be initiated into a club or fraternity.

4 Misunderstood Rule

Four of the campus organizations misconstrued the clause concerning below grades in the former ruling and initiated pledges who were able to raise their grades. For this reason the council decreed that other groups shall be allowed to initiate at any time this year those pledges who were barred from active membership because of below grades.

Under the new schedule clubs need not wait for the eight-week grades in order to hold initiation. Most of the groups, however, have some ruling which requires a certain length of time to elapse between pledging and initiation.

The Season's Greetings MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR To Our Patrons Moore's Dress Specialty Shop

We Wish You All A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year THE LOCUST LANE SANDWICH SHOP Remember, We Are Always Open Vacation Times

THE HILAND SHOP DRY CLEANING PRESSING REPAIRING Hats Cleaned and Blocked Complete Laundry Service We Call For and Deliver

Extending To You the Best Wishes For a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year STATE COLLEGE FLORAL SHOPPE Allen Street West Side

ANNOUNCEMENT The Boalsburg Tavern Will Be Open For Business Under New Management Saturday, December 21st Catering to Dinners, Parties, Afternoon Teas, and Banquets PRIVATE DINING ROOMS AVAILABLE Special Sunday Dinners For Prices of Menus and Consultations, Phone Boalsburg 9008

Froth Depicts Xmas Cheer in New Issue

Adorned inoffensively by a tinted depiction of Yuletide spirit, Froth, Penn State comic magazine, has appeared with its annual message of Christmas cheer.

The editors have included a resume of Penn State's championship soccer team. With the possible exception of the cover, the art work of the magazine is below the standard generally maintained by Froth.



(Beginning Saturday, vacation opening time 7:00 p. m. Next week, theatre open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.)

FRIDAY— Evening Showing Only Edmund Lowe, Constance Bennett in "THIS THING CALLED LOVE" All-Talking Comedy Drama

SATURDAY— Dolores Costello, Grant Withers in "HEARTS IN EXILE" All-Talking Love Melodrama

MONDAY— Edward Everett Horton "THE SAP" All-Talking Comedy

WEDNESDAY— (Free Children's Matinee at 3.00 p. m. for all school children up to 14 years)

Rin-Tin-Tin in "THE MILLION DOLLAR COLLAR" Dog Melodrama

NEXT FRIDAY— Robert Armstrong, Carol Lombard in "THE RACKETEER" All-Talking Melodrama

NEXT SATURDAY— Janet Gaynor, Charles Morton in "CHRISTINA" All-Talking Romance