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Calendar Proposal Needs Revision

As is the case whenever a holiday period is cut short, the student body has risen in violent opposition to the proposed calendar policy which would cut the Thanksgiving vacation to one day and eliminate the vacation between the fall and spring semesters.

When the tempers cool a little, some of the opposition to the policy will die, but there will still be some room for complaint.

The idea behind the plan is a good one—to set up a policy for the school calendar which will hold for every year. In formulating the plan, however, some mistakes were made.

The limiting of the Thanksgiving vacation to one day is probably the cause of most of the dissenting opinions over the proposed plan. The immediate problem that must be faced if this plan goes into effect would be how to curb the amount of cutting that is almost sure to take place. Those students who live within a reasonable distance of the College will almost without exception take the Friday after Thanksgiving off, classes or not. Of course, it isn't up to the Senate calendar committee to worry about that.

There are some students, however, who feel that the three week period between the end of Thanksgiving vacation and the beginning of the Christmas vacation is merely a waste of time, a period when no one feels like doing anything in the way of studying. Many professors have complained of the same thing. Some feel the expense involved is too much for such a short holiday. On the other hand, most students feel that a break of more than one day is needed at this point.

While most of the adverse criticism has been leveled at the plan's Thanksgiving recommendation, the suggestion that final exams end one day and registration start the next is, in actuality, a serious lack of foresight.

Not only do students need a break after final exams, but the College, too, needs time to tabulate final grades and get them out to the students. How the calendar committee expects to keep an effective registration system under a policy such as has been suggested escapes us. It is physically impossible for a student who has taken a final on Tuesday to register accurately the following day, especially if that student's passing or flunking a course depended on his grade in the final.

What would seem to be a solution worthwhile studying is to give the students several days, perhaps even a week, off at this point. The vacation would not interfere with the effectiveness of classes and would give the students a rest which they will probably need. This vacation could come, partly from the days cut off the Thanksgiving holiday.

The calendar committee undoubtedly considered the proposed policy carefully. It must have expected some criticism from the student body. The students must remember too, that the policy is still in the planning stage. Final action must be taken by the College Senate. But no matter what action is taken, the whole thing will be forgotten within a College generation.

State Should Allow Absentee Balloting

Thirteen million adults in the United States could not vote in the November election. Of the 37,711,000 adults who had been legally entitled to cast a ballot, about one eighth were disfranchised.

One million persons in the armed forces were prevented from voting because of inadequate state regulations which make it difficult, and, in some cases, impossible for the soldier to cast a ballot. Illiteracy, failure to pay poll taxes, or inability to meet residence requirements took the vote from some 12,000,000 other Americans, the American Heritage Foundation, which conducted a national "register and vote" campaign last year, reported last week.

Pennsylvania is one of the six remaining states which has no absentee ballot provisions for civilians. Thus students in college, persons who work out of the state and are not able to be in their home towns on election day, and bed-ridden citizens are denied the right to vote in this state.

The state legislature, presently in session, should take immediate action to see that this

unfair inadequacy is corrected and make it as convenient as possible for every eligible person to exercise the right and duty of voting. The citizen who has his vote denied him is, through no fault of his own, a poor citizen. Of these we have enough. Let's not create more.

—Mike Feinsilber

Safety Valve—

Earlier Planning Urged

TO THE EDITOR: In reference to a recent editorial in the Daily Collegian concerning the joint open houses, an explanation of the Home Economics Spring Weekend should be presented to students. An open house, as described in the editorial, consists of opening the schools to the high school students of the state. The Home Economics' Spring Weekend is NOT an open house. It was originated by the alumni as a time when they could come back to visit the school. It grew out of a convocation held in 1949 when Home Economics became an official school. It is jointly sponsored by the students, faculty, and alumni. Without the cooperation of the three groups it would not be successful. Each year the program becomes more extensive, and participation grows. In 1952, 1500 people were registered and 24 states were represented at the Spring Weekend.

The dates for the 1952 Spring Weekend were set in March, 1952, and by November, 1952, 4000 folders describing this year's theme—Textiles for a Changing World—had been sent to parents, alumni, homemakers, retailers, laundrymen, extension workers, and high school and college students throughout the state. Therefore it was too late to change the date to comply with the time set for the joint open houses and as much as we would like to participate, it would be unfair to ask the students and faculty to undertake an open house two weeks after the Spring Weekend.

It can't be expected that the Home Economics school should hold an established function, distinctly not an open house, at a certain time, just as you would not expect the Agriculture school's "Little International" to be held in conjunction with another campus affair.

The open house program is directed to high school students, and to be most successful, plans should be made this semester for a combined open house early next fall.

—Jane Mason
President, Home Ec Student Council

Gazette...

