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Parade to Open Spring Week

Storybook Land Invades Campus Via Gay Floats

By **BARB YUNK**

Fantasy and storybook characters, candy houses, white whales, shoes and trains have grown from stacks of multicolored paper napkins to take part in the annual float parade at 5:30 tonight which opens Spring Week 1960.

The parade, with the general theme "Once Upon a Time," will lead off with floats entered in the nursery rhyme category. These floats will line up at 4:45 p.m. in parking lot 50. Those in legends will line up at 5 p.m. and those in children's stories at 5:15 p.m.

Floats will enter the parking area from Shortlidge Rd. and leave it by the exit onto Entrance Rd. From here the floats will proceed to the starting point at the intersection of Pollock and Shortlidge Rds.

Float parade chairman Sharon Hoffman said no float will be permitted to join the parade after it has started. The float which arrives first will be first in its category. Floats arriving before the designated time will have to wait for all floats in the preceding category to organize before taking their place in the parade.

Movie cameras from TV stations in Altoona, Lancaster and Johnstown will begin to grind out film as the parade leaves the intersection and goes down Shortlidge Rd. to turn right onto College Ave.

The parade will continue up College to turn right onto Burrows Rd. and then up Burrows to turn right onto Pollock Rd. The parade will end at the same intersection where it started.

It should take between an hour and an hour and a half for the 35 floats participating in the parade to cover the route.

The judges for the parade are: Edward Mattill, associate professor of art education; George Murphy, professor of children's literature; and David Von Dommeler, instructor of house and home arts.

Blaine Harvey of WMAJ will announce the floats from the balcony of the State College Hotel (continued on page three)



—Collegian Photo by Spencer Wellhoffer

BENJAMIN WHISLER WEATHERS arduous and repetitious questioning in a one-hour and 45 minute hassle with SGA Assembly.

SGA Votes Down Bill for Alternates

By **BARB YUNK**

SGA Assembly voted down last night by a vote of 19 to 17 a proposed constitutional amendment which would have permitted Assemblymen absent from campus to fulfill academic requirements to have alternates.

The bill, proposed by James Kridel (C-Soph.), was being

Skies Remain Fair

Generally fair and spring-like weather should continue today, but occasional rain or showers are likely late tonight and tomorrow.

Today will be partly cloudy and pleasantly mild with an expected high temperature of 71 degrees.

Mostly cloudy and cool weather is in prospect for tonight with an overnight low reading of 50 degrees. Showers are likely late tonight.

read for the second time. Assembly had approved the amendment in its first reading before the Easter recess.

All amendments, according to the constitution, must be read and approved three times by a two-thirds majority before becoming effective.

The bill was attacked on the grounds that it provided no system for selection of the alternates. John Witmer (U.-Jr.) spoke against the bill, terming it "inadequate."

Witmer said he felt some provision for alternates is necessary, but that this bill falls short because it makes no mention of providing alternates for assemblymen who fail to maintain the required 2.4 average.

Kridel defended his bill saying that the lack of an alternate system caused discrimination against some candidates at the polls. He said that voters, realizing that a student majoring in education would be absent (continued on page two)

SGA Hits Plan

By **KAREN HYNCKEAL**

SGA Assembly voted last night to go on record as being opposed to the elimination of the Thanksgiving vacation as a solution to the problem of irregular class meetings.

SGA, however, also will go on record as favoring a full 15-week semester.

The vote, which was unanimous, followed a long and rather heated discussion between Assemblymen and Benjamin Whisler, chairman of the Senate committee on class and calendar schedule.

Whisler explained the drawbacks to other proposals which had been considered including the proposal which the Women's Student Government Association suggested Wednesday night.

This proposal recommended that Christmas vacation begin a half day later and end one and one-half days earlier.

Whisler said although this may or may not solve the problem next year it would not be a feasible solution in regard to a permanent policy.

Whisler went on to explain that the University Senate is discussing calendar policy which means a policy which could and would be used for many years to come.

Edgar Grubb (U.-Sr) who has been investigating the problem for SGA, asked Whisler how true it was that the University may go on the trimester plan in the near future. Whisler answered that "it's not a cinch either way." He did not seem to feel that it would be possible to revise the present system so drastically before 1962.

Assembly also voted to hold a special Assembly meeting before the next Senate meeting which is next Thursday. Before this special meeting a committee will be appointed to investigate the matter further. The committee will report to the Assembly.

At that time Assembly may vote to recommend an alternative proposition to the Senate.

At present, the proposal to eliminate the Thanksgiving vacation is the only proposal on the agenda for Senate's next meeting. Whisler explained that the Senate will either approve and thus pass the proposal or will defeat it.

