

Holiday Cuts Hit 19 Percent

A summary of absences before and after Easter vacation, 1953, released by the Registrar's office shows that a total of 19.1 per cent of the total enrollment missed classes immediately before the vacation and 8.6 per cent after.

The survey was made by Robert M. Koser, assistant to the registrar, in accordance with the report of the special Senate committee on vacation absences which was presented to the Senate in June of 1952. It covers class attendance for the 24-hour periods before and after the spring recess last Easter.

Quizzes Recommended

Part of the recommendations by the special committee, the survey was presented to Senate members along with plans for reducing the number of cuts. Included was the suggestion that quizzes be given in the last class meeting in each course which occurs within the 24-hour period before a vacation.

Statistics compiled reveal that of 26,804 students enrolled in classes during the 24 hours before vacation, there were 3177 unexcused absentees and 1955 excused absentees. In the 24 hours following Easter recess, 2172 unexcused absentees and 327 excused absentees were reported of the 29,192 scheduled for classes.

LA, Ed Worst

The worst record before the vacation was in the School of the Liberal Arts with 24.7 per cent of 9878 absent including 1491 unexcused. The largest number following vacation was in the School of Education where 10.7 per cent were reported as missing scheduled classes.

Absences by schools before vacation included: Agriculture 13 per cent of 2436 enrolled, Chemistry and Physics 14.6 per cent of 2192, Education 19.1 per cent of 1982, Engineering 16.7 per cent of 3328, Home Economics 20.5 per cent of 1748, Liberal Arts 24.7 per cent of 9878, Mineral Industries 18.7 per cent of 991, and Physical Education 16.3 per cent of 2797. Also recorded were Air ROTC 9.4 per cent of 1044, Army ROTC 8.4 per cent of 261 and Navy ROTC 6.2 per cent of 146.

After vacation, absences ran as follows: Agriculture 7.7 per cent of 2338 enrolled in classes in the 24 hours, Chemistry and Physics 7.3 per cent of 3251, Education 10.7 per cent of 2990, Engineering 7.7 per cent of 3552, Home Economics 7.2 per cent of 729, Liberal Arts 9.2 per cent of 11,719, Mineral Industries 6.3 per cent of 1135 and Physical Education 8.9 per cent of 2953. Also reported were Air ROTC 7.3 per cent of 82, Army ROTC 2.5 per cent of 283, and Navy ROTC 7.1 per cent of 170.

Pitt Seat Sales Start Tomorrow

Ticket sales for the Penn State-University of Pittsburgh game Nov. 21 will begin at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow at the Athletic Association ticket office window in Old Main.

A new system using "student exchange forms" has been set up to aid ticket sales this year. Students must pick up the forms at the Student Union desk and present them at the window when they buy their tickets.

Only one form will be given to each student. If a student is buying tickets for more than one person, the names of the other persons must be written on the back of the application blank.

Offices to Close For Armistice Day

College offices will be closed today in observance of Armistice Day, but classes will be held as scheduled.

Air Force and Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps units will participate in a brief ceremony at 11 a.m. today in front of Old Main.

Taps will be sounded by two NROTC buglers and the flag will be lowered to half mast. After one minute of silence the Navy band will play the "Star Spangled Banner." The flag will then be returned to the top of the mast, ending the ceremony.

Banks, the post office and some stores in State College will be closed today.

AIM to Get Town Report On Elections

A progress report of Town Council elections will be presented at the meeting of the Association of Independent Men 7:30 tonight in 102 Willard.

The elections, which were declared illegal by Byron Fielding, elections committee chairman of AIM, have been rescheduled. Self-nomination by a petition with twenty signatures of those in the nominee's ward was held last night.

The reorganization plan for AIM will also be discussed at the meeting with the presentation of the plan in its final form.

The plan would establish a General Assembly of all elected representatives of AIM, including the floor and dormitory presidents and town representatives. The present AIM is composed of elected representatives of the area councils.

The plan also calls for an Executive Board which would be the agenda-making organ. The board would have the power to call special meetings of the assembly.

Other items that will be reported on at the AIM meeting include the Dink Debut, Autumn Ball, and suggestions for AIM programming.

Dean to Probe Alleged Assault

A full-scale investigation of an alleged assault of a first semester student the night of Nov. 1, is underway in the Dean of Men's office.

Conflicting reports of the cause of the injury, which resulted in a skull fracture and brain concussion, have not been cleared, James Dean, assistant to the dean of men in charge of independent affairs, reported.

The student has claimed he was involved in a fight with three men behind Main Engineering Building. Two later descriptions of the fracas by the student conflicted with the original story.

The student had been unconscious for nearly 24 hours in the Infirmary before his removal to the hospital in Scranton early last week. He is reportedly greatly improved, and was sent home.

State Fire Marshal To Continue Probe

Investigation by a state fire marshal of the fire that routed two students, one faculty member and seven townspeople from their apartment-residences Thursday will continue today, Bruce Homan, borough fire marshal, announced yesterday.

