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Debate Expected On Calendar Plan

The first uproar over the newly proposed calendar policy has died down, and students have been studying the problem more carefully. Last week the Student Union Board, composed of several students and George Donovan, associated student activities manager, met with the chairman of the calendar committee to see if some other calendar arrangements could be made. As willing as Mr. Callenbach was, however, to make any reasonable change, the board was unable to come up with much change in the proposal.

The need for a definite calendar policy has been recognized for some time. In making up such a policy, however, many things must be considered. Of great importance is the summer work done at the College. The summer session follows a rigid schedule which does not allow for too much variation in the time which remains.

Other departments which must be considered are the Athletic Association, the housing department, the Health Service, conventions which meet at the College, the labor union, traditions (which often have variable merit), and the fact that students want to come back to school as late as possible and leave as early as possible.

A new calendar is never joyfully received by everyone. The proposed policy will undoubtedly meet with some sharp criticism when it comes to the College Senate for final action.

In its study of the proposed plan, the Student Union Board came up with several suggestions which might make the policy more palatable to the students. These suggestions were approved by All-College Cabinet at its meeting Thursday night, and call for (1) a resolution asking professors to avoid giving bluebooks over the Thanksgiving weekend, (2) attempts to schedule a home football game on Thanksgiving Day (this will be difficult for a few years since the football schedule is prepared several years in advance), (3) the calendar to be reviewed ahead of time in order to provide deviations from the formula when feasible, and (4) a week's vacation between the end of fall semester finals and spring registration.

Most of these suggestions are self explanatory. The fourth suggestion, however, can stand some explanation. Most students feel that some sort of a vacation is needed after finals. The faculty also needs time to correct and grade the exam papers and to get the grades out. Many students cannot register accurately until they have all their grades for the previous semester. For these reasons, the board felt that a week off would benefit everyone, while not seriously delaying the end of the spring semester.

These recommendations will be considered by the Senate at the same time as the new policy. Sharp debate on the questions is expected when the group considers it Thursday. It may yet be some time before a final decision is reached.

Campus Patrol Is Not Always Right

While not defending persons who illegally park on campus, we believe there are legitimate gripes on the part of students against the antics of some members of the Campus Patrol. Certain patrolmen, not content to merely give an illegally parked car a ticket, resort to the childish occupation of towing away these cars.

In many cases, the patrolmen have, by some means, broken in locked cars and have driven them away. The person who owns the car must then make the rounds of all parking lots until he comes upon his car. Sometimes the whole business comes down to a game of hide-and-seek, with the patrolmen taking great pains to place the car where the owner will have the most difficulty finding it. One student has reported that he eventually found his car behind a shed near the Office Services Building, another that his car was in the midst of Hort Woods.

Besides making the Campus Patrol look somewhat ridiculous, there is the possibility of the patrolmen doing serious damage to the car in their attempts to enter it or drive it away. The student should not have to pay the penalty of such damages because it provides some diversion for the patrolman.

We have no sympathy for students who consistently violate the College's parking regulations. We cannot feel sorry for penalties placed upon those who flagrantly ignore the parking rules. But, at the same time, we do not believe the Campus Patrol should flaunt its legal right to tow away cars illegally parked.

Coeds Should Go To Senate Meetings

In a letter printed in Saturday's Daily Collegian, Joan Hutchon, president of the Women's Student Government Association, made it clear that WSGA Senate meetings are not open to senators only. She said that women students who have problems are welcome to Senate meetings, held at 6:30 every Wednesday night in the WSGA room in White Hall.