If it is defeated the Senate may or may not ask the Whisler's committee to do additional work on it. According to Whisler, "If the Senate defeats the proposal and does not ask us to work further on it, we would just as soon drop the whole matter."

Insurance Plan to Go Into Effect

The Major Medical Expense Plan, designed to cover faculty and staff in the event of serious or prolonged illness will be put into operation next Tuesday.

About 3200 employees have announced their acceptance of the plan, which will supplement the Hospital Surgical Plan, held by most full-time employees.

The major expense plan pays 80 per cent of the bill not covered by the Hospital Surgical Plan and the employee pays 20 per cent. However, the employee is required to pay the first \$100 above that covered by the Hospital Surgical program.

The new plan, which was accepted by 75 per cent of the faculty and staff, will be required for all new members of the staff.

The cost of the plan will vary from \$1.10 to \$2.60 per month depending on the exact type of coverage desired.

An employee who now belongs to the Hospital Surgical Plan, which covers most usual surgical and hospital expenses, does not necessarily have to join the new group.

Encampment Applications Due Next Wednesday

The deadline for submitting applications for the 1960 Student Encampment has been extended to 5 p.m. next Wednesday, Robert Umstead, encampment chairman, announced.

Any undergraduate may apply and interviews will be held after next Wednesday to determine the students who will attend the encampment.

The 1960 encampment will be held Sept. 7, 8 and 9 at Mont Alto.

Chem-Phys Open House to Be Held Tomorrow

The Chemistry-Physics Student Council will sponsor an open house from 8 a.m. to noon today. Exhibits and two lectures will be featured. Fred Tracey, professor of physics, will speak on "Elementary Physics" at 10 a.m. in 117 Osmond and Mary Willard, professor of chemistry, will speak on "Criminology" at 11 a.m. in 119 Osmond.

Faculty Gives Ideas On Five Proposals

By **ANN PALMER**

Members of the Women's Student Government Association and the Daily Collegian made a survey yesterday of a cross-section of faculty opinion on the five proposals concerning the revision of the fall calendar.

Several new considerations were brought up by faculty members on these proposals.

Vernon V. Aspurian, assistant professor of political science, said that he does not favor one proposal over another, but feels that when a final agreement is reached, the half days found at the beginning of the Thanksgiving vacation and at the beginning and the end of the Christmas vacation should be eliminated. He feels that these periods merely add to the confusion of the fall semester.

A professor of mathematics said that she finds the system of considering Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday as Thursday, Friday and Saturday feasible, but feels that the extra day should be eliminated from the semester break rather than the day before examinations. A professor in the chemistry

department pointed out that under the present calendar system there are an equal number of Mondays, Tuesdays, etc., and if days were added to or deleted from the schedule, this balance would be upset. He stated, in his capacity as a laboratory instructor, that he would favor any proposal retaining this necessary balance of days.

Robert W. Green, assistant professor of history, stated that he felt the present calendar system was a "reasonably adept arrangement." He said that if some change has to be made in the calendar, he would favor the WSGA proposal of eliminating two days from the Christmas vacation.

Green said that his third choice would be to begin the fall semester (continued on page two)

Rhee's Successor Begins Clean-Up

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Syngman Rhee faded into retirement today and his provisional successor set a 3-month deadline for his aides to rid the country of "long accumulated illegalities, injustices and corruption."

Political illegalities and deep popular suspicion of corruption sparked the demonstrations which forced the resignation of strongman Rhee, founder of the republic and its first and only president. But yesterday he was hailed as a patriot by the very students whose violent demonstrations toppled his 12-year-old regime.

A picture of patriarchal tragedy, he was cheered as he left

the presidential palace with grief etched on his craggy countenance over the suicide-pact death of his protege, Lee Ki-poong.

Acting President Huh Chung, who has a reputation for rugged independence and political honesty, moved swiftly to set the nation on an even course.

The 64-year-old provisional chief named six new ministers and planned to name two more to fill out a 12-man government. He told his ministers their supreme task is "to get rid completely of the long accumulated illegalities, injustices, corruption and other disorders in various departments of the administration."

Huh said the Cabinet should carry out reforms in close cooperation with the legislative and judicial branches, "so that the current explosive feeling of the

people can be transformed into voluntary and constructive patriotism."

The acting president said irregularities in political institutions made injustices possible in the past. He demanded prompt reorganization of the police into a politically independent force.

National police influence in politics and police brutalities were among factors which led to South Korea's explosion. Police coercion at the polls March 15, when Lee Ki-poong was elected vice president over the opposition candidate by a 8-1 margin, touched off the demonstrations. Apparently Oriental-style atonement for his role in the violence led Lee into a suicide pact. His elder son shot his parents and his brother and then turned the gun on himself. All four died.