

Committee Now Studying Encampment Suggestion For 'Floating' Holidays

A committee of one is now working on the possibility of including "floating" holidays in the University calendar.

President Milton S. Eisenhower made the unofficial appointment about a month ago as a result of a Student Encampment recommendation asking for two floating half-holidays in the fall semester and one full floating holiday in the spring semester.

The recommendation further states that the dates of the holidays would be determined by All-University Cabinet.

Included in the report of the Recreational and Social Aspects Workshop, the recommendation was accepted by All-University Cabinet this semester.

Eliminate Annual Task

Members of the workshop felt that a provision of this sort would eliminate the annual task of seeking a half-holiday for the Penn game.

The faculty member appointed by the president, who is an ex-chairman of the Senate Calendar Committee, has asked that his name be withheld.

He told the Daily Collegian last night that he hopes to make his report to the Council of Administration by the end of the semester. He further said that the report would include no specific recommendation on whether the University should incorporate floating holidays in the calendar.

Harder in Fall

It would be much harder, he said, to work in the holidays in the fall semester than in the spring semester. He explained that the spring semester calendar could be extended a day longer, but that complications arise in the fall semester since it would not be feasible to begin classes earlier than at present.

The faculty member also said that the calendars must balance out so that all classes meet for 15 periods for each credit, meaning that, for example, English Literature 25, a three-credit course, must meet 45 periods during a semester.

Saturday Classes on Wednesdays
For this reason, he explained, students now find themselves going to Saturday classes on Wednesdays at the end of a semester. This condition is caused by holidays, he said.

Adrian O. Morse, University provost, said yesterday that the entire problem revolves around "finding enough time" for the floating holidays.

The Encampment workshop suggested that the holiday plan go into effect for the 1956 or 1957 school year.

News, Views' Meeting

The circulation staff of News and Views will meet at 4:15 p.m. Monday in 118 Home Economics.

A compulsory meeting of the staff will be held at 5:00 p.m. Monday in 118 Home Economics.

E. German Recognition Challenged

BERLIN, Dec. 9 (AP)—The West German Republic warned today it will break diplomatic relations with any nation that henceforth recognizes Communist East Germany.

Like the Western Big Three powers, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's government ignores the claims of the Red regime in East Berlin to represent the 18 million East Germans.

Only Soviet Russia, its European satellites and Red China now exchange envoys with East Germany. Bonn is in the process of establishing diplomatic relations with Russia, but has no ties with any of the others.

Will Fulfill Commitments

A Foreign Office spokesman said West Germany will fulfill its commitment to set up relations with the Soviet Union. Russia is one of the Big Four powers most concerned with Germany, he explained "and such relations could contribute to German unification."

For all other countries, he said, the warning applies. As an example, he said recognition of East Germany by newly sovereign Austria, would end relations between Bonn and Vienna.

The declaration came as Foreign Minister Henrich von Brentano conferred in Bonn with 25 West German envoys on Russia's new cold war maneuvers.

Directed at Egypt

The warning was believed directed especially at Egypt and India, which are tightening their trade ties with East Germany. Bonn leaders say they fear these moves might be the prelude to an exchange of diplomatic envoys.

The Adenauer government waved the diplomatic cudgel as the East regime announced its border police have taken over from the Russians the job of controlling the frontiers of "the German Democratic Republic" including Berlin. The Communists said the switch was made nine days ago.

February Army Draft Calls for 6000 Men

The Army today issued a draft call for 6000 men in February, the lowest since the Selective Service was resumed in September, 1950, the Associated Press reported yesterday.

The Defense Department also said that the previously announced draft of 8000 men for the Army in January has been cut to 6000.

The Navy, after asking for 10,000 draftees in November and December, announced that its volunteer enlistment and re-enlistment progress makes further calls on Selective Service unnecessary.

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Bass Named Queen Of Military Ball

900 Couples Attend Dance In Rec Hall

Rosemary Bass was crowned queen of the Military Ball by orchestra leader Ray Anthony last night before some 900 couples in Recreation Hall.

Miss Bass, a sophomore in journalism from Camp Hill, was sponsored by John Lyon, Cadet Major in the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps.

