



Senate Unit To Receive Exam Plan

The University Senate yesterday failed to take action on a final examination exemption proposal and instead referred it to the Senate subcommittee on the superior student.

This is the third time that Dr. Wallace E. White, professor of wood technology, presented a modification of the Senate ruling and twice it has gone no further than the Senate subcommittee on the superior student.

Dr. White's proposal would allow an instructor to exempt, if he wishes, any student with a "B" or better average from the final examination.

Debate Delayed

Dr. Ruth Ayres, professor of clothing and textiles, and a member of the subcommittee, asked Senate to delay discussion until a report of the subcommittee goes before Senate.

The subcommittee on the superior student has been working on a general report during the past few years, which includes a study of exam exemption.

Dr. Ayres said that there has been considerable controversy over the issue within the subcommittee.

The presentation of this report was tentatively set for the meeting May 2.

Dr. White said that he hopes both reports "can be integrated" and a reasonable decision can be reached.

Proposal Tabled

A former member of the Senate representing the College of Agriculture. Dr. White presented the recommendation at the March meeting but discussion was postponed because of lack of time. The proposal, if approved, would amend Senate rule 0-2 in the 1956-57 edition of the Senate Regulations for Undergraduate Students.

This rule, permissive but not mandatory, now reads:

"No student shall be exempt (Continued on page twelve)"

Yule Recess Extended



—Daily Collegian Photo by Eleanor Strauss

A touch of spring and winter with daffodils in the snow.

Senate Adds Extra Half-Day

By JUDY HARKISON

An extra half-day was added to the 1957 Christmas vacation yesterday when the University Senate approved a change in the calendar.

The recess will now end at 8 a.m. Friday, Jan. 3 instead of 1:10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2. Classes scheduled for Thursday afternoon will be cancelled.

Christmas vacation will begin at 11:50 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, thus allowing a recess of twelve and one-half days.

Dates Similar

Before the revision, the dates of the forthcoming vacation were similar to those of last Christmas, when, after student protest, President Eric A. Walker lengthened the recess to 8 a.m. Jan. 3.

The extension for the 1956 Christmas vacation was made last November after student leaders pointed out, among other objections to the shortened recess, that the original vacation period would make it necessary for many students to return to campus on New Year's Day, thus creating what they felt to be a traffic hazard.

Recess Shortened

A University spokesman said at that time that the Christmas recess was shortened to help solve a mid-semester congestion in late January that has brought complaints from students, parents, faculty members and draft boards throughout the state.

"At the close of the first semester," the spokesman said, "there has occurred year after year an almost hopelessly congested period in which many things must be done—scheduling classes, giving examinations, marking examinations, computing grades, turning in grades for graduation, counseling and many more."

"This midyear confusion," the spokesman continued, "annually has caused students who failed courses without knowing it to register, buy books and enter into rental commitments needlessly."

The Senate had previously cut four days from the 1957 vacation.

Study Continues on Feasibility Of Establishing AM Station

The University is continuing its study to determine whether an AM radio station should be established on campus before officially submitted a frequency application to the Federal Communications Commission.

Information is being gathered to determine the need, means of financial support, programming possibilities, and other details that constitute necessary preparation for the complete consideration of the matter, a University spokesman said yesterday.

Radio and electronics experts who conducted field tests to determine the availability of an AM frequency presented a report in February that is "largely favorable" from an

engineering viewpoint.

The analysis, which was submitted by Jansky & Bailey, engineering specialists from Washington, D.C., showed that a 1400 kilocycle station in State College could operate "with no interference" to any existing station in this area.

There would be a slight amount of interference to the proposed State College operation from the Williamsport area, the report added.

From the engineering viewpoint, it appears there might also be some competition for part of the same audiences from the Johnstown and Harrisburg stations, a spokesman said.

He pointed out that other considerations which must be made are concerned with the nature of a student station, which would operate on a

night-time basis and only part-time throughout the year.

President Eric A. Walker explained at Student Encampment in September that even if a frequency is found, the field is so crowded that the FCC may not allow a student station to be established since it would broadcast only part-time.

The frequency search was begun in early October by the consulting radio engineers.

An AM station was recommended by All-University Cabinet last spring. Since station WDFM was first broadcast in 1953 on an FM band, students living on campus have been unable to receive it with regular AM radios. WMAJ, the State College AM station, has been the only strong station on campus radio dials.

ChemPhys College Leads In Council Vote Turnout

Students in the College of Chemistry and Physics took top voting honors in the college council elections ending yesterday with a 44 per cent turnout.

Voting officials reported student turnouts ranging from "much improved over last year" and "more than expected" to "very slow."