Wednesday, February 25

- GERMAN CLUB, 7 p.m., McElwain Lounge.
- INTER-SCHOOL COORDINATING BOARD, 9 p.m., Student Government Room.
- LION PARTY STEERING COMMITTEE, 7 p.m., 124 Sparks.
- NEWMAN CLUB DISCUSSION GROUP, 7:45 p.m., 107 Willard.
- PENN STATE GRANGE, HOBBY NIGHT, 7 p.m., 100 Horticulture.
- SKATING CLUB mixer, canceled.
- SKULL AND BONES, 8 p.m., 101 Willard.
- WRA BOWLING CLUB, 7 p.m., White Hall.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Complete lists of visiting representatives are available at the College Placement Office in 212 Old Main. Interviews can be arranged and information secured at the office.

Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company will interview B.S. and M.S. candidates in I.E., M.E., E.E., Chem. E., Physics, Chemistry, Ceramics, Accounting and Business Administration; and Ph.D. candidates in Chemistry and Physics, March 2.

Columbia Southern Chemical Company, Division of Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. will interview B.S. candidates in Chem. E., C.E., I.E. and M.E., March 2.

Paint Division of Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company will interview B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in Chem. E. and Chemistry, March 2.

George A. Hormel & Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates interested in a sales career, Feb. 27.

General Motors Corporation will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in M.E., Ind. E., C.E., Chem. E., Metallurgy, Physics, Math., and Commerce and Economics, March 3 and 4.

Scott Paper Company will interview June and summer B.S. and M.S. candidates in M.E., Chem. E., Chemistry and Accounting; and Ph.D. candidates in Chemistry, March 3.

Aetna Life Insurance Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Arts and Letters, Commerce and Economics and Math., March 3.

Bakelite Company will interview B.S. candidates in Chemistry, Chem. E., M.E., E.E. and C.E.; and M.S. candidates in Chemistry and Chem. E., March 2 and 3.

Toledo Edison Company will interview B.S. candidates in C.E., E.E. and M.E., March 2.

Hamilton Standard Division will interview B.S. candidates in M.E., E.E., Aero. E. and Metallurgy, March 2.

Colgate Palmolive Peet Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Chem. Eng., C.E., E.E., I.E., M.E. and Chem., March 3.

Clark Brothers Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in M.E., March 2.

Kurt Salmon Associates will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in I.E., March 2.

Scott Paper Company will interview June and summer B.S. and M.S. candidates in Chem., Accounting, Commerce and Economics, L.M.E., Chem. Eng., and Industrial and Mechanical Eng., March 3.

The Metallurgical and Chemical Division of General Electric will interview June and summer B.S. and M.S. candidates in Chem., Chem. Eng. and Metallurgy, March 5 and 6.

Mallinckrodt Chemical Works will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Chem., Commercial Chem., E.E., M.E. and Chem. Eng., March 5 and 6.

Boeing Airplane Company will interview June and summer B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. candidates in Aero. E., M.E., E.E., C.E. also M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in Phys. and Math., March 5 and 6. They will also interview juniors in engineering fields for summer work.

North American Aviation, Inc., Columbus Division will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in C.E., Aero. E., E.E. and M.E., March 5 and 6.

American Stores Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in C.E. and M.E., March 6.

National Supply Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in C.E., E.E., I.E., M.E., Commerce & Economics, Accounting, Metallurgy, Mining Eng. and P.N.G., March 6.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Wanted: Boy for lettering on photo.

Couple without children, wanted for summer job near State College.

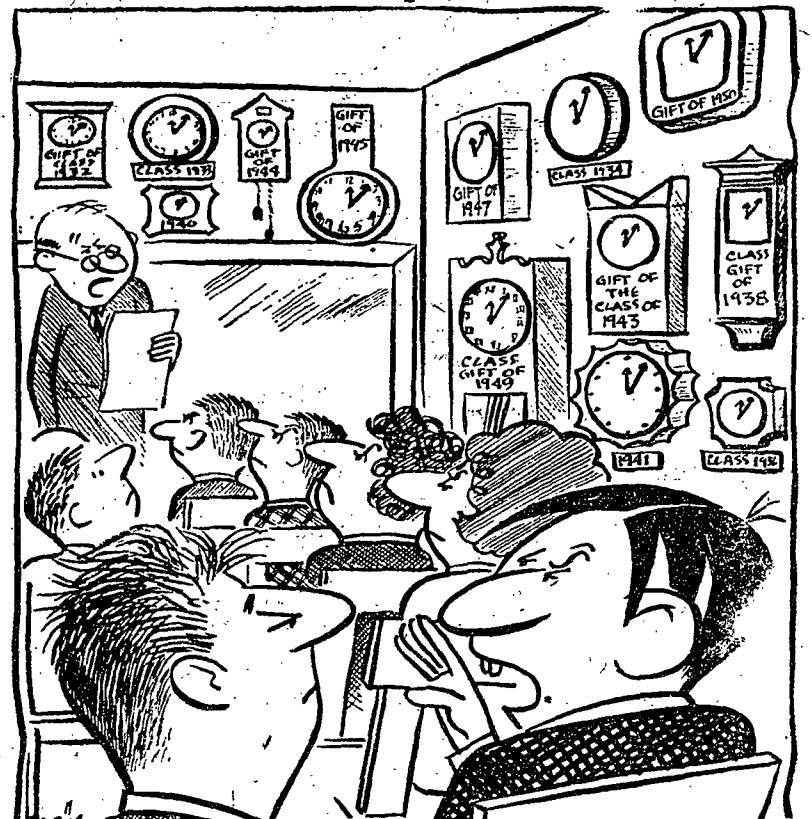
Camp Cherokee, Pa., will interview March 6.

