

2-Semester Plan May Begin in 1946

Committee Suggests New Term Schedule

Operation of the College as soon as possible on the basis of two semesters per year has been recommended by the faculty committee on postwar problems and may be put into effect after June 30, 1946, President Ralph D. Hetzel announced this week.

The committee recommended three plans pertaining to term arrangement: continuance of the present plan for the duration of the emergency, an arrangement similar to the prewar two-semester schedule for the postwar years, and a section pertaining to faculty contracts and salaries. The president concurred with the first two suggestions and stated that the last would be carried out to the extent that the College's financial resources would permit.

Recommendation I, pertaining to the continuance of the present program, gave three reasons for following the three-semester program until conditions change. They were: the influence of the special military programs which are operated on a year-round basis, the possibility that veterans may desire to expedite their programs by continuous attendance, and uncertainty as to the effect of other present or future circumstances, such as universal military training.

The second recommendation favored the semester plan of operation as opposed to the quarter system. This plan was favored by a majority of the faculty, although the vote was not unanimous, the committee reports. The faculty was virtually unanimous in favoring the two-semester rather than the three-semester plan.

Consideration of the quarter system versus the semester system was made according to advantages in education, finance, plant utilization, clerical routines, and labor of change-over. The two plans appeared equally effective in the first three cases, while the semester system appeared to have slight advantages here according to the last two considerations.

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Fire Damages Poultry Plant

Fire of undetermined origin caused damage to the College poultry plant, located on the east campus about 1:15 a.m. Wednesday.

Believed to have started in the floor of the second store under the storage space, the fire was a very difficult one to fight because the source could not be located immediately, George W. Ebert, superintendent of grounds and buildings at the College, said this morning.

The fire was discovered by a campus patrolman who went into the building on his regular tour of duty. He smelled smoke and immediately put in a call for the State College Alpha Fire Company.

Firemen used all their equipment in fighting the fire but had great difficulty because of the dense smoke which filled the two-story building. Not until the flames burst through the roof could the fire be brought under control.

Stored in the storage places on second floor were feed and litter, which is used on the bottom of the pens. Several thousand chickens were in the rooms on the first floor but since the fire was confined to the second floor, were unharmed except from the thick smoke.

Considerable damage was done to the building itself but the total amount is undetermined, Mr. Ebert said.

Healy Sets Date For Freshman Bluebook

The freshman bluebook has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Tribunal Chairman Judd Healy said today. The place of examination will be announced early in the week.

Tribunal created a clean-up squad composed of the two convicted offenders appearing for not wearing customs last week. Ralph Fritts and George West, the guilty frosh, will sweep the walk in front of Old Main and scrub the plaques on campus at 9 a. m. Sunday.

Rip Flamminio was acquitted at Wednesday night's trial. Carrying out last week's punishments, Alan Baskin read the theme on "Ghost Walk" assigned to him and Bernie Klein reported that James Inca Ormsby was a brown and white on campus.

Davenport Substitutes For President Lynch

Eight semester president Jack Davenport presided over Cabinet this week during the absence of President Michael Lynch.

Gordon Miller, chairman of the Penn State Spirit Committee, reported the following suggestions to the members present:

1. That the showing of Penn State football movies be revived.
2. That Cabinet sponsor pep rallies and bonfires before the coming football games.
3. That freshman men have a sing similar to that of the freshman coeds.
4. That Tribunal decree a tug-of-war to determine when the freshman customs should be removed.

Davenport revealed in Naval Relations Committee report that Commander Trusdell Wisner was very much in favor of the Naval ROTC students participating in College activities. The Navy head said that as long as he was in command "the boys will be allowed to participate in required fraternal obligations, all-College elections, and College activities."

According to Davenport, the Commander had pointed out several problems that would follow if the Navy were granted permission to vote in College elections. One of these would be the collection of the 75 cents paid by regular students in their fees for student government. Wisner stated that under no condition would the Navy be willing to pay this fee to the College.

