



Senate Votes Down Proposal To Eliminate Semester Break

By NICKI WOLFORD

The University Senate defeated a plan to eliminate the four-day mid-semester break yesterday but is now considering a calendar change which would limit the Thanksgiving vacation to the one-day holiday.

Benjamin A. Whisler, chairman of the Senate Committee on Calendar and Class Schedule, introduced the plan to eliminate the mid-semester break explaining that committee

Fine Set On Conflicts Filed Late

A rule requiring anyone who files for a conflict examination after the deadline to pay a \$10 penalty fine was passed by the University Senate yesterday.

The rule change was proposed by the Senate Committee on Calendar and Class Schedule. Benjamin A. Whisler, committee chairman, in explaining the purpose of the rule, said, "the object is not to get \$10 but to get students to file on time."

Several senators asked how this would affect students who did not formally file a conflict but made arrangements with the instructors to take an examination at another time.

John Miller, University scheduling officer, said that in this situation the student would obviously not have to pay the fine but pointed out that there was a Senate regulation against this type of arrangement.

But Miller added, "If the instructor feels that under the circumstances . . ." Whisler interjected at this point with "It's done frequently."

Under this rule, any student who wishes to pay the \$10, however, can thus force an instructor to give him an examination whether or not the instructor had a conflict examination made up.

Miller, in defending the rule, said some students could wait until after the conflict schedule was made up and then have their choice of which conflict to take. They would not have this choice if they filed on time, "so why shouldn't they pay for it," Miller said.

members had received calls complaining of the irregularity of class meetings during the fall semester.

Under the present plan in which 3-credit classes meet 44 times, the classes which normally meet once a week have not always been able to meet the required 15 times during the fall semester because of vacations.

Whisler said the committee had been working on a solution to the problem and found four possible ways to eliminate it.

These solutions would make the following changes:

- To start the fall semester 2 days later than usual and make up the time by removing the four free days after examinations and beginning the spring semester right away.

- To start the fall semester the Wednesday preceding the usual time, include the fall semester break, and lengthen the spring semester a day or two.

- To consider the last Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday as Thursday, Friday and Saturday and eliminate the one free day before examinations begin.

- To just eliminate the Thanksgiving vacation altogether except for the one day holiday itself.

Whisler explained that the committee was not necessarily proposing that the Senate adopt any new plan but wanted to see if it thought the committee should continue working on the problem.

He presented the first plan in an official report and called for a stray vote on the other three.

The first plan was defeated after Dr. Donald H. Ford, director of the Division of Counseling, pointed out that students would not have their grades before they registered for spring semester classes.

Ford pointed out that between 700 and 1000 students with good grades change colleges within the University between the fall and spring semesters and if they don't have their grades they can't transfer.

Robert M. Koser, associate registrar in a letter to Whisler, said the first plan would mean students who were going to be

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ArtEd Head Suffers Spasim At Senate

Dr. Viktor Lowenfeld, head of the Department of Art Education, suffered a cerebral spasm while speaking at the University Senate meeting yesterday.

Lowenfeld, who seemed to become dizzy, halted while talking and was then unable to speak. He was immediately rushed to Centre County Hospital for diagnosis.

Lowenfeld's physician last night reported that the patient had lost the power of speech and recognition, but was not paralyzed physically. He was said to be showing some improvement.

The doctor emphasized, however, that it would be at least 12 hours before any definite prognosis of the seriousness of Lowenfeld's condition could be attempted.

A cerebral spasm is a spasm of the vessels in the brain causing dizziness and severe pain. According to the doctor, the condition of a person so stricken may change rapidly.

Students to Cast Absentee Ballots

HARRISBURG (AP) — Full-time students will qualify as absentee voters for the first time at the April 26 primary, the Justice Department ruled yesterday.

An amendment to the State Constitution, approved by voters last November, allows persons away from their voting residence because of their "duties, business or occupation" to cast absentee ballots.

Atty. Gen. Anne X. Alpern ruled students are covered by the terms business or occupation.

Late Fines Due April 25

William P. Bell, justice of the peace, said yesterday that all overdue fines, whether traffic fines or not, must be paid on or before April 25 or a warrant will be issued for the offender's arrest.

Sophomore Board to Meet

The Sophomore Class Advisory Board will meet at 7 p.m. Sunday in 203 Hetzel Union. Members will turn in class gift money at this time.

PiPhiForfeits Quartet First

By JO ANNE MARK

The Pi Beta Phi quartet which won first place in the Interfraternity-Panhellenic Sing Tuesday night was disqualified yesterday when it was brought to the attention of the Greek Week Committee that a member of the quartet is on academic probation.

