

Students to Appraise Wilder to Read 'Carol' Monday University Calendar

Students will be asked for their reactions to a change in the University calendar with a questionnaire to be sent out next semester.

Peter Fishburn, student representative to the Senate Calendar Committee, last night told the Senate a "pilot run" of the questionnaire probably will be taken before this semester ends.

He said the actual poll of students will be made next semester, with the results probably available in March.

The questionnaire, to be handled by the Division of Academic Services and Research, will be designed to determine the student reaction to suggested changes in the calendar.

One purpose of the poll will be to determine what proportion of students would attend each session of a quarter system, a trimester system, and a system of two semesters plus an 11-week summer term.

Another objective will be to determine how student summer jobs would be affected, what percentage of students earn part of their expenses through jobs, and when most of the summer jobs begin and end. The poll also will try to determine what jobs now held by students during the summer could be obtained at some other time of the year.

A Cabinet Committee on Calendar Revision (Committee on Trimester System) was set up when it was announced that the Senate had begun a study of calendar revision.

It will deal with the effects

Jon Barry Wilder, junior in arts and letters from State College, will present a reading of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" at 8 p.m. Monday in the Helen Eakin Eisenhower Memorial Chapel lounge.

This will be the seventh reading of the Dickens classic. Wilder also read the story last year.

Wilder has appeared in many Players productions including Ben Johnson's "The Alchemist," Anton Chekhov's "Uncle Vanya" and Jean Giraudoux' "The Enchanted." He also participated in duo-readings of Giraudoux' "Amphytrion 38" and Jean Anouilh's "The Lark" at the Intercollegiate Reading Festival.

The Dickens classic will complete its 114th year this month as one of the most popular pieces of writing in all Christmas lore.

Dickens wrote the "Carol" within two months, while preoccupied with the publication of "Martin Chuzzlewit." The idea for the story, with Scrooge and Tiny Tim as characters, came to the novelist while at a meeting in Manchester, England. He developed the story while walking the back streets of London, about 18 to 20 miles a night.

The book was a success from the start on the first day of sales—December 19, 1843—6000 copies were sold. Queen Victoria was so impressed by the story that, on the death of William Thackeray, the queen purchased the signed copy Dickens had given Thackeray.

Miss Harriet Nesbitt, assistant professor of speech, said, "This classic is enjoyed in the fullest measure only when read aloud. This enables one to hear Scrooge growl, 'Christmas! Humbug!' and Tiny Tim echo, 'God bless us every one!'"

of a revision on student government, elections, publications, dormitory systems, fraternity and sorority rushing and operation, athletics and activities on a general plane.

The committee also will seek information from other schools under calendar systems which differ from the University's. The possible application of other systems to University student life will be studied.

The results of the questionnaire and of the research done by the committee will be integrated and will be considered in University action on calendar revision, Fishburn said.

Eng Professor Speaks

George L. Thuring, professor of industrial engineering, spoke to the Reading chapter of the Society for the Advancement of Management recently on "Methods of Reducing Material Handling Costs."



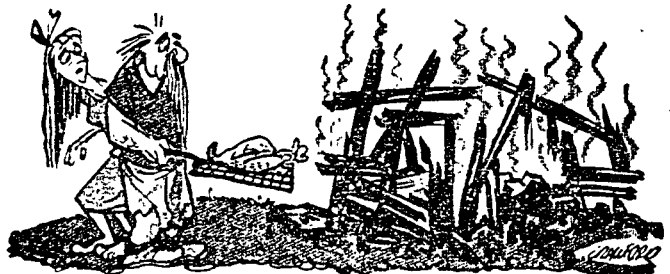
On Campus with Max Shulman
(By the Author of "Rally Round the Flag, Boys!" and "Barefoot Boy with Cheek.")

DECK THE HALLS

The days grow short, the nights grow long, the north wind doth blow, and a light frost appears on the knees of coeds. Christmas is icumen in, and once more our keen young minds turn to the vexing problem of Christmas gifts.

Let us examine first the most vexing of all gift problems: What do you buy for the person who has everything? Well sir, when you encounter this dilemma, the best thing to do is seize it by the horns. Ask yourself this question: Does he truly have everything? Does he, for example, have a birthmark? A Mach number? A lacrosse net? An I-beam? An S-hook? A U-bolt? A T-square? A Primus stove?

(There is, incidentally, quite an interesting little story about how Primus came to invent the stove. Before Primus's invention, cooking was rather a hazardous occupation. People just built fires any old place—the floor, the closet, the escritoire—and often as not the whole house would go up in flames along with the dinner. Primus, a goose plucker of Frankfurt-am-Main, kept thinking there must be a more efficient way to cook. Finally, in a flash of inspiration, it came to him: Why not build a device to contain the fire and keep it from spreading?



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(Well sir, he built precisely such a device and named it after his beloved wife Stove. Primus's first Stove, it must be confessed, was less than a triumph; his mistake was in building it out of paper. The next Stove, built of wood, fared hardly better. Not until he made one out of metal could the Stove really be called a success.

(But even then the Stove was not entirely satisfactory. The trouble was that the Stove filled up with ashes and became useless after a few weeks. It remained for Primus's son Frederick to conquer that problem. He invented a mechanism to remove ashes from the bottom of the Stove and was thenceforth known to posterity as Frederick the Grate.)

But I digress. We were discussing Christmas gifts. This year, as every year, a popular gift is the smoking jacket. And what do the smoking jackets smoke? Why, Marlboro, of course—every man jacket of them. And why wouldn't they smoke Marlboros? Why wouldn't anybody with a taste bud in his head? You get such a lot to like in a Marlboro—filter . . . flavor . . . flip-top box.

Here is no filter to hollow the cheeks and bug the eyeballs; here is a filter that draws nice and easy. Here is no flavor to pale and pall; here is a flavor ever fresh, ever zestful. Here is no flimsy pack to crumble and shred its precious cargo; here is a sturdy box that keeps each cigarette plump and pristine.

Speaking of smoking, the year's most unusual gift item is a brand-new cigarette lighter that never needs refilling. You are scoffing. You are saying you have heard such claims before. But it's true, I promise you. This new lighter never, never needs refilling! The fuel supply lasts forever.

Of course, there are certain disadvantages. For one thing, the lighter is rather bulky—170 feet long and three stories high.

But look on the bright side: As the fuel runs out, you can rent rooms in it.

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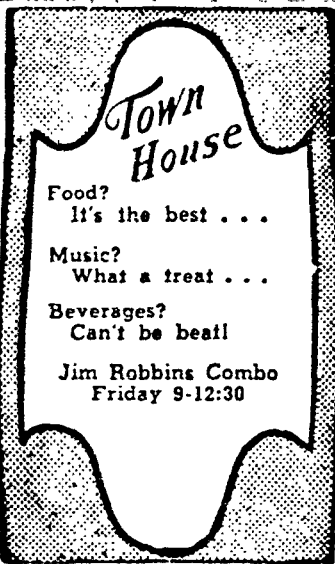
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