June First, heading the Swing Inn Committee, announced that plans were underway for the reopening of Swing Inn within the next few weeks. Miss First listed the following committees to assist her in organizing Swing Inn: Publicity Committee: Stanley Ziff, chairman; Jean Edelman, Mary Haines, Kay Rider, Virginia Sykes, Paulette Stevenson, and Eleanor Zins.

Entertainment Committee: William Morton, chairman; Virginia Dignan, Amy Kaline, Ann Paterson, William Reutti, Joseph Vispi, and Eleanor Zins.

Decorations Committee: Joseph Vispi, chairman; Sally Bernstein, Larry Foster, Ricky Grossman, Portman Padgett, and Doris Smart.

Business Committee: Dick Schultz and Paulette Stevenson, co-chairmen; Lee Edelstein and Frank Schneider.

Music Committee: Frank Schneider.

Stanley Chadwin was appointed to head a committee to investigate the amounts of compensation allotted to members of Cabinet and heads of standing committees. Other members of the committee are Judd Healy, William Maginn, and Jack Seavy.

Campus Cops Needed

Captain Philip A. Mark, of the Campus Patrol, has announced the need for students who would like to serve on the patrol. All men interested should report to the Patrol office in Old Main.

Nittany Captures Both Freshman Offices; McKeand, Davis Win by Broad Margins



James McKeand and Dorothy Davis, who were elected president and secretary-treasurer of the first semester freshman class at elections held Wednesday. Both were Nittany party candidates.

Candidates Successful Despite Two Penalties

Winning by a wide margin, Nittany party captured both offices in freshman elections Wednesday.

James McKeand, Nittany, was elected first semester president over Richard Russell, Key. His running mate, Dorothy Davis, won the office of secretary-treasurer over her opponent, Marjorie Rohrbach, Key. (More than 71 per cent of the freshmen turned out to vote.)

Nittany party was docked two votes (one per candidate) for campaigning in Old Main Wednesday, a violation of the freshman elections code. This penalty was imposed by the elections committee, headed by Richard Griffiths.

Clique chairmen were Robert Yurkanin, Nittany, and William Morton, Key.

Following the counting of the votes, the new freshman officers made these statements:

Mr. McKeand: "I'm sure that Dottie and I will try to the best of our ability to carry out the platform which we stated in our campaign."

Miss Davis, secretary-treasurer: "Jim and I will do our best to do everything we can for the freshman class."

The election statistics:

President	
Richard Russell	104
James McKeand	238
Secretary-Treasurer	
Madge Rohrbach	158
Dottie Davis	203

Group Discusses Education Trends

"Trends in Vocational Education" will be discussed at a panel discussion in 109 Agriculture at 9:30 a.m. today. Serving as chairman will be Dr. Lindey H. Dennis, executive secretary of the American Vocational Association.

The discussion, open to the public, will be of special interest to all vocational education, industrial education, agricultural education, and home economics students.

Panel members are: J. C. Wright, assistant United States commissioner of education in charge of vocational education; M. D. Mobley, president of the American Vocational Association; Paul L. Cressman, president of the National Association of State Directors of Vocational Education; Edward Berman, president of the National Council of Local Administrators of Vocational Education.

Emma M. Watts, president of the Pennsylvania Vocational Association; Arthur K. Getman, New York supervisor of vocational education in agriculture; Major Ralph C. Wenrich, in charge of the training program at Camp Carson, Colorado; John A. McCarthy, New Jersey director of vocational education; Charles W. Sylvester, Baltimore, Md., director of vocational education; Ira W. Kibby, chief of the California Bureau of Business Education.

Anna K. Banks, California supervisor of Home Economics education; Julian A. McPhee, California director of vocational education; George H. Fern, director of civilian training; W. F. Stewart, professor of agricultural education, Ohio State University; Claud M. Andrews, Florida supervisor of vocational rehabilitation; and Frank C. Moore, director of industrial arts in Cleveland, Ohio.

