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EARLY TO RISE?

Daylight saving time as a possibility in State College is deserving at least of serious and thoughtful consideration. It is probable that this device, so popular in urban communities, has never been thoroughly investigated with reference to its possible adoption here; with the incentive lacking, there was no reason for advancing the beginning of the day one hour during the summer months, from April to early October.

Advocates of the proposal appear now, however, with good arguments for the scheme. Both intramural and varsity sports would be greatly facilitated. More students could compete in mass athletics, since late afternoon classes would interfere less with these games. The varsity sports teams would be able to obtain better practice hours. Irregular meals would be eliminated from the difficulties confronting sports enthusiasts. From the point of view of the student, the daylight hours after dinner which would thus be obtained could be pleasantly spent.

Those who favor the plan argue that most large cities have already put this method of obtaining more daylight hours into effect, and that State College would not lose by coordinating its schedule with these places.

At first glance, no very definite and serious objection seems to confront daylight saving time here. Those who have been questioned about it admit a certain apathy toward the idea. They didn't have any particular interest either way, and had been content to let events take their course as in the past.

A possible argument against the proposal might be the fact that many towns in this region do not switch to daylight saving time, and therefore its use here might cause many mix-ups in travel close to home; another might be that the rural districts, upon which merchants depend for some of their trade, do not employ the device. The trouble created by the two shifts in time does not seem to enter as a very serious factor.

Unless there can be found a more serious list of objections than this, however, there seems to be good cause for trying out daylight saving time here. If the investigations of the Student Council committee reveal no drastic difficulties, State College might well consider giving the time-shift an opportunity to prove its usefulness.

SIMPLIFYING COLLEGE COURSES

The mass of curricula offered in the catalogs of the larger colleges and universities throughout the country furnishes a perplexing problem to the freshman who is undecided concerning his course. Too often he proceeds without the assistance of a capable advisor and later finds that he is mentally unsuited for the subjects which he has selected.

Annually the college catalogs are becoming more cumbersome as additional courses are added to the already long list of subject matter. In many instances these courses are offered in an attempt to keep abreast with rival institutions. Such action is unjustified unless the institution is fully equipped with a faculty capable of providing efficient instruction in the courses. At present there are too many colleges foolishly trying to compete with larger and richer institutions and in so doing distorting the true value of the course.

President Gates, of the University of Pennsylvania, voiced the sentiment of many of the leading educators when he recommended a simplification of the courses offered in the catalogs of average American colleges. It was the opinion of Dr. Gates that the modern colleges and universities were failing to fulfill their original purpose, and that a return to the comparatively simple course of instruction offered in former years might be a solution to a problem which is growing more and more complex.

The high mortality among college students is to some degree a result of the failure of men and women to adjust themselves to suitable courses. Many times these so-called failures in college become successful in the business and professional world. Our modern institutions of higher learning are overlooking much of this talent in developing the mechanical student who is able to memorize and recite.

W.J.W. jr.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

A Colymist's Sec'y Jots 'Down A Few Notes

Dear W. W., jr.—There's a gal in school by the name of Palombo . . . any relation to that spot by the same name at 8th and Fitzwater in Philly where you were wont to gorge yourself with the spaghetti and red wine? . . . The talk is that the girls B. E. team title was in the bag due to a certain referee whose decisions should have been pop-bottled . . . sounds far-fetched but you might look into it . . . Don't forget to use that tale about the wren who tried to jump out of the window of one of the clobs on the campus . . . I've been inquiring around for you and opinion is almost unanimous as to who is Penn State's dumbest co-ed . . . don't use her name . . . she bruises easily . . . The next time you enter the C'r R'm look'n see if your name is on the little list they keep over the cash register . . . if it is, you've been using old inner tubes for cheques again . . . better watch yourself . . .

Hand a scallion to that sisterhood which aired one of its pledges because she knew 'Tow Much about the other members . . . Remind me to show you a couple of Scott Geesey's unexpurgated, unpublished verses . . . veddy, veddy swell . . . Say something nasty about some of the i.m. boxing decisions . . . they were so bad that they had to air the gym out after the boys were thru . . . Your bootlegger is in jail I mean the one you mentioned in your last column as dispensing his left-over stock at cut-rate prices . . . The local gentleman pounced on him the other A.M. as he came thru the town. He's making broom-sticks at the county brig now . . . (tsk, tsk) . . . Did you know that the State Boxing Comish who cuts itself in for 5% of all receipts at amateur meets, earns about enough out of it to buy you 3 packs of Camelstrokes? . . . Don't forget to send your dress shirt to the laundry. You can't wear a soft one to I F Ball, you know.

Why don't you sue that Old Maniac? . . . He's using your "Things I Never Knew Till Now" idea, changing the idea and title slightly. It appeared here several weeks before he ever used it . . . That Froth man with the swell tattooing on his right forearm told me to tell you not to mention his name or the next time he sees you he's gonna tattoo his name on your face . . . Jean Mercur was in town the other w'k-end and said "Hi" Wanted to know if you'd been in anymore automobile accidents . . . told her no, you could get it within walking distance now . . . Don't forget to thank Carl Weber for giving you that invite to the Chi Phi dance . . . I'm surprised that they even let you in places like that anymore . . . Bee Dils didn't like your saying she had nice eyes awhile back, why don't you say she has funny stems this time, thereby evening matters?

