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All About Next Week's Classes

When Monday is Monday that's not news, but when Monday is Thursday that is news. And today because just such a thing is soon to happen we're carrying this story of explanation.

Not only is Monday Thursday, but Tuesday is Friday and Wednesday morning is Saturday morning. But later on Wednesday (miraculously, in the word of a political science professor) becomes Wednesday afternoon.

Without giving this phenomenon much thought students and faculty people have been confused by its complexity thus they have ridiculed it and made all manner of fun of the committee on calendar.

But we should like to explain why such a schedule was devised.

In the spring of 1953 the University Senate, which is the governing body of the University, passed a statement of policy covering the development of the calendar from which we quote:

1. The calendar for any academic year shall provide exactly 15 meetings per semester for each class hour in the week.

2. The fall semester classes shall begin at 8 a.m. on the second Monday after Labor Day. (This means the third Monday in September.)

In order to have each class meet 15 times per semester for each class hour in the week

the Wednesday afternoon, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday morning classes must be made up and at the end of the semester the days left happen to be Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

If we just attended our first-of-the-week classes we would be attending those classes 16 times leaving the end-of-the-week classes attended only 14 times.

Another solution would be to begin classes in September on a Wednesday afternoon instead of Monday morning thereby making up the Thanksgiving recess before it would be taken, but according to the Senate rule this would be impossible.

Even if the Senate rule could be changed the complications that would arise as a result of starting classes in the middle of the week might not be worthwhile. For such a thing might require students to return to the campus as much as a week earlier than they do now. If classes began on Wednesday afternoon, what would the students be doing all day Monday and Tuesday?

Other solutions may be possible and there is a Senate committee studying the procedures at other institutions of comparable size. Their findings will soon be printed.

After all it's really not so bad. Anyway, this might develop into some sort of Penn State tradition. Who knows—

—Jackie Hudgins

Crammed Schedule Needs Relief

All the recent talk about the need for half-holidays and more time between the end of final examinations and registration has so far failed to bring out another need for a break in the University calendar.

With final tests fast approaching it is becoming increasingly evident, at least to the student body, that there isn't enough time to get all the studying done.

Bluebooks, additional assignments to catch up with lagging assignment schedules, and last-minute papers are rife. With with finals, the student body is "snowed."

A common complaint at this time of the year? Perhaps, but at least a partially legitimate one and something can be done to alleviate the situation.

Fall semester classes end at 5 p.m., Jan. 18. Final examinations start at 8 p.m. the following day. Does this schedule allow students adequate time to prepare for final tests considering the heavy load of "regular" assignments common at this stage in the semester? We do not think so.

If a one day buffer was provided between the end of classes and the start of final examinations students would have more time for necessary review. This fact cannot be denied.

And we are not asking for "cram" time. There is a difference between "cramming" and reviewing. "Cram" time is what we have now.

One night is not sufficient time to review the content of a college course. And a general review before a final test is universally advocated by teachers. But this cannot be accomplished in one night unless the student studies into the wee hours. And this is universally condemned by teachers who say all-night no-doz binges with the books do more harm than good.

But what is the student with a final examination the day following the end of classes to do? He must try to "review" for the test. Therefore, he "crams" late into the night.

In the light of this situation we submit that a one day buffer between the end of classes and the start of final examinations should be built into the calendar. We believe that this is as necessary as half-holidays and more time between the end of examinations and registration.

Of course, it is too late to remedy the situation this semester. But we ask the University Senate Calendar Committee to seriously consider this proposal and to provide a buffer day, if possible.

—The Editor

Gazette...

Today
ALPHA KAPPA PSI BUSINESS MEETING, 7:30 p.m., Lambda Chi Alpha
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION, 7 p.m., 304 Old Main
DAILY COLLEGIAN BUSINESS STAFF, 7 p.m., 218 Willard
DAILY COLLEGIAN CIRCULATION STAFF, 7 p.m., 104 Willard
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING SOCIETY, 7 p.m., 219 Electrical Engineering
ENGINEERING STUDENT COUNCIL, 7 p.m., 106 Osmond

FRESHMAN COUNCIL, 6:30 p.m., 217 Hetzel Union
PANHELLENIC COUNCIL, 6:30 p.m., Initiation room, Simmons
PENN STATE FARMER, 8 p.m., 217 Hetzel Union
PHILOSOPHY CLUB, 7:30 p.m., 209 Hetzel Union
Tomorrow
WOMEN'S CHORUS MEETING, 7 p.m., 100 Carnegie University Hospital
Sidney Brindley, Robert Dorwart, George Fish, James Foyle, Thomas Fridy, Stanford Glick, Robert Kneeb, Donna Smith, William Thompson, Charles Vance, Harry Wisner, Gary Zook, and Benjamin Petersohn.