Session Registration

Registration for Post-Session, to be given August 13 through 31, will take place in 105, 108, and 109 Burrows from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Monday. Classes will begin at 1:30 p.m. Monday.

Petroleum Prof Aids Bomb Research

Dr. M. R. Fenske, director of the Petroleum Refining Laboratory at the College, has been actively engaged in the atomic energy program for the War Department, it was officially disclosed today.

Dr. F. C. Whitmore, dean of the School of Chemistry and Physics, said the years of experience acquired in the College laboratory on special methods of handling and separating materials had proved invaluable in Dr. Fenske's work.

Degrees Awarded to 61 At Sessions Graduation

Advanced degrees were awarded to 40 men and women last night as a class of 61 was graduated from the College at its annual Summer Sessions commencement. Two of the 40 claimed doctorates.

Joan Nancy Huber and Janet V. Shaffer won honors in the undergraduate group by compiling grades of 2.4 or better, as the majority of advanced degrees went to Pennsylvania school teachers.

President Ralph Dorn Hetzel awarded the degrees in a simple ceremony in Schwab Auditorium.

X-G-I's Set Dance Date

Taking the fore in satisfying the desires of the student body for an All-College informal dance, X-G-I Club will present its First Anniversary Dance at Recreation Hall from 9 to 12 p. m. Saturday, August 18.

A full evening's entertainment is being planned. Dick Berge and his orchestra, featuring Bill Landy as vocalist, will provide the music.

Demonstrating magic in the modern tempo as well as offering a review of magic feats centuries old, Dr. Stuart Mahuran, professor of journalism and a member of the Society of American Magicians, will provide the entertainment during intermission.

Tickets for the dance, which will be \$1.50, tax included, will be on sale at a booth at the Corner Room this afternoon and tomorrow. Tickets may also be purchased from members of X-G-I Club.

X-G-I Club will have its regular meeting in 405 Old Main at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. This meeting will be devoted to further arrangement for the dance.

Engineers to Conduct A Blind Date Bureau For All-College Dance

A blind date bureau will aid students in pairing off for the all-College semi-formal "Log-Rhythm" being sponsored by the Penn State Engineer in Recreation Hall from 9 p.m. to midnight August 25. This announcement was made today by Dorothea Fisher and John Zozak, co-chairmen for the affair.

In charge of the date bureau for freshmen coeds are Joan Mooney and Helen Young, 425 McAllister Hall. Upperclass women, servicemen, and civilian students desiring dates for the dance should apply at the Engineer office, 3 Armory, from 2 to 5 p.m. between Monday and Friday.

Another feature of the affair will be the selection of "Mr. Accelerated Program." All males, servicemen and civilians on campus, are eligible to compete for this title. Contestants names must be submitted to the Penn State Engineer office by August 18.

From the names entered in the contest, the women of the Engineer staff will select three to five finalists. Coed editors of campus publications will choose the winner at the dance. This final selection will be determined by the amount of applause each finalist will receive.

To reward the winner of this contest, a full page spread in some future issue of the Engineer will be devoted to "A Day with Mr. Accelerated Program." According to Zozak this article will depict the activities in which the winner participates from the time he awakens in the morning until he retires at night, during a typical day.

August Engineer Goes On Sale Wednesday

The August issue of the Penn State Engineer will be on sale at Student Union and outside of the Corner Room Wednesday, according to an announcement made today by Dorothea Fischer, editor.

Included in this issue will be the articles: "Centralized Power," by Pierce Robinson; "Organic Architecture," by Hartley Finkle; "Turbine Drives Take to the Sea," by Barbara Pfahler; "Freeze It," by Fay Young; and "Science—The Endless Frontier," by Harry P. Hammond, dean of the School of Engineering.

As an added attraction, Miss Fischer today disclosed that the August Engineer would contain a special feature article discussing the new atomic bomb.