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THAT MID-YEAR VACATION

NEARLY two months ago the Collegian proposed a plan for a mid-year vacation—a full-week respite between semesters.

The Collegian pointed out that an extra week between semesters would give the faculty that much more time in which to grade examinations and file final grades with the Registrar's office;

That it would tend to produce greater efficiency in the administration by reducing the number of drop-outs which are filed by students who do not learn until the following semester is in full swing that they have failed to pass a required course or a prerequisite;

That it would give the student who fails plenty of time to register at another college to continue his studies;

That it would eliminate for the student who fails unnecessary expenditures for board, room, and books, a long other things, for which he must pay as long as he remains here;

That it would give to all students a breathing spell between a grueling final-exam week and the start of the following semester.

From what the Collegian has been able to learn, student, faculty, and administration opinion on the whole seems to be in favor of such a vacation. In fact, the School of Liberal Arts already has filed a petition for a mid-year recess.

But there is a catch in what the administration would want to do. The administration favors a mid-year vacation, provided the students are willing to make up the week at the end of the semester in June.

This is one thing which the Collegian definitely does not want.

For however great may be the benefits of a mid-year vacation, these benefits would be overbalanced by the addition of an extra week in June. Most of all, the hardships of an extra week in June would fall upon those students who are eager to find summer employment but who would find themselves at an unfair disadvantage in competing with students from other colleges which end their school years earlier.

But why must an extra week be added in June in the event a mid-year vacation is granted?

Some members of the administration have stated that there is a required number of school days which must be scheduled by the College. However, according to Lester K. Ade, superintendent of public instruction in Pennsylvania, there is no state requirement to such an effect.

Thus the matter seems to boil down to the belief that the College must schedule a certain number of days in order to receive a certain rating from some private employment agencies or other private organizations. But even if this is the case, there seems to be no sound argument for the addition of an extra week in June.

As it is, the schedule for 1938-39 lists a total of 188 days, the most that has been scheduled at any time during the past decade and perhaps the most in College history. In fact, the College could grant a full-week mid-year recess next year and still have one-half day more of school than there will be this year (1937-38).

Here are the number of days included in the College calendar since 1929-30:

Table with columns: Year, Semester, First, Second, Total. Lists school days from 1929-1938.

Once again—the Collegian repeats: The College could grant a full-week vacation between semesters next year and still have one-half day more of school than there will be this year.

Why not grant the vacation? At least, why not give it a try and see how it works? What is there to lose?

OLD MANIA

Mustn't Touch:

Georgia Powers got merry hell from George (grounds and bldgs) Ebert for painting an old porch swing at the theta manse the other day.

Hi-Ho! Hi-Ho!

Lion coats, truly a great tradition, have made their annual appearance on the campus, covered with everything from a roaring Nittany Lion to Gypsy Rose Lee.

- List of names and nicknames: Doc, Happy, Sneezy, Blashful, Grumpy, Dopey, Bob Coruman, George Bowman, Bruce Drawbaugh, Bob Smithers, Lou Pearce, Dave Jenkins, Marshall Evans.

If they had had another little fairy in the house they would have called him Snow White.

What Have We Here?

This help-wanted ad appeared in Saturday's Centurion Daily: "YOUNG WOMAN desires upstairs work. Dial State College 2036. Experienced and can give references."

Short Changed:

Phigan Ralph Routsong had that \$15 rotissie receipt feeling when he received a card to appear at Borsari Clark's counting house for a refund on his fees.

Four's a Mob:

Connie Buch has a hard time getting rid of his phi kappa sig playmates, Curly Pomeroy and Jim Harper, whenever he has a date with Jean Fox.

About Town and Campus:

Boys in the arm yesterday report that spring is here very definitely... a co-ed came wearing just a dress... Eddie Bruno is quite the quick change artist.

Prok held its annual election party Sunday night and it's reported that the ethereal Robert, Wistrand rather stinks... Some TNE got mixed up with a skunk and when Joe Erkes returned from the Frothy brawl the odoriferous gent chased him all about.

Tommy Silvano, former Lion griddler, was back over the week-end and asked for Chubby Chollie Wheeler... the two were very friendly when Tommy was playing football and Chuck was reporting it for the Collegian.

Prof. Naylor with the Boots on Old Main terrace... had shoes and stockings off taking a sun bath... Best pun of the week... the hesh school kid who called Saturday's score 11-1 "in flavor of vanilla"...

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REMEMBER HER ON MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY MAY 8

- COMPLETE SELECTION OF CARDS
THE LATEST AND BEST BOOKS
5 SUIT BRIDGE DECKS
SCROLL BOOK ENDS
GUEST BOOKS
GIFT STATIONERY
DESK PEN SETS
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KEELER'S CATHAUM THEATRE BLDG.

Co-Edits

TPA's held their spring formal at the Nittany Lion Saturday night, and the Chi O's were supper guests of the Kappa Sigs Sunday.

Among the week-end alumnae guests were Frances Christine '34, Seena Henriche '37 and Maria Weber '37 at the D G's; and Jean Kreible '37 and Mary Swape '37 at the Theatras.

Alpha Lambda Delta elected Anabel Boyd, president; Nelia M. Banzard, vice president; M. Cordelia Beach, secretary, and M. Janet Gil-lespie treasurer, at a meeting in 416 Old Main at 4 o'clock Wednesday.

