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Who'll Guide The Frosh?

Under the recently approved "third semester" plan to telescope Penn State's courses into three years of study, the added semester is scheduled to run from May 18 to August 28. And because seniors in Pennsylvania high schools can hardly graduate before the end of May, incoming freshmen are not slated to start college until June 8.

That comprises a 12-week semester, which college officials apparently think, is the minimum term for a semester. Also, there is little reason to doubt that if it were possible to set an earlier date for the incoming frosh to matriculate, it would be done.

Even by June 8 many schools will not have had graduation exercises, especially those which were delayed from two weeks to a month last September by the infantile paralysis epidemic, and had to either cut vacations or add to the end of the school year. All this means that students will be pressed even to make the June 8 date.

Now, what about Freshman Week? Few will doubt the value of a period to orient the freshman to methods at Penn State. And who will deny that a major adjustment has to take place in moving from one environment to one vastly different? Certain placement tests are necessary and counselling periods have proved valuable.

One of the movements underfoot is a plan to sponsor a freshman camp a few miles from the College several days prior to starting. It is unofficial and has not been presented as yet. Still the time element creeps up, the camp isn't on campus and the question of how to handle over 1,000 freshmen in a small camp becomes pertinent. There's the problem. How will it be solved? —P. I. W.

IFC Clarification

In view of Interfraternity Council's approaching presidential election, a word of clarification is in order as to just who is eligible to run for this office. Although, under new legislation passed by the Council last Spring stating that members of the Council should be fraternity presidents, there is nothing to prohibit any fraternity junior from being a candidate for Interfraternity Council president.

Very often fraternity presidents are men well known and liked in their own houses but not particularly well informed about All-College problems or active in campus functions. Candidates for the Council president's job of coordinating and leading fraternities should not be limited to these house presidents, as is the common campus opinion.

It might be advisable to have junior representatives on the Council as well as seniors. This, so that juniors interested in the Council would not have to break in cold without experience when they take over the offices and the running of the Council their senior year.

—D. W. D.

One Man's Meat

Stuff...

Some years ago when George Schenkein '41 was a fledgling, studying journalism under that old story-teller, Lou Bell, he pricked up his ears as he listened to Lou advise the class of would-be-newshounds how to get news from a hospital staff. "Get to know somebody who works in the hospital," quoth Lou. "It can be a doctor, an interne, a nurse, or just a janitor, but get to know somebody well. Then use the tips you get from your hospital friend to check up on stories."

This is the straight stuff, George thinks to himself. So when he goes to work for the Canonsburg "Notes," being a conscientious chap, George gets to know somebody up at the local cut-up house.

But George is extra conscientious. Now, Emily Corl informs us, he's engaged to be married to Viola Taylor, a nurse in the Canonsburg hospital. Which just goes to show what a college education will do to you if you take it too seriously.

And Nonsense

Then there was the fellow who profoundly announced that apple polishers no longer existed on the Penn State campus. Under war conditions, he went on, they were now only students who consolidated their position.

Soft Lights...

The Ath Hall inhabitant was holding forth to a group of her fellow hens: "Why, if I were a man, I'd be anxious to go to war. Think of all the excitement, the adventure of not knowing what's going to happen next. Gee, war would be fun to me!" Thusly and so into the peaceful Nittany Valley night.

Came the dawn, and the lights in the aforementioned heroine's wig were on the blink. A fuse or some such innocent device had gone bloogey. Ah, then there were tears and gnashing of teeth and tearing of hair! From our brave would-be warriorress came the shrillest shrieks. "How do they expect me to comb my hair with the damn lights out! Why doesn't somebody do something! They can't do this to me!"

My, such excitement, such fun! What a great adventure, not knowing what's going to happen next!

And Sweet Music

A good idea, I call it. Speaking of these Senior Ball Victory corsages, made up of defense stamps, I mean. Yet, from small, petty sources we hear complaints. "What about the poor florists?" some aesthetics ask.

—LOKI



JAP AUTHORITY — James R. Young, INS correspondent to Tokyo, Japan, will have luncheon with members of the College chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, national honorary journalism fraternity, Monday. He will speak at the annual Liberal Arts dinner Monday evening.

Ex-INS Chief To Talk Here

James R. Young, Chief of Staff of the International News Service in Tokyo until his imprisonment by the Japanese for printing unfavorable stories about their government, will speak at the Liberal Arts dinner at the Nittany Lion Inn at 6 o'clock Monday evening.

Mr. Young, author of "Behind the Rising Sun," has recently completed a lecture tour, speaking to groups throughout the United States about his experiences in Japan.