Foreign Policy Gains Importance

By WILLIAM L. RYAN
AP Foreign News Analyst

In an election year, with United States foreign policy definitely thrust to the fore as a campaign issue, it is going to be difficult to come up with a formula to save the Middle East from subversion and chaos. Yet, there may be a way.

There seems to be general agreement that the cause of many of the Western Alliance's woes in the Middle East—and indeed in Asia—stems from over-emphasis on the military aspects of defense against communism. The search for the formula then, would seem to be in the other direction.

In Europe's perilous years after the end of World War II, the economic aspects of American assistance injected new life, strength and faith into weary and depressed people. The halting of communism at the borders of Czechoslovakia and East Germany testifies to the success of the American enterprise.

The Middle East is in peril now. Anti-American and anti-Western sentiment appears to be rising in

all corners of that vitally strategic area. It is a sentiment feeding on fear and resentment.

President Eisenhower's proposal that the United States assure its friends abroad that there will be continued American economic assistance has a particular meaning for the countries of the Middle East. It offers, at the same time, a prospect that may be possible to push into the background the military aspects of American and Western policies in the Middle East, and to accept the Soviet challenge of economic competition in the area for its ultimate benefit.

Although it is not a signatory power, the United States is given the credit and the blame in the Middle East for the military aspect of the Baghdad Pact. The United States can take part in the activities of the alliance, however, and it can take the leadership in pushing those military aspects far into the background.

It might yet be possible to transform the alliance into a sort of organization for Middle East

economic cooperation, similar to the arrangements which enjoyed success in Europe. The machinery already exists under the treaty.

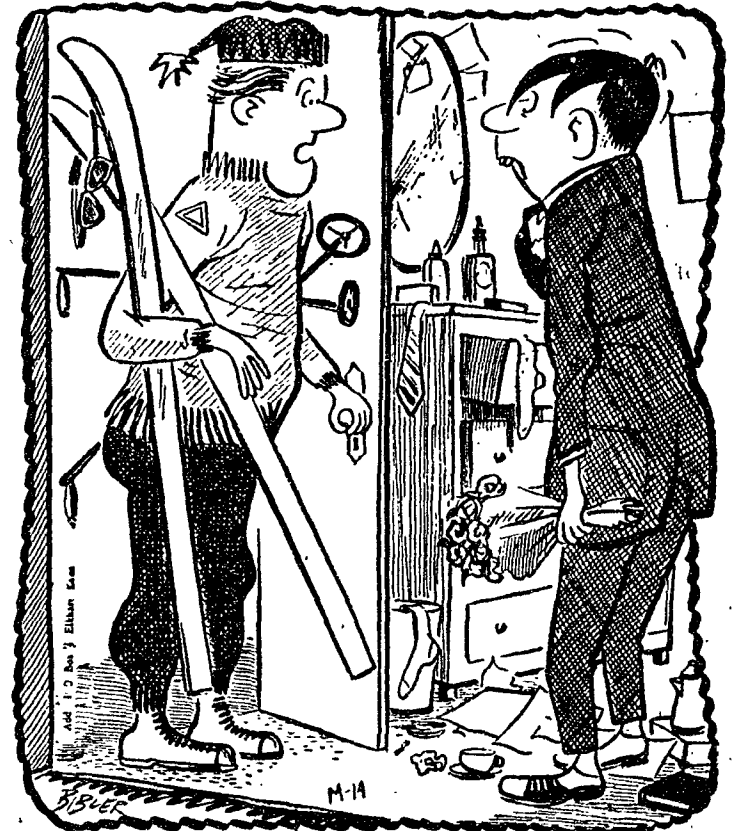
There seems to be a large degree of skepticism in Washington about the possibility of a regional approach to the development of Middle East economic programs to bolster the area against pressures from the Communist world. The arabs themselves are bound to be suspicious now of any such move.