The Engineering and Architecture Student Council election, with about a 13 per cent turnout, remained in the low spot it hit last year.

The Business Administration Student Council elections turnout was reported considerably improved over last year. The Liberal Arts and Education turnouts dropped somewhat, according to council officials.

The Home Economics Student Council completed elections on Wednesday, with a total of 51 per cent of the home economics students voting. The Agriculture and Physical Education Student Council members are chosen at a different time.

Business Administration
Elected to fill 6 sophomore seats on the Business Administration Student Council were Lewis Herman, Richard Lloyd, Vincent Marino, Michael Roebert and Lonnie Wolf. A tie between Walter Lloyd and Alan Fair will be broken at the council's next meeting.
Elected to junior seats were Eugene Curry, Theodore Wexler, Emmanuel Greenberg, Alan Lipner, James Meister, Samuel Moyer, Morris Movsovic and Janet Ours;

to senior seats, James Franklin, Jack Halpern, William Nelson, Leslie Phillabaum and Roy Rossman.

Chemistry and Physics

Elected to Chemistry and Physics Student Council sophomore seats, by curriculum, were Diane Priestly, chemistry, and Barbara Troman, chemical engineering; junior seats, Esther Pressel, chemistry; Barry White, chemical engineering, and Irving Klein, pre-medicine.

Elected at-large to senior seats were Bruce Bartholomew and Nancy Costerlin. Anthony Flannery and Thomas Wellington were tied for the third senior seats. The council has not decided the method for breaking the tie.

Education

Elected to sophomore seats on the Education Student Council were Pamela Alexander, Ellen Butterworth, Joyce Levenson, Dorothy Newman, Elaine Olander, Sally Selfarth and Janet Thompson.

Elected to junior seats were Nancy Greninger, Frances Friffin, Sandra Grosky, Audrey Jeram, Jean Kissick, Florence Moran and Gary Young; to senior seats, Barbara Cox, David Faust, Joyce Fullerton, Carol Lynne Jones, Lynn Kinnier, Nancy Sones and David Tressler.

Engineering and Architecture

Two ties were recorded in the voting for the Engineering and Architecture Student Council.

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Lion Expects Snow to Melt

Yesterday's heavy snowfall caught the Lion completely unaware.

He had been planning an outdoor rally for last night outside the den. The rally was aimed at promoting a "We-Need-More-Lions-in-High-Places" campaign.

The Lion seems to have mellowed in his attempt to bring himself to power on campus. Military maneuvers, at high pitch last week, have all but ceased, and the proposed plan for seizure of Old Main has been dropped.

University officials are now on the watch for propoganda, fearing possible infiltration attempts on the part of the Lion.

Today's forecast calls for showers and warmer temperatures. The high should be between 55 and 60.

Cap, Gown Orders Due

Today is the deadline for caps and gowns orders from seniors in the College of Education.

They may be ordered at the Athletic Store.

Students are required to give their hat sizes and must leave a \$5 deposit.



Britain Announces Slash In Armed Forces Budget

LONDON, April 4 (AP)—Hard-put Britain today announced a revolutionary five-year defense plan that will nearly halve its armed forces, and place the nation's security under the umbrella of American nuclear power.

A policy declaration in a long-awaited White Paper set forth the Macmillan government's radically advanced concepts for reorganizing the country's air, land and sea forces to the needs of the atomic age and Britain's ability to meet the costs.

Defense Spending Cut

The program provides for cutting back defense spending by more than 560 million dollars—or nearly an eighth of the whole defense budget—in the next fiscal year ending March 1958. Within five years the armed forces will be cut from 680,000 to 375,000 men.

It also calls for reducing Britain's garrisons around the globe, a complete withdrawal from South Korea and the ending of the draft in 1960 when the next general election normally would fall due. The British have a single battalion in Korea.

Nuclear Protection

In starkly realistic terms the White Paper recognized "there is at present no means of providing adequate protection" for Britons against a nuclear attack. Even if

only a dozen enemy bombers get through Britain's air defenses—as would seem "inevitable"—they could inflict "widespread devastation," the document stated.

It added: "The defense of Britain is possible only as part of the collective defense of the free world. This conception of collective defense is the basis of the North Atlantic, Southeast Asia and Baghdad alliances. The free world is today mainly dependent for its protection upon the nuclear capacity of the United States."

Only Safeguard

Pending international agreement on disarmament, "the only existing safeguard against major aggression is the power to threaten retaliation with nuclear weapons," the declaration went on. Accordingly Britain has decided to recast all its old strategic ideas.