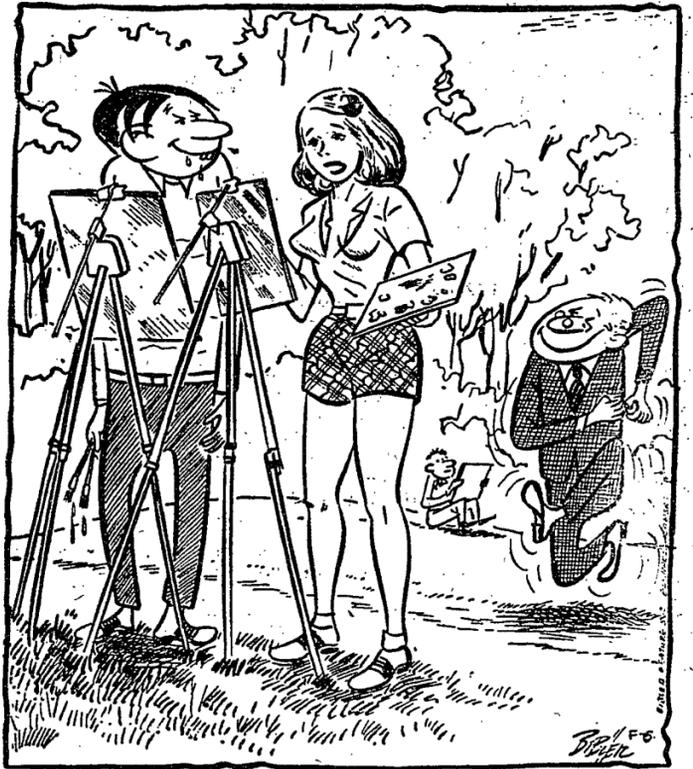
This is a good idea which should be put to practice by some of the women on campus. There are gripes, often pertaining to hours and judicial matters, and students can be sure of having their gripes aired if they go to Senate meetings. Although only senators have a vote on Senate, any woman student will be recognized from the floor.

The WSGA room is a small one, probably a little larger than the room in which All-College Cabinet meets. Cabinet, also with a restricted voting membership, often hears students and considers their problems. The same arrangement is possible in the WSGA Senate if women would only take the time. When a problem like freshman hours comes up, the Senate could properly hear points of view and come to a satisfactory decision for all parties involved.

The tools and devices are there, if students want to use them. The room will not hold all the women on campus, but it can hold a sufficient number of coeds who could attend Senate and provide a wider student opinion.

—Mimi Ungar

Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"It's a wonder I don't get kicked out of class—my work seems to require so much individual instruction."

Safety Valve—Frosh View Presented

In answer to the recent editorial and letters on the freshmen Military Ball hours, we would like to present both sides of the issue from the freshman viewpoint.

There are three points to be considered: first, we were told to use as our guide both the "bible" and the WSGA Handbook; second, if special permissions are to be given, it would have been nice to know earlier; and third, second semester freshmen are allowed in only approved fraternities, and that list for Mil Ball weekend was minute compared to that for the other three "big weekends."

The average freshman should remember that Orientation Week counselors and the "bible" itself implicitly stated that the WSGA handbook was to be the final authority for coeds. We admit that the WSGA handbook states on an obscure page that Mil Ball is not a big weekend.

Housemothers and upperclasswomen told interested coeds early that special hours would probably not be granted. While we appreciated the permissions, numerous complications could have been averted had the hours been announced earlier.

Those freshmen who worried about hours for Saturday night fraternity parties should have stopped worrying upon viewing the few houses approved for them. WSGA would find more attention paid to their rules if they didn't require girls to renege on dates for big parties at the last moment when the approved list arrives on Friday afternoon.

We believe that all special permissions should be announced at the beginning of the year to prevent all controversy, that the "bible" and handbook should coincide, and that approved lists for fraternity parties should appear earlier.

WSGA has a definite place on this campus, but a better understanding between the governing and the governed should be reached.

—Al Munn
—Ann Leh

Gazette...

March 3, 1953

- AIM JUDICIAL BOARD OF REVIEW, 6:30 p.m., Student Government Room.
- COLLEGIAN BUSINESS CANDIDATES, 7 p.m., 1 Carnegie.
- COLLEGIAN EDITORIAL CANDIDATES, 7 p.m., 2 Carnegie.
- COLLEGIAN JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE AD. BOARDS, 7 p.m., 9 Carnegie.
- DELTA SIGMA PI, 8 p.m., Phi Sigma Kappa.
- INDUSTRIAL ED. SOCIETY, 7:30 p.m., 208 Willard.
- INSURANCE CLUB, 7 p.m., Sigma Nu.
- FENCING CLUB, 7 p.m., North Corridor of Rec. Hall.
- PENN STATE BARBELL CLUB, 7 p.m., Sigma Nu.
- PENN STATE CLUB, 7 p.m., 405 Old Main.
- SOPHOMORE CLASS MEETING, 8 p.m., 110 E.E.
- TOWN COUNCIL, 8 p.m., 202 Willard.
- WRA OUTING CLUB, 7 p.m., White Hall Game Room.