Yet if the situation in the Middle East is to be rescued at all, it is going to require bold and dramatic ideas—ideas which can capture the imagination of ambitious Middle East leaders and of that section of the population which is responsible for the rise and fall of governments.

The immediate task, of course, is to prevent an Arab-Israeli war. But the long-range task calls for patient construction of a wall, combining Middle East independence and free world interdependence, as a bulwark against determined Communist penetration efforts.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Of course I said we were going 'she-ing' — It's pronounced that way."

On Assignment

From the Notebook

By RON WALKER

We went over to Rec Hall last Saturday night to find out who they were feeding to Oberly this time and in the process saw a really great Lion wrestling team in action before an SRO crowd of 5010. The Bill Oberly-Fillius match was the one the crowd was waiting for and they were treated

to a real bruiser, in which the Lion NCAA champ used just about every hold in the book, but somehow just couldn't pin the Big Red wrestler. No doubt, though, "The Obe" taught him a thing or two about wrestling.

Congratulations to Charles Speidel on his 30th year as Lion wrestling coach—the ovation he received before the match was only a token of the esteem in which he is held by students of the game. Charlie is Mr. Wrestling himself—after all, who goes to a wrestling meet to watch the grapplers? We go to watch Charlie Speidel.

In case you're interested, there's a fur-lined glove tacked to the Army ROTC bulletin board in Carnegie Hall under the section "Standing." Size 9 1/2.

We were looking through the letters to the editor in the December 8th issue of The Texas A & M "Battalion" the other day and ran across one we read over twice.

Rather than make some subtle comment about its content (after all, the writer was serious) we are printing it in its entirety and let you think whatever you please:

"Editor, Battalion—
I am in the Air Force now after completing my MS degree in Chemistry in June and want to tell you of a few incidents.

"While I was in basic training at Lackland Air Force Base starting in early September, I had the pleasure of saluting one of our own lieutenants, Lt. D. W. Lane from Newton, class of '55 and a very good friend of mine. He seemed to be in top shape in his work which, I believe, was officer orientation. Of course he was sharp because he was an Aggie. It made me feel very good to salute officers that are sharp, especially Aggies. Incidentally, all those rumors that lieutenants that graduate from A & M are "Big Deals" is not true in any degree. They act very orderly and are very nice to the enlisted men.

"While I have been resting here at the Sheppard Air Force Base hospital, I had a three-day pass; and on one of these sunny afternoons, my dad and I decided to go out for a round of golf. No sooner than we registered and paid our green fee, a gentleman asked me if I was an Aggie (I had on my Aggie coveralls). I told him that I was in the class of '55. He said that he graduated

in the class of '50, so I had a friend from that moment on. His name was Doug Woodward, working with some oil firm I believe. We had a great time swatting at those little golf balls with our "miserable sticks."

"Wherever I go I always wear my Aggie ring and wear it proudly, for as far as I'm concerned, it's still and always will be THE school. Tell all my buddies that are still there "howdy" for me. I really enjoy reading "The Texas Aggie."

Sincerely yours,
Thomas E. Cox '55

From The Ohio State Lantern of December 9, 1955, in a Campus Voice column asking "Do You Believe in Santa?":

Howard W. Clarke Jr., Grad—"No, but from a psychologist's viewpoint I think the belief in Santa Claus does no harm to the child. But it shouldn't be carried on after the child starts having doubts. When a person reaches college age, and if he still believes in Santa, I think it's time some one told him the facts."

Approval of 10 Asked by Seely

All-University President Earl Seely will ask Cabinet to approve the following appointments at the Board meeting Thursday night:

The appointees are: Richard Seng, Spring Week committee chairman; Douglas Moorhead, business manager; Elizabeth Rodgers, coronation; Daniel Van Duyn, carnival; Don Bostock, He-Man contest; Judith Burns, Mad-Hatters contest; Irving Buck, donkey ball game; and Arnold Hoffman, publicity. No one has been suggested for Talent Show chairman.

Other suggested chairmen are Kenneth Cumblidge, the Committee on Sunday Movies; and George Buckout, chairman of Orientation Week.

Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES
7:15 Sign On
7:20 News and Sports
7:30 Phil Wein Show
8:00 The Nicked Penny
8:30 Phi Mu Alpha
9:00 Top Drawer
9:15 News
9:30 This World of Music
10:35 Sign Off