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Exam Scheduling: Give Students a Break

With the full-scale return of Saturday classes this semester, students could have logically expected a reasonable lull between the end of classes and the beginning of final exams. Quite to the contrary, no lull whatsoever has been provided.

There are some, believe it or not, who have classes until 11:50 a.m. Saturday and exams at 1:10 p.m. Saturday. The University has provided students of this variety a whole hour and 20 minutes to prepare for finals—and eat dinner on the way.

It has long been the practice to end classes and begin finals on the same day. But with the increase in Saturday classes this semester, there comes a need for change.

The rapid-fire end of classes and start of finals leaves the student little, if any, time to prepare for Saturday exams. Either the last week of class work will suffer, or the study time on the exam will suffer.

Then too, some professors have a habit of giving bluebooks during the last week of classes. For students who find themselves in this situation—and there are many—the addition of Saturday classes and Saturday final exams is too much.

In addition to this situation, the exam period itself has been shortened. This has resulted in a more concentrated exam schedule. This more concentrated exam schedule closely following the last week of classes complicates the problem.

It would not hurt the University much to give the students a short break between the end of classes and the start of final exams. Classes could easily end on noon Saturday and final exams begin at 8 a.m. the following Monday. This would give those who have been pressed during their last week a little time to wind up classes and begin studying for final exams.

Many have said there is already an over-emphasis on grades. In some instances, the final exam counts as high as 40 per cent of the course grade. The military situation has added to grade emphasis. Yet, the present class-exam schedule seems to have overlooked these facts. Student welfare is apparently not being too heavily considered. It should be.

When we have few or no Saturday classes, students have some time to prepare for Saturday finals. But when we have widespread Saturday classes, it is the time to give the students a break. This is one of those times.

Safety Valve—

Defends Bermuda Shorts

TO THE EDITOR: Once again the Dean of Women's office has clearly demonstrated its narrow, really quite juvenile attitude toward Penn State students. I refer, of course, to (the) ridiculous ruling concerning men's wearing Bermuda shorts. Not content with making absurd rulings as to the women students, the Dean's office has now taken it upon (itself) to dictate how male students shall dress.

May I state that Bermuda, or more commonly, walking shorts, are actually designed for masculine apparel? That such men as Winston Churchill, several of our senators, and many older men wear these shorts as common warm weather apparel? That in such revered American educational institutions as Yale, Harvard, Vassar, and Wellesley they are worn by a majority of the students and are approved by the administrations of those very schools?

I'm sorry, but I fall rather short of seeing (the) reasoning in this matter. There is nothing vulgar or unbecoming about Bermuda shorts, whether worn at a picnic, in classes, or in dormitories.

Some day I hope to see a Penn State administration which realizes it is dealing with university students—adults—and not with kindergarten children. The administration could better direct its effort into improving the school as such, and let the students choose their own mode of dress.

—Robert Coniff

On Cabinet Reorganization

TO THE EDITOR: In reference to the two editorials of April 27 and 28 on the "Crazy Setup" of All-University Cabinet, I would like to defend Women's Recreation Association's existence on cabinet.

The organization of cabinet, as it stands now, is a true cross section of all campus life and activities. I realize there is repetition in the representation of the students, but I do not consider this a weakness. Cross representation assures the student more of a chance for his voice to be recognized.

The present cabinet structure has good stable balance in power. The proposed plan for eliminating nine cabinet members (would) be disastrous to the women's interests. Women (would) be represented only by Panhellenic Council president and Leonides president. Usually, president of Home Economics Student Council is a woman, and occasionally a woman is elected from one or two of the other colleges. Four women represent all of the women on campus out of a cabinet of 17 members. Is that fair?

Penn State women should not be pushed in the background, for they are truly interested in all-University activities. This has been shown

Student Councils

Self nominations for membership on eight of the nine student councils of the University are now in progress, and will continue through this afternoon for some, through tomorrow for others. The opportunity presents itself for those students interested in student government to become active.

The councils themselves command well over one third—nine of the 24—of the seats on All-University Cabinet, and form much of the backbone of student government at the University. The councils have the setup under which they could become powerful forces on campus, if more student enthusiasm were present.

Students who complain about the problems they encounter within the colleges could find no better way of making their grievances known than by taking an active part in their own student councils.

Students also have the opportunity of rendering real service to themselves, to the University, and to the other students in their colleges.

Students should take advantage of the opportunities open to them as members of college councils and nominate themselves. More participation might mean, some day, fewer grievances.

—Len Goodman

Gazette ...

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT
Meal jobs available at fraternities.

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Sandra Allison, Howard Bleznak, Thomas Dolan, Robert Doxey, George Ebert, Mark Gladstone, Dolores Goldstein, Louis Grieco, William Groce, William Houser, Edward Hunt, Vincent Indelicato, John Krug, Marie-Louise Kean, Richard MacKay, John Maher, Ronald McDivitt, Naomi Pelzer, Cecelia Poor, William Powdrell, Lewis Ripley, Robert Ross, Joseph Shick, Ralph Von Glahn, James Wolfe, Dorothy Zettle.

in the past elections. (Women's Student Government Association and WRA) had a higher percentage of voters than in the all-University elections, 57 to 46.8 per cent.

In the recent editorial, the statement was made that president of WRA is "elected by, no real segment of the student body." I consider our women a very, very important segment of our student body.

... Recreation is an invaluable part of our everyday life ... and I feel it should be emphasized by the University and given a chance to grow even more as a member of All-University Cabinet.

—Milly McCowan
President of WRA

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"They say he can hold a note longer than anyone in th' whole band."

Collegiate Chatter

By LORRAINE GLADUS

This being the last time we shall ever write this column, we have suddenly become sad with the realization that we are now entering the homestretch, and college days will soon be over.

The past four years have been a lot of fun and hold many fond memories which will come to mind when we think of our undergraduate days. Thinking back now, a few of the incidents stand out vividly in my mind.

There was the time in my sophomore year when we went through the harrowing experience of my first party raid. These things are rather out-moded and juvenile, I'll admit, but this first one was novel and enjoyed by all us Athertonians.

Our hostess had warned us about the raid and told us to close all windows and lock ourselves in our rooms. We promptly closed our windows, went out in the halls, and then locked our doors. Several of the girls were told to stand by the doors, acting as sentinels, I suppose. At any rate, I was guarding the northwest entrance. As I sat shivering on the steps there came a charge against the door accompanied by a shout to "Open up!" and with that I flew up the stairs to the safety of the second floor.

When the boys finally did find a way in, chaos reigned. Millions of fellows stampeded through the halls, kissing coeds, collecting souvenirs, being thrown to the showers—and all the while the fire alarm rang.

Next day, things were back to normal and we didn't feel particularly demoralized, except for an uncomfortable feeling when we met a boy on campus who said, "Hello. I've seen you somewhere before. Oh yes, you're the girl with the red housecoat."

Shall always be indebted to my roommate for the fabulous blind date she "fixed me up" with when we were freshmen. Seems she knew a boy who had a friend. Now we knew nothing about this friend, (not even his name, much to our regret) but my roommate claimed that since the boy she knew was terrific, his friend would be too. Naturally.

Well, when the four of us assembled in Atherton lounge, my roommate couldn't even introduce us. As it happened, my date's name was rather odd, and

Maggie got hysterical every time she tried to utter it.

Somehow we got outside and I immediately thought of a wonderful plan. I suggested that since the campus was so pretty (it was January) we should walk across it instead of along College avenue. We walked as far as Main Engineering and then proceeded along that little slant path which goes beyond Main Eng., and finally crossed over to the movies. We had ten o'clock permissions that night, and so after the movie we started back to the dorm. This time we came back via the alley behind the theater. There is a convenient little passage between the theater and the bank which leads down into the alley. This route, although roundabout, gets you back to the dorm on time, since it eliminates the College avenue crowds.

We could go on with just the little things that make life interesting, such as my roommate's other talent for running into the janitor in the wee hours of the morning when she is still in a semi-conscious state, and a still more semi-state of attire. Then too, trying to get a few extra minutes of sleep, my sorority sister and I would get breakfast at the Dell "on the run." This entailed drinking orange juice at ten minutes to nine and running up the Mall eating a glazed doughnut as Old Main tolled the hour.

We don't profess to have much wisdom, yet we feel we have learned something from our books. Here are some of the (Continued on page eight)

Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES
4:00 From the Lion's Cage
4:15 Baseball—Penn State vs. Gettysburg
7:30 Marquee Memories
8:00 Vaughn Monroe Show
8:15 Just for Two
9:00 Friday Nite Dancing Party
10:30 Sign Off

TOWN HOUSE
DINNERS 5 to 8 DAILY (EXCEPT SUN)
Rear of 129 S. Allen

For that SPECIAL GIFT
for MOTHER
Stop in at the
Treasure House
"A Paradise for Puzzled Shoppers"
136 E. COLLEGE AVENUE

Don't Miss It!
THE HAPPY TIME
May 6, 7, 8
Schwab
Players' Mothers' Day Show