Hiram House Camp and Camp Cleveland will interview March 9.

Camp Conrad Weiser, Pa., will interview March 10.

Trail's End Camp, Pa., will interview March 14.

Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"My dad says we're lucky we don't have to listen 'overtime' to Prof. Snarf's lectures—his class of '32 bought a clock for th' room."

—Sealing Wax and Cabbages—

By ROBERT LANDIS

The recent emphasis on various Weeks (Religion-in-Life and Brotherhood) set me to wondering just how many such weeks there are. I poked my nose in and out of almanacs and standard rates and data services and gave up counting at 106.

Besides being American Brotherhood Week, this is also National Sew and Save Week. The potentialities in observing all 106 of these weeks are tremendous.

Let me cite an example. There is a National Boys and Girls Week, Let's Play Ball Week, Park and Recreation Week, followed later on in the year by a National Baby Week. A more delightful month I cannot imagine.

Occurring at the same time are National Conversation and National Laugh Week followed a week later by National Noise Abatement Week.

Two weeks that really might give a conscientious observer trouble would be National Save Your Vision Week and National Hearing Week.

If you are as idealistic as I am, Save the Horse Week will tug mightily at your heart. In conjunction with this, there is one week in the year which ought to appeal to the emotions of all true ag students: National Pasture Week.

For gourmets on campus, National Kraut and Frankfurter, National Peanut Week, National Pickle Week, and Idaho Potato and Onion Week.

By a slight stretch of the imagination, your life may be described in terms of the weeks we acknowledge. You are born (National Baby Week) into a large family (American Brotherhood Week). In the course of your childhood (Boys and Girls Week) you are active and join many kids

groups (Girl and Boy Scout Weeks or the Campfire Girls Birthday Week) and play games (National Table Tennis Week and Let's Play Ball Week) and now pets (National Cat Week). Then you grow up (Youth Week) and ask your father if he can afford to send you to college (National Coin Week). He says yes. You pack (National Luggage and Leather Goods Week and Packaging Week). After you are packed, you get dressed up and even wear a tie (National Tie or National Bow Tie Week). Since you are going to college you put on your school sweater (National Sweater Week). Then you put on your hat (National Hat Week) and say goodbye to dad (Father and Son Week). Finally you arrive at school and begin your studies (Lessons in Truth Week) and here you become educated (American Education Week).

It is interesting to note the juxtaposition of some of the weeks. The March of Dimes, for instance, is followed by National Thrift Week.

There are many more kinds of weeks, as I said before. I know you can probably think of some I haven't mentioned.

If in some weird way, you thought this column was amusing, save it for National Smile Week (Feb. 26-March 3).

Truman, Taft Slam Oaths, Defend Academic Liberty

Former President Harry S. Truman and Senate Republican leader Robert A. Taft slammed loyalty oaths and the dismissal of teachers for Communist leanings in statements released last week-end.

Truman said he was unequivocally opposed to the compulsory teachers' loyalty oath and added that he feels "a loyalty oath serves no useful purpose."

Taft declared he would not favor dismissing a Communist professor unless he were sure the professor was effectively teaching communism. Taft added, however, that he was in favor of Congressional investigation into Communist infiltration of such fields as teaching, publishing, and entertainment.

Pennsylvania has a recently-

enacted law requiring loyalty certification of teachers, under which Wendell S. MacRae, public information worker at the College, was dismissed last year. MacRae was later reinstated after involved investigation which resulted in his being declared completely loyal. The state law was sponsored by Senator Albert Pechan.

Truman said his statement opposing loyalty oaths had been presented to the members of his cabinet while he was still in office. The statement also said: "In order to preserve the spirit of free inquiry which American education encourages, academic freedom must be protected."

Taft was also quoted over the weekend as already attempting to curb methods of communist investigation as practiced by Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.).