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Building Program Rumbings

Penn State's greatest undertaking is in full swing.

"Keep moving... keep moving..." signs caution as students gather around to watch the army of sweating, mud-caked laborers remake the campus with sputtering drills, yawning shovels, and veiny hands.

"A damn nice place ya have here," a worker on the site of the proposed Electrical Engineering building ventured. "Fao had we have to tear it up."

With work already underway on each of the eleven buildings, progress is being made in excavating, form building, steel reinforcing, and leveling. Digging on the \$200,500 Education building site, facing North Liberal Arts, a shovel is loading almost a ton at a time on a ceaseless stream of trucks. P. S. The building's going to have an elevator.

The ROTC boys are a little worried now. Ground for the \$529,000 Electrical Engineering structure was broken during the week on the Armory field. But the infingement will have no effect; the golf course is large. Besides, there's always the football field or front campus!

If they've never had the experience before, two sororities will soon be "taken for a ride." Theta Phi Alpha and Phi Mu will be moved from their present locations on Pollock Road to new sites on Holmes Road, near the home of Dr. Ritenour—a distance of about 900 feet. Reason—the new Chemistry and Physics Building.

Prof. Harold E. Dickson of Fine Arts, asked for his opinion on the architecture of the proposed structures, expressed regret that no provision had been made for the functional style in any of the buildings, which he said would relieve the monotony of the types now on the campus.

The functional building, or the type which clearly expresses its function to the subordination of unnecessary elements, is entirely lacking on the campus, according to Professor Dickson.

"It is interesting to consider what might have been done with a structure of this type on the site of the present Dairy Building," Prof. Dickson stated, explaining that a twentieth century structural style would do much to enhance the beauty of the campus.

Seems incredible but Frances Atherton Hall will be ready for 500 women when September bells around. Majestically looking down on East College avenue, the dormitory is nearing the last phase of actual construction.

In an environment of thousands of bags of cement, bricks, and marble slabs piled high, workers are rushing to make the building the first of the program to be completed.

Houses, Lots and Business Sites Eugene H. Lederer Licensed Real Estate Broker Developer of The Fraternity Section Office Next to Post Office 114 E. Beaver Ave.

off the records

The latest swing classic by Victor features Benny Goodman, with the addition of Bud Freeman on the sax and Dave Tough on the drums.

Tommy Dorsey's latest Victor release of YOU LEAVE ME BREATHLESS—SAYS MY HEART has Jack Leonard and Elythe Wright doing the respective vocals.

Concluding the Victors, Larry Clinton's WHO DO YOU THINK I SAW LAST NIGHT? and "Fats" Waller's I SIMPLY ADORE YOU stand out. Wonder when the dance committees will smarten up and sign Larry Clinton?

Kay Kyser has begun his prep for Junior Prom by following Tommy Dorsey into New York's Paramount. Kyser's latest, on Brunswick, has Sully Mason vocalizing SOMETHING TELLS ME AND CRY, BABY, CRY.

Better hop down to the Music Room and hear Bill Smilin' Stoker's THINKING OF YOU... Kyser's theme. Listen to Norvo's latest Brunswick.

Casa Lomr keeps with the current rage by having Pee Wee Hunt tell us MY BONNIE LIES OVER THE OCEAN. Another Decca has our I-F Ball band recording I LOVE TO WHISTLE and SOMETHING TELLS ME.

Will Osbourne brings back shades of Russ Morgan on the Whistle disc, while a sage one remarks about Janice Todd's vocals resembling Deanna Durbin. Edgar Hayes has something on Decca No. 1748.

Wish somebody would make a good recording of ONE SONG... who said Gene Krupa's band is NG? hope Hecla Park gets somebody better than Duchin next dance...

Alumni Group Forms New Club At Oil City

A nucleus of an alumni club has been started in Oil City, according to Edward H. Hibshman, secretary of the alumni association.

Hibshman visited alumni meetings in Butler, Bradford, and Erie. It was revealed that several clubs have appointed committees to gather historical material which will be filed here in the new library.

Editorial Candidates Will Meet Tomorrow

Freshman Collegian editorial candidates will meet at 7 o'clock tomorrow night in the news room, 312 Old Main, Salvatore S. Sala '39, news editor, announced yesterday.

Beats will be assigned and regular Collegian work will be begun.

Students advertising a University of Michigan play production picketed the local cinema to advertise their own play.

We have Whitman's Chocolates for Mother's Day. The world's finest confections—in richly decorated packages for Her special day—25c to \$7.50. Make your selection now! COLLEGE CUT RATE Next to Corner Room

Sportswear FOR all occasions Polo Shirts, Basque Shirts, Bush Jackets, Gab Slacks. We invite you to come in and inspect our complete selection of FLORESHEIM and JARMAN Shoes for Men. fromm's Opposite Old Main - State College

JUNIOR PROM FRIDAY, MAY THIRTEENTH Nine 'til Two \$4.00 per Couple. IN PERSON KAY KYSER and the COLLEGE OF MUSICAL KNOWLEDGE. STARRING VIRGINIA SIMMS, HARRY BABBITT, SULLY MASON, ISH KABIBBLE, LYMAN GANDEE. PRESENTED BY THE COLLEGE OF MUSICAL KNOWLEDGE.

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