I'm still trying to find out who that wren was who stopped the show at the Phi Ep house Saturday P.M. . . . Aren't you ashamed—and wasn't your face red when that gal, whom you screamed at from a second floor window of the hotel at an early hour Sunday A.M., looked up and recognized you? You better find out who she was and square yourself . . . The fight of the w'k nearly occurred in the C'r R'm the other night when somebody pulled Mooney's derby around his ears . . . Tell the Phi Mu's who live on the west side of the shack for gossakes to pull down their shades, a lot of the lads are peeking . . . And please don't try to disguise y'rself by mentioning your own name in the column. They're all doing it now and besides you're not fooling anybody . . .

YOUR GIRL—TUESDAY

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MONTGOMERY'S of Penn State

120 TRANSFER TO OTHER CURRICULA

(Continued from first page)

Dean Charles W. Stoddard says, "Students come here with the lure of the technical school in their minds, but find that they are unfitted for that kind of training. Mathematics, chemistry, and physics are usually the downfall for most of these students. A majority of the transfers to the Liberal Arts School make good, and benefit by the change." Dean Robert L. Sackett, head of the School of Engineering, which lost the most students, scorns a lack of information which would give a more accurate understanding of the aptitudes required for engineering. "With exceptions, vocational guidance in the high schools is not very effective. After a student enters Penn State, the observation of him, and information given him, are quite valuable in helping him to find his opportunity," said Dean Sackett.

Explaining the reasons for the large number of changes from the Chemistry and Physics School, Dean Frank C. Whitmore stated, "The chief reason is that in many high schools chemistry is made very interesting and exciting, with the result that many men have the idea that they want to be chemists. When they come to college they really have to start in and learn chemistry, which is very different, and not at all like high school work."

Dean Steidle Cites Misfits. Interpreting the general tendency of the transfer figures which reveal a smaller number of changes to and from the School of Agriculture than in previous years, Dean Ralph L. Watts stated, "I think it shows that students are being better counseled. No dean wants students to enroll in his school for the first year or two when they expect to take most of their work in another school."

Dean Edward Steidle, of the School of Mineral Industries, cites misfits in technical courses and students preferring another course as the principal types of transfers. He concluded by saying, "The School of Mineral Industries is attracting more and more students who are especially interested in the basic primary mineral industries."

STAFF, SPEAKERS NAMED FOR FRENCH INSTITUTE

Summer Session Bulletin Announces 2 Lecturers From France

Outstanding among the list of French instructors who will serve on the faculty at the French Institute this summer are Prof. Albert J. Farmer, of the University of Grenoble, and M. Philippe Soupault, French poet and novelist, it was made known in the institute bulletin just released. Prof. Germaine Villedieu of Lake Erie College will be another new member of the staff according to the announcement. Prof. Frederic Ernst, of New York University, will head the institute again this year. Other members of the faculty include Dr. Francis M. duMont, head of the department of romance languages here, and Prof. Paul R. Blanchet, of the same department, Prof. Rene Guet, of Smith College, and Prof. R. I. Maure, of New York University. Two recitals by M. Paul Leyssac, of the Civic Repertory theatre of New York city, dramatic and musical reader, will be additional features.

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POPULAR REQUESTS AT THE CORNER

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Freshmen Will Elect Class Heads Tonight

All freshmen should attend an election of officers in the chemistry amphitheatre tonight at 7:30 o'clock. Harry A. Bauder '33, co-organizer of the class of 1935, has announced.

Those who are nominated must have a first semester scholastic average of grade "1" or better, Bauder said. Failure to attend this meeting will be a Tribunal offense.

SIGMA XI ELECTIONS

(Honorary Scientific)

Faculty: Dr. Stevenson W. Fletcher, Dr. Max Kruss, Dr. Bruce V. Moore, Philip X. Rice

Fellows: William E. Coughlin, Graduate Students: Harold C. Beard, Henry S. Rothrock, William E. Singer



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ATTEND HARRISBURG MEETING

Hugo Bezdek, director of the School of Physical Education, and Edward K. Hoshman, executive secretary of the Alumni Association, attended a meeting of the Harrisburg Alumni Club on Wednesday. Director Bezdek gave a brief history of the athletic policy at Penn State.

GIVE FAREWELL LUNCHEON

Mr. and Mrs. Donald M. Cresswell were given a farewell luncheon last Friday by more than 100 faculty members, administrative officers and townspeople. Mr. Cresswell leaves his post as director of the department of public information here to accept a position with the State Department of Public Instruction.

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TO HOLD FORESTRY REUNION

Plans are being made for an alumni-student reunion of the forestry department on April 9. Prof. John A. Ferguson, head of the forestry department, has announced.

CATHAUM

(Matinee at 1:30 Evenings at 6:00) TUESDAY—Ronald Colman, Helen Hayes in Sinclair Lewis' "ARROWSMITH"

WEDNESDAY—Jack Holt, Boris Karloff in "BEHIND THE MASK" Slim Summerville Comedy

THURSDAY—Lionel Barrymore, Nancy Carroll, and Phillips Holmes in "THE BROKEN LULLABY" (Originally titled "The Man I Killed")

FRIDAY—Ina Claire, Jean Blondell, Lowell Sherman, in "THE GREEKS HAD A WORD FOR THEM"

SATURDAY—Charles Farrell, Marian Nixon in "AFTER TOMORROW"

NITTANY TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY—The Picturization of Russia Today "THE FIVE YEAR PLAN" (With English lecture and titles)

THURSDAY—"BEHIND THE MASK" FRIDAY—"THE BROKEN LULLABY" SATURDAY—"THE GREEKS HAD A WORD FOR THEM"

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