

Senate to Keep Vacation Recess

Also Sets Wagner 8 O'Clocks To 7:50 for 'Running Time'

By MEG TEICHHOLTZ

A full Thanksgiving vacation will be included in the University calendar next year.

In a brief discussion followed by a 102 to 44 vote the University Senate yesterday resoundingly defeated a proposal to eliminate Thanksgiving recess in order to provide 15 full weeks of classes in the fall semester.

No alternative system of eliminating the irregularity in classes was suggested.

The proposal, stated without recommendation by Benjamin A. Whisler, chairman of the Senate Committee on Calendar and Class Schedule, would have made Thanksgiving a one-day holiday.

A short discussion revealed that several senators were against the proposal because students would cut their Friday and Saturday classes if Thanksgiving was a one-day holiday.

Clotworthy Birnie Jr., assistant professor of mechanical engineering, who made an informal poll of students found that 90 per cent of those he asked would cut their weekend classes.

"If we want to change the calendar, the faculty will be talking to themselves on the two days after the holiday," Robert W. Green, assistant professor of history, said.

Harold J. Read, a member of the Senate Committee on Calendar and Class Schedule, demonstrated at the Senate meeting that approximately 9000 students could be affected by the scheduling irregularity as it now exists.

Read conducted a study of the 1959 fall schedule of classes, which found that in the first 14 pages of the booklet 14 courses, involving 92 sections, lost class hours due to irregular scheduling.

Assuming a minimum of 15 students in each section, he computed the total number of affected courses at 90, affected sections at 600, and students involved at 9000.

In further business, the Senate approved a motion to begin first hour classes in the new Wagner Building at 7:50 a.m.

Recommended by the Committee on Calendar and Class Schedule, on an experimental basis for the 1960-61 academic year, this plan will work in conjunction with the scheduling of non-military classes in Wagner in two hour blocks.

Students with successive classes in Wagner and on campus would then have "running time" to get to a 10 o'clock since their Wagner classes would end at 9:40 a.m.

The committee decided not to increase the time between classes because the extra time would be wasted for students and faculty not having classes in Wagner. Also the regular class day would be lengthened by perhaps 40 minutes.

PLAYERS REVIEW

A review of the Penn State Player's production, "The Sleeping Prince," appears on page 3 of today's Collegian.

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American Plane Downed Over Soviet Territory

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MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, in a blistering presummit attack on the United States, announced yesterday Soviet forces shot down an American plane Sunday on Defense Ministry orders. He said Soviet rockets are ready to retaliate against future incidents.

Khrushchev told Parliament—to cheers—that the presence of the American plane over

Soviet territory was an "aggressive act" intended to frighten the Soviet Union in advance of the summit.

"One must conclude that aggressive forces in the United States are taking action to interfere with the summit," Khrushchev said. He contended the West's attitude "dims chances of success at the talks" starting May 16.

Sunday, when Khrushchev says the plane was shot down, was May Day, a major holiday here. Until Khrushchev spoke, Americans in Moscow were unaware of any incident. U.S. officials said later the plane referred to may have been a U2 jet manned only by its pilot.

This weather research plane which took off in Turkey Sunday was lost, the U.S. officials said, and may have strayed into Soviet Armenia.

Khrushchev started his account this way: "At 5:36 a.m. May 1 an American airplane crossed our borders and continued to fly into the interior of Soviet territory."

The 1,200 deputies were hushed. Khrushchev went on: "The minister of defense immediately reported to the government about this aggressive act. The government said: The aggressor knows what he is doing when he enters foreign territory. If he remains unpunished, he will undertake new provocations."

"That is why it was necessary to act—to shoot down the plane. This task was fulfilled. The airplane was shot down."

The deputies roared with applause.

Khrushchev warned U.S. allies—such as Turkey, Iran and Pakistan—that nations with U.S. bases must realize they are playing with fire and can receive retaliatory blows.

Warm Weather Remains; Showers Due Tomorrow

Generally fair and pleasantly warm weