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Exam Scheduling and the Time Factor

Dim Present . . .

Students have been wondering why so many of them have conflicts with examinations, or even conflicts with the conflict examinations. If they only knew what the scheduling office has had to go through with this semester's examinations, they might stop wondering.

The main reason that so many students have conflicts this semester is because the examination period has been cut down to seven and one-half days instead of the usual eight or nine days. It seems there just haven't been enough days this year to have 32 weeks of classes, vacations, summer sessions, and nine days of exams.

Another reason for the confusion about finals is that all senior grades must be turned in by June 2. Before the exam schedule could be made out, the Scheduling office had to be notified by all instructors who had seniors in their classes. This had to be done so that exams for those classes could be scheduled before June 2.

If seniors do not wish to take more than two exams on one day, this leaves only six possible times to schedule exams for them.

Multiple section courses, and there were 225 of them last semester, also pose another problem. Last semester 38,083 students were involved in multiple section courses. This seems a little impossible since there aren't that many students on campus, but consideration must be made for the students that are involved in several multiple section courses.

All in all, the job of the Scheduling office is enormous, and it is no wonder that snags occur.

—Nancy Forina

Brighter Future . . .

It is encouraging to note that, according to the calendar adopted for the 1954-55 term at the University, there is likely to be less trouble for both the Scheduling office and the students over final examinations next year than this semester.

Not only have eight full days been allotted for final examinations for both the fall 1954 and spring 1955 semesters, but Commencement exercises are scheduled for several days after the official end of the semester. This means there will be more days available for scheduling exams for seniors, whose grades must be turned in early.

This semester, with only seven and one half days of finals, a hardship is being imposed upon the Scheduling office and upon the students. Students have found that study time between exams has been reduced. Many of them had conflicts on the original exam schedule, and since the release of the conflict schedule, there are conflicts with conflict exams.

There are disadvantages to certain aspects of the longer time set aside for finals—Commencement will be four days later next year. However most students, realizing the difficulties existing this semester, will probably welcome a few extra days for studying.

The headaches which have resulted from the brief schedule this year should be remembered when future calendars are adopted. A seven and one half day period for finals with Commencement on the last day apparently is impractical.

In the more immediate future—the next academic year—the calendar already released is basis for the hope that final exam scheduling will be less hectic and more satisfactory to everyone concerned.

Gazette . . .

Today

AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING CLUB PICNIC, 5:30 p.m., Black Moshannon

BLOCK AND BRIDLE CLUB, 7:00 p.m., 206 Agriculture

FENCING CLUB, 7:30 p.m., North Corridor, Recreation Hall

NITTANY GROTTTO, 7:30 p.m., 121 Mineral Industries

OUTING CLUB, 6:30 p.m., White Hall playroom

RIDING CLUB, 7:00 p.m., 317 Willard

TOWN COUNCIL, 8:00 p.m., 141 South Allen street

WRA OFFICIALS CLUB, 6:30 p.m., 3 White Hall

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Camp Quinbeck will interview coeds for summer camp jobs tomorrow.

Students wanted for meal jobs on and off campus.

Boys wanted for work on college farms.

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Hugh Cooper, Joy Fisher, Edward Graham, Kenneth Hohe, Yvonne Irwin, Barbara Kabakjian, Frank Kernan, Jose Leon, Nancy Morgan, Roger Owens, Cecelia Poor, Julian Rappaport, Donald Snyder, Costas Thomas, Constance Weitknecht.

Experience keeps a dear school, but fools will learn in no other.—Benjamin Franklin

Next to the originator of a good sentence is the first quoter of it.—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"I'll take this course if this classroom has a fire escape."

Woman's Enemy . . .

Adam's Other Rib

By PEGGY McCLAIN

Authoress Pearl S. Buck once wrote an essay expounding the fact that women are the main cause of their own slow rise to individual prominence. And her attacks on female indifference were an unfortunately keen description of such a situation at Penn State.

According to Miss Buck, women defeat their own attempts at success in the professional and political world because they neither trust nor are inclined to promote members of their own sex.

Such is apparently true on our campus as well. While women compose a good third of the Penn State population, and admittedly a good percentage of campus organizations, these same organizations are quite void of any female administration.

Take for instance the nine student councils. With the possible exclusion of the engineering, agriculture, and mineral industries councils, the majority of the groups are made up primarily of women students. This means that women have better than 50 per cent of the voting power in council elections. And yet only two of the councils . . . education and chem-phys . . . are headed by women.

The pattern seems to be president male; vice president-male; secretary-treasurer-well, let's let the women keep that.

Campus politics is another touchy field where the same no-female policy seems to apply. In 1951 a woman student entered the race for All-University vice president. She was of course defeated. Except for this one case, and except during the four war years when there was a sad minority of men on campus, no woman has ever run for an All-University office.

The same applies to political cliques. Has anyone ever heard of a female clique chairman or vice chairman at Penn State? Cliques, too, revert to the accepted pattern.

Former presidential candidate Adlai Stevenson once said he felt women were as capable of political jobs as men. Our national president has included a woman on his cabinet. Here at Penn State, our All-University president wanted to put a woman on traffic court. Unfortunately, Cabinet—female members included—didn't feel that a woman was "in any position" to serve on such a male-dominated court.

The trouble apparently lies with woman herself. Women will not believe in their own ability

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Tonight on WDFM

7:30	Record Review
8:00	Radio Nederland
8:15	Adventures in Research
8:30	Semi-Pops
9:15	News
9:30	Drama
10:00	Music of America
10:30	Sign Off

Safety Valve— Criticizes Gladys

TO THE EDITOR: As one of the students who helped circulate the petitions on campus asking for consideration of a contemporary design for the University chapel, I was rather shocked to read Mr. (Eugene) Gladys' statements in yesterday's Collegian, in which he accused the Board of Trustees of stalling. I think it should be made quite clear that although many of us students desire a chapel in contemporary design, Mr. Gladys does not speak for the 5000 petition signers when he makes these hasty and ill-considered charges against the board.

Those of us who signed the petition recognized that it is still the Board of Trustees who make the decision, and not the students. I think that the board both welcomes and acts upon student advice, but that we must recognize that this is only advice. The students cannot and do not wish to dictate policy to the Board of Trustees.

But regardless of this, it is simply poor practical politics to stand up and make accusations against the only people who can help us achieve a contemporary-styled chapel. Perhaps Mr. Gladys has spoken before he had time to consider the possible consequences of his statement, but the fact remains that his accusations, by possibly alienating the members of the Board of Trustees, can do more to defeat the proposal than any other single action.

It would appear that the board has made every effort to consider contemporary designs. Therefore I think it is imperative to make it understood that the students are not trying to dictate trustee policy, and that they do not endorse Mr. Gladys' charges.

—Duane Holm

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