Pi Beta Phi was forced to forfeit their first place award to second place Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Jr. Class Approves 'S' Seating

The junior class has approved a referendum allowing the Block "S" Club to occupy the first 22 rows of the new football stadium between the 35 and 25-yard lines for the purpose of establishing a flash card system.

According to Lanny Dey, president of the Block "S" Club, 616 students voted in favor of the proposal while 216 students opposed the plan.

In accordance with an expected enrollment of 4000 graduate and senior students next fall, the University has allotted these two groups 4000 seats in the new stadium. This section will extend from the 50 to the 20-yard line and the section requested by the Block "S" Club which consists of approximately 700 seats will take up about 17 per cent of the total area.

Dey said that since there has never been 100 per cent attendance by any one class at football games, no senior or graduate student will be deprived of a seat under this system. Dey also said that a number of seniors will be relinquishing seats to participate in the flash card program.

The new plan will go into effect upon the approval of Dean Ernest B. McCoy of the College of Physical Education and Athletics.

Eng Exam Set for May; Forms Available in ME

Applications for the Pennsylvania Engineer-in-Training examination to be given May 14, are available in the Office of Continuing Education in Engineering, 103 Mechanical Engineering.

Seniors in any engineering curriculum who are graduating in June are eligible to take the test if their applications are on file with the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers no later than May 2.

A spot check conducted last night by the Daily Collegian revealed that out of the 13 sororities and fraternities which participated in the Sing Finals eight would also be disqualified according to section Q-1 of the Senate Regulations for Undergraduates. The regulation states that no student on academic or social probation may participate in extra-curricular sorority or fraternity activities.

The presidents of Tau Kappa Epsilon, Pi Kappa Phi, Phi Gamma Delta, Acacia and Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternities all said that certain members of their fraternities who participated in the sing are on academic probation.

The presidents of Gamma Phi Beta and Delta Delta Delta sororities also made statements to this effect.

Wilmer J. Wise, assistant to the dean of men in charge of fraternity affairs, said that neither the Greek Week Committee nor the offices of the dean of men or the dean of women made any effort to check on the eligibility of Sing participants.

Some action will be taken on the matter, Wise said.

The course of action rests with the Dean of Men and the Dean of Women, said Ronald Novak, Greek Week chairman. The Greek Week committee is, however, free to submit suggestions, said Novak.

Cool, Dry Weather Expected Today

Fair and cool weather can be expected for the next three days with little or no precipitation in sight.

Daytime temperatures should reach pleasantly mild readings while nights will be on the cool side.

Today will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 52 degrees. Clear and cold weather is expected tonight with a low of 34.

Fair and slightly milder weather is due tomorrow with a predicted high of 54.

Coed Again Brings Party into Top 3

Sometimes it just isn't a man's world after all. A comparison of last year's spring elections with this year's shows some interesting feminine maneuvers.

Both times it was the candidate of the fairer sex who brought her party into a top office by being elected SGA secretary-treasurer after the SGA presidency and vice presidency went to the opposing party.

However, last year's feminine winner was from University party while this year's is from Campus. Last spring, when Campus party's Leonard Julius and Lar-

ry Byers were elected SGA president and vice president, Nancy Clark kept University party among the "top three."

This year Susan Sherman's victory gave Campus party a top office while University party's Richard Haber and Donald Claggett captured the presidency and vice presidency.

Further statistics show that in both elections the vice presidency was decided by the lowest margin. Last year Byers' 1363 votes gave him the office over Carl Smith's 1253, the margin being 110.

This year Donald Claggett beat John Brandt by 98 votes (1767-1669).

The statistics on the other two

offices are as follows:

President
Spring, 1959, Julius (1423); Art Miltenberger (1207); 216 margin.
Spring, 1960, Haber (1904); Peter Galie (1563); 341 margin.

Secretary-Treasurer
Spring, 1959, Clark (1430); Sherry Parkin (1185); 245 margin.
Spring, 1960, Sherman (1894); Jack Crosby (1555); 339 margin.

In both elections, however, the same percentage of the student body voted—23 per cent.

In class breakdowns, 12 per cent of the freshmen voted in this election, 27 per cent of the sophomore, 37 per cent of the juniors and 45 per cent of the seniors.



TAKING OVER . . . Richard Haber, newly elected SGA president, is sworn in by Robert Parsky, chairman of the SGA Supreme Court. The ceremony took place last night at the Assembly meeting.