He will also address a journalism 2 class in 121 Sparks at 11 o'clock Monday morning. Students interested in hearing him are cordially invited by Prof. Franklin C. Baner, head of the department of journalism, to attend the morning lecture if they arrive promptly, filling seats to the left or right of the center section or half-way back in the center section.

Members of the College Liberal Arts School are invited to attend the Liberal Arts dinner. Mrs. Stecker, 213 Sparks Building, or the journalism department will take reservations.

British Tars

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Channel, and of their greatest thrill—getting past the Nazi mine fields to shell Calais for almost three hours.

In a matter-of-fact tone, heavy with Scotch brogue, they traced their ship during two Mediterranean naval battles, in sinking two submarines off the coast of Sicily, capturing a Vichy merchant vessel loaded with 2,000 machine guns, and patrolling Africa's west coast.

Their last combat ended with the destroyer limping into an Eastern port last week, according to McAdam. While sub-hunting in the Caribbean, their ship was torpedoed and one of the diesel engines was knocked out of action. Before the submarine could score a direct hit, however, the destroyer released a few depth charges.

"She will no torpedo another ship, ever," Tilston added simply.

Their six days in the United States have left a sea of new impressions on the boys. They expressed admiration of the friendliness of Yankee girls, surprise at the number of "commoners" going to American colleges, and amazement at the variety and "frilliness" of American food.

Their conception of American college life is entirely changed. It isn't a constant maze of football games and cheerleading coeds in shorts and sweaters after all—despite what they'd seen in the movies.

Most startling to them, however, is the Yankee system of rushing around all day and making "whoopie" all night. "In Scotland," McAdam remarked, "we start out for our good times at 6

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

Christian Science lecture in 110 EE at 8 p. m.

Movies on South America will be shown in Room 110 Home Economics Building at 8 p. m.

'45 Campus party meeting for nominations of class officers, 409 Old Main, 7:30 p. m.

'43 Independent party meeting, Grange playroom, 7 p. m.

Freshman Handbook editorial staff, Hugh Beaver Room, 7:30 p. m.

'44 Campus party meeting for nominations, 318 Old Main, 7:30 p. m.

PSCA Seminar will meet at the home of Prof. John H. Frizzell, 226 Highland avenue, 7 p. m.

South American films, 110 Home Economics, 8 p. m.

Sewing for Red Cross, 117 Home Economics, 6:45 to 8:45 p. m.

Meeting for all coeds interested in tryouts for All-College Postal Bowling Matches in White Hall bowling alleys at 5 p. m.

Important Student-Faculty Relations Committee meeting, 304 Old Main, 7:30 p. m.

'45 Independent party meeting, especially important, 309 Old Main, 7:30 p. m.

Debaters Face Busy Weekend

A busy weekend on foreign fronts looms in front of Penn State's varsity and freshman debate squads. The varsity group will travel to Lock Haven and the freshman will be active at Bucknell Junior College of Wilkes-Barre and Scranton University.

Samuel G. Freedman '42, John B. McCue '43, Frank E. Zabkar '44, and David L. Englehardt '43, will represent Penn State against students of Lock Haven State Teachers College this afternoon and evening in a series of debates and forums.

Freshman debaters Gaylord W. Greenlee and J. Letrick Harris, affirmative; and Karl H. Bergey Jr., and Robert S. MacNabb, negative, will meet Bucknell Junior College tomorrow night and Scranton freshmen on Saturday night. Two debates will be conducted at both places, all on the labor question.

Prof. Joseph F. O'Brien and Harold P. Zelko, both of the public speaking department, coaches of the varsity and freshman teams respectively, will accompany their teams.

Films To Depict Pan-Americanism

South American films entitled "Americans All" and "Coffee—the Pride of Colombia" will be shown at an open meeting sponsored by the PSCA Public Meetings committee in 110 Home Economics at 8 p. m. today. The theme of the meeting is "The Good Neighbor Policy in Action."

"Americans All," a sound film taken by Julien Bryan, noted newsreel photographer for March of Time, deals with South American youth activities and immigration of Europeans into South America.

The first all color sound motion picture of Colombia ever shown in the United States, "Coffee—the Pride of Colombia," depicts the economic development of the coffee plantation in Colombia.

o'clock and are always back by 10, complete with chaperon.

As they waited last night for the bus that would take them back to battle, Tilston was still pondering over the richness of life in America. "It would be verra fine living here," the British gunner remarked at last, "but I think I would no be able to stand it long. The pace here is too fast."

BUY DEFENSE STAMPS

Meet

Jimmy Young

At

KEELER'S

Monday March 2nd
At 2:00 P. M.

Who Will Autograph
Copies Of His Book

"Behind the Rising Sun"