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1932-33 CALENDAR CHANGES

With sensible although drastic changes over previous years, the 1932-33 college calendar was passed up to the Senate yesterday afternoon after careful consideration by the Student Board.

The three changes incorporated in the newly proposed calendar are: (1) First semester lengthened by one week, (2) cutting down Thanksgiving recess to one day, (3) extra days added to Easter vacation.

Lengthening of first semester by a week seems to be a reasonable innovation. The continuity of study has always been quite broken up, and the additional days would somewhat compensate for the frequently interrupted period of study.

No doubt there are many who will protest against a curtailed Thanksgiving vacation. It was believed that the nearness of this holiday to Christmas had always made a rather over-balanced first semester.

We believe that a longer recess at Easter will be more popular with students than vacation sandwiched between first and second semesters.

A majority of the colleges consider Easter a logical time to suspend activities, and there is no doubt but that Penn State students would welcome any action by the College Senate to relieve the long, drawn-out period from February to June with a spring vacation of appreciable length.

This year it seems very likely that a great number of students will be forced to remain in State College over the vacation period because of reduced financial circumstances.

ALWAYS BELITTLIN'

Despite the well-known value of good, sound criticism, it's very trying to find on every hand these disparaging people who can paint black over the entire region near them in the time it takes them to stop and talk and smoke a cigarette.

"Huh, that chapter ain't so much... they can't show anything... that's nothing but a cheap eating-house... some day that fellow will give up and admit he can't teach... well, he may be a bright guy, but he looks like a lemon to me... huh..."

We've all heard it. Always belittlin', the process has been called. And the people who use it most, strangely enough, are often those who are most heartily disliked by their associates.

"Well, don't be like him!"

With the establishment of the Purple Quill library in the second floor lounge of Old Main, an opportunity to enjoy light reading in occasional sandwich hours is afforded. The books provided there are an example of a unique optimism which exists despite the vandalism which curtails the benefits of this recreational centre.

OLD MANIA

The dreadful business of fraternities' exchanging pretty Xmas cards is upon us again. Something ought to be done about this. Lodges which ordinarily regard each other as something unclean go solemnly about sending each other cheery messages of Yuletide conviviality & all that, and litter their own mantels and living-room tables with the accumulated rubbish.

This practice, we maintain, is about as ridiculous as the late lamented hello custom, which would have everybody going around saying hello hello to everybody else, whether they knew them or not, or cared to know them.

According to one of our contemporary journals, a survey at the University of Virginia showed that 99 percent of the men wore four-in-hand ties, and fifty percent of the ties were solid in color.

There must be a School of Education at the University of Virginia.

There was something pitifully burlesque about the exhibition bouts at the gymnasium last Saturday, when Grantland Rice Sportlights took their moon pitches of Penn State's athletes in action.

The vacation which commences tomorrow will get a very big hand from this department. We'll go home, and spend two weeks or so gazing about the dullness of things, the fact that we're broke, the weather, and the work we'll have to do when we get back to school.

Then we'll come back to State College, Pa., and get back to the routine of griping about the dullness of things, the fact that we're broke, the weather, and the work that we have to do.

And it's got so bad that burglars are even robbing fraternity houses.

Will the Commons Club please call off their hutes?

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Around the Corner

Student Graders

The custom of having students grade examination and quiz papers apparently is becoming more popular. Where formerly it was confined to one or two departments, it is now common in nearly all departments.

We believe that only the person who has taught the class and conducted the examination or assigned the paper should be called upon to grade it.

Educators have long deplored the personal element which makes objective grading of a student's work impossible; but the use of student assistants to grade papers more than doubles the effect of this element.

The student assistant is occasionally a member of the class, but more often an advanced student. In either case, he is known to the other students and is subjected to innumerable requests to "Be kind of easy on mine" in connection with the examinations.