Other finalists were Jane Hartzell, sponsored by Arthur Bates, 1st Lieutenant in the Army Reserve Training Corps; Marilyn Myers, sponsored by Reid Eschler, Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps cadet; Toni Lisinichia, sponsored by Donald Tinsman, AFROTC cadet and Patricia Maloney, sponsored by Donald Dabroski, Cadet Sgt. 1st Class, Army ROTC.

Commanders Select Queen

The queen was selected by Col. Richard Reidy, professor of military science and tactics; Col. Daniel F. Riva, professor of air science and Capt. V. B. MacCrae, professor of naval science.

The queen and her court—made up of the four finalists—were escorted to the platform through a cordon formed by members of Pershing Rifles, national military honor society, and an arch of sabres formed by the sabre team of Scabbard and Blade, national military honorary group.

Kappa Delta Member

Miss Bass is a member of Kappa Delta sorority and Angel Flight, AFROTC auxiliary organization. Cadet Col. Gordon Fee, master of ceremonies, awarded a silver plated trophy to the queen and to each member of the court.

Members of Angel Flight, presented a bouquet of roses to each of the finalists.

The finalists were selected from 40 entries by the cadet commander and his staff at the Pennsylvania Military College, Chester, Pa.

The Mil Ball was sponsored by Scabbard and Blade; Pershing Rifles; Arnold Air Society, national air force honorary society; Quarterdeck, national naval honorary society.

The receiving line formed from 9 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. A coatroom concession was operated by Pershing Rifles.



—Joe Patton Photo

ROSEMARY BASS, sophomore in Journalism from Camp Hill, is crowned Queen of the Military Ball by bandleader Ray Anthony at intermission of last night's Mil Ball.

'No One' Didn't Win This Election

Bob Clarke didn't get elected freshman class president at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md., but that didn't particularly bother him.

Clarke didn't exist. He was a figment of the imaginations of the editors of the News-Letter, student weekly at Johns Hopkins.

Clarke was listed among the candidates for the freshman class presidency by the editors to demonstrate that the frosh didn't know enough about the candidates to intelligently elect a class president.

The editors won their point. Clarke won 8 per cent of the vote.

Elections Committee to Meet

All-University Elections Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in 9 Carnegie.

Acacia Members To Attend Funeral Service for Frost

Funeral services for Gaius Frost, sophomore in mechanical engineering from Lancaster who died early Thursday morning in the University Hospital, will be held at 3:45 p.m. tomorrow from the Gundel Funeral Home, Conestoga.

Members of Acacia fraternity, where Frost was a pledge, are planning to attend the funeral.

Doctors at the University Hospital and Dr. James Campbell, Jr., State College throat specialist, attempted to save Frost's life when a throat swelling Thursday caused Frost difficulty in breathing.

Doctors said injections were given to reduce the swelling, and artificial respiration was applied. Oxygen was also applied by a resuscitator. A slot was also cut in Frost's windpipe and a tube inserted to apply oxygen. He died at 2:30 a.m. after all attempts failed, doctors said.

Snow Falls for Mil Ball



—John Logan Photo

Cadet escorts date to Mil Ball in usual big-weekend weather

'Imports' Arrive Late, But Safe

It was the old, big weekend story again yesterday, as two inches of snow fell on campus causing bad road conditions and complicating weekend plans for many.

The "imports" arrived safely, however, although a spokesman at the Greyhound Bus Terminal said a few buses were running as much as three-quarters of an hour behind schedule.

Borough police reported conditions as being "not too bad" on the main streets last night, although they said the side streets were slippery. No accidents involving students were reported.

The county roads were cindered yesterday, and the snow had turned to slush by last evening according to state police. They said road conditions were "pretty good."

Campus Patrol reported that several persons had slipped on the (Continued on page eight)

Campus Party To Pick Heads

Campus party will elect new clique officers at 7 p.m. tomorrow in 10 Sparks.

According to its constitution, the party must elect new officers within a month after the class and All-University elections in the fall and spring. This fall's elections for freshman and sophomore class officers ended Nov. 19.

Posts open to party members are clique chairman, vice clique chairman, treasurer, executive secretary, and recording secretary.

Votes will be taken on nominations brought up for all offices at tomorrow's meeting.

IFC to Meet Monday

The Interfraternity Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Hetzel Union assembly hall.

William Moyer, IFC secretary-treasurer, said last night new committee appointments will be made and committee reports will be heard in an effort to clean up pre-Christmas business.