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.

- Kimberly Clark Corporation will interview B.S. candidates in Phys., Chem., Accounting, Chem. Eng., C.E., E.E., I.E., and M.E., March 9.
- Touche, Niven Bailey & Smart will interview Accounting majors, March 9.
- Hercules Powder Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Chem. Eng., Chem., E.E. and M.E., March 9.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

- 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.
- Boys wanted to work for meals on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, for the rest of the semester.
- Licensed beauty operator wanted for full or part-time job.

WISE AND OTHERWISE

The Philosophy Of Fear

By DAVE JONES

It is a good idea to stop sometimes to evaluate what you are doing. Unfortunately for the American people, this is one of those times.

This is one of those times because today it is becoming increasingly difficult, and sometimes dangerous, to express a different idea.

In this day, different ideas are too often stamped subversive merely because they are different.

It is a normal human reaction to withdraw from a new idea and cling to the conventional. Yet it is only through intelligent discussion of new and different ideas that progress can be made. And only through a conflict in ideas can we find a logical conclusion to a problem. A logical conclusion cannot be drawn from one point of view.

Like many governments before it, the American government is becoming more and more afraid of free expression. Free expression criticizes the existing system, and anything attacking the existing system is subversive, some would lead us to believe. Too few people are willing to accept criticism as the price for free expression. Such unwillingness could result in suppression of that free expression, and as a result the death of freedom.

The unwillingness to accept different ideas is unnecessarily strong today. Americans have unconsciously, but methodically, developed a mass hysteria, a highly undesirable philosophy of fear. This fear philosophy has been a direct result of communism and the precarious world situation.

The philosophy of fear is a terrible one. It is a philosophy that is already beginning to stifle some of America's most brilliant minds. And it has developed to such a point that intellectuals are being branded subversive without evidence.

Too many colleges are suffering from excessive fear and caution as a result of this indiscriminate name-calling, a disquieting development on American campuses. Faculty members are becoming reluctant to discuss controversial issues in public because even the slightest liberalism is too often marked Communist. If this philosophy of fear continues to grow, it will produce a sterile academic generation.

Despicable are those who shout Red without apparent reason, proof, or pretense of proof. Such character assassination is one of the biggest contributors to this

fear philosophy. Yet there are those who believe this method of routing Communists is actually effective.

This Red hysteria has materialized itself in a tragic joke: The Loyalty Oath. Those who rely upon loyalty oaths to find Communists are relying upon false security. Loyalty oaths are generally useless. There is something tragically wrong in America when loyalty must be reduced to the tired uniformity of an oath.

Loyalty oath vs. academic freedom is a much discussed question. Americans, in their mad attempt to save their way of life, are digging into its very roots. If we cannot have free expression among intelligent individuals, and if we cannot have different ideas on college campuses without the philosophy of fear, then we cannot have freedom. And without freedom, America will die.

Student Jailed In Auto Crash

Walter Sachs, 22, eighth semester arts and letters major, was arrested Sunday for drunken driving when his car crashed head-on into a parked car owned by Roland Singer, graduate student in psychology.

The crash caused an estimated \$600 damage to each car, and Sachs received a laceration of the lip.

Sachs was placed in the borough jail and then released on \$300 bail for a hearing before a justice of the peace.

Best to Give Reading On Vincent Van Gogh

The third in a series of lecture-readings will be presented by Eleanor Z. Best, assistant professor of fine arts, at 4:15 p.m. tomorrow in the Mineral Industries Art Gallery.

The reading on Vincent Van Gogh will include letters from him addressed to his younger brother, Theo. Slides of his works will be shown to illustrate descriptions read from the letters.