It may be justly argued that student assistants are absolutely essential if a small faculty is to take care of a large student body, but the fact remains that their use in grading examinations is frequently unjust both to the other students and to the assistant himself.

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8 PLAN TO ATTEND FACULTY MEETINGS

Will Serve as Delegates at 10 Conventions in Coming Vacation Period

Eight faculty members are planning to attend meetings and conferences during the Christmas holidays.

Dr. Francis J. Tschan, professor of history, will also go to Minneapolis, where he will attend a meeting of the American Historical Association.

Representing the School of Physical Education, Dean Hugo Berdek and Prof. Elwood C. Davis will go to New York to attend a meeting of the National Coaches Association.

Dr. S. W. Parks will represent the department of zoology and entomology at a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, in New Orleans.

Raymond E. Murphy, assistant professor of economic geography, will read a paper at a meeting of the Geological Survey in Ypsilanti, Mich.

28 TO ATTEND BUFFALO VOLUNTEER CONVENTION

Penn State Will Have Quota of 37 Delegates, Hammaker Says

Twenty-eight delegates will represent Penn State at the eleventh quadrennial Student Volunteer convention to be held at Buffalo, N. Y., from December 30 to January 3.

Student delegates who have registered up to the present are Helen F. Ramson '31, Mary E. Freeman '35, Leonard T. Miller '32, Rollin L. Wolf '32, Charles W. Yoder '32, James F. Neill '33, William E. Bell '31, Andrew L. Brown '31, George W. Brown '34, John D. Colm '34, Carson W. Culp '31, Gerald R. Gummo '34, G. Wayne Heberly '31, and Frank T. Hoffman '34.

The list also includes Rollin R. Ritter '34, John E. Ryan '34, John M. Shaffer '31, Gayle V. Strickler '34, William Q. Wu '34, Lloyd T. Barnes '35, James A. Gaiser '35, William H. Glover '35, and Rhett G. Harris '35.

Rev. Donald W. Caruthers, Rev. W. Emory Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Seamans, and William L. Hammaker will attend also.

BOARD SANCTIONS 1932-33 CALENDAR

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November 12 on the Temple game date.

While Thanksgiving vacation is listed for Thursday, November 24, in the calendar, Christmas would start at noon, Saturday, December 17, and end at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning, January 3, 1933.

Two plans for the transition period between semesters will be submitted to the Senate next month. One method, similar to this year's system, sets Thursday, January 26, 1933, as the end of the first semester with Mid-Year Commencement the following day.

May Close School June 2. This arrangement leaves a holiday between semesters from January 27 to 30. Registrations for the second semester would be Tuesday and Wednesday, January 31 and February 1, while the second semester would open at 8 o'clock Thursday morning, February 2.

A second plan, allowing for the proposed longer first semester, sets the end of this period one week later on Thursday, February 2, with Commencement the next day.

Easter vacation opens at noon on Thursday, April 13, and ends at noon on Tuesday, April 18, in the calendar proposed by the Senate committee, and Memorial Day will be regarded by the College May 30 as a full holiday. School is scheduled to close Friday, June 2, with Commencement Monday, June 5.

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- Robert L. Jones jr '32
William H. Lehmborg '32
Wilson P. Morrow '32
Paul C. Raquet '32
Carl Rolle '32
Arthur E. Rowe '32
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Edgar C. Wickersham '32
Gilbert H. Espenshade '33
Marx D. Moller '33
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61 Leave College Since September, Hoffman Reports

Despite the depression, only sixty-one students have withdrawn from college since the beginning of the semester as compared with sixty-three for the same period last year, according to figures released by the office of William S. Hoffman, College Registrar.

The sophomore and freshman classes lead in number lost during the present semester with eighteen each while the junior class is third on the list with ten.

Lack of finances was the reason given by twenty-five of those withdrawing this year as compared with twenty giving this reason in 1930. Illness caused twenty to drop out during the present semester while one less than this number gave illness as their reason last year.

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