The state fire marshal for the area, who is from the Hollidaysburg state police barracks, will return to the borough today for further investigations. He declined comment yesterday after his first investigation.

Party Budgets Are Approved

The All-College elections committee last night approved statements of campaign expenditures submitted by the Lion and State parties.

In campaigning for the freshman and sophomore elections Thursday, the State Party indicated that a total of \$144.54 had been paid out for posters, tags, radio time, and other advertising. Lion Party expenditures amounted to \$142.16.

Edwin Kohn, elections committee chairman, said the group will meet after the polls close Thursday to hear complaints of elections code violations by clique chairmen or committee members.

The chairman also said committee members will be excused from classes Thursday to work at the polls.

Homan said yesterday there is nothing at all suspicious about the fire and that the investigations are merely routine. "It is simply a matter of determining the mechanical failure that caused the furnace to blow up," Homan said.

The fire caused about \$17,000 damage to the house at 133 N. Barnard street, Homan said. Another \$3500 damage was reported to personal belongings.

Students routed by the fire are Richard Brady, seventh semester music education major, and John Huntoon, eighth semester arts and letters major. They shared a third-floor apartment.

The faculty member is William Pritchard, instructor in English composition. Pritchard, his wife and two children, had an apartment on the second floor.

The Alpha Fire department extinguished the fire after the blaze had spread to the roof. The fire spread quickly through the building and the spaces between the walls in the basement fanned the fire toward the upper floors, Homan said.

Peyre Explains French Writing

By NANCY FORTNA

Using his comprehensive knowledge of French literature and his wonderful humor, Henri M. Peyre, professor of French at Yale University, enlightened his audience last night on "The Present Temper in France Interpreted Through French Literature."

Speaking at the second Liberal Arts Lecture in the current series on humanities, Professor Peyre said that literature is very many things. It is a beautiful way of embellishing life.

Generalizing on literature since 1940, he said that literature has been divorced in life in many countries, but not in France.

Literature in France has been associated with the arts and philosophy. Unless the sciences are interpreted through literature, France does not think much of them.

The French writer considers himself an heir to some of the great philosophers of the 19th century. Literature is a mirror to the life behind and around it.

Literature, however, is somewhat distorting, since it does not reach everyone. But what counts, as expressed by Professor Peyre, is the quality and dynamic energy of the people who have read the books for example, teachers who read the books and pass the ideas and information on to their students are very important.

Books never represent the average life, according to this native of Paris, but rather transfigure it. Literature brings out things which are not usually talked about.

At present in France there is a certain skepticism and apathy in French literature. People over 30



Henry M. Peyre
LA Lecturer

years old seem to be discouraged. This probably stems, Peyre said, from the defeat of 1940—"a defeat of the intellect." The writers have a good ideal to explain about this period, and they resent and are ashamed of it.

Since 1945 the conclusion of the French writers has been that a certain era has been closed. This era is the closing of myths such as the end of the absolute progress and success. The Professor said "We do not entertain the myth of progress today." It is thought the more forward that science goes, the more harm that will follow.

"We realize," he said, "that sometimes the best among us must do evil to get good results, such as the dropping of the atomic bomb."

"The pessimism, the temptation to take refuge in despair, is now changing in France. In 1951 and 1952, all of a sudden Frenchmen have emerged from the valley of despair."

Pessimism is often a sign of youthfulness and courageousness, said Peyre. All great things are only done when you live on the verge of disintegration.

The first virtue which the French hold high is lucidity or clear-sightedness. The French are afraid of mass enthusiasm. The lecturer said, "We will never abdicate our critical reasoning powers."

Sincerity or authenticity will be the important topic in years to come, said Peyre. Finding out what is sincere and what is not is quite a burden. Many people never reach sincerity. "It is quite a moral virtue today," he said. The young seem to live more freely and with more truth today. The French want a code of ethics, and always want to be moralists.

French novelists, Professor Peyre said, hardly pay any attention to the techniques of writing. Their writing is very unstructural, but very alive. The French writers feel that the content is most important, and that a moral message has to be delivered. In literature, there is a possibility for a new code of morality.

Quoting, Peyre said, "There is no life, without dialogue." Also, "True artists are on the side of life, not death."

Union Relation With College Is Satisfactory

The relations between the College and Local 67, State, County and Municipal Employees Union, which is affiliated with the AFL, were described as very satisfactory yesterday by Wilmer E. Kenworthy.

He said that to his knowledge the major demands of the union have been satisfied and any negotiations now underway with the College are being conducted by the group's grievance committee.

President Milton S. Eisenhower has not met with the union or their head, George L. Fink, since the last of September, Kenworthy said. All recent labor dealings have been handled outside the Presidents office, and Eisenhower has "not even discussed labor problems" that he was aware of, he added.

Meetings between the President and the union late in September grew out of demands by the local union that threatened to lead to a strike. The dispute revolved about union dissatisfaction with College wage, hour and vacation plans, but were settled without a work stoppage.

Burbank to Speak

Edmund G. Burbank, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Prison Society, will discuss "Prison Administration," at 4 p.m. tomorrow, in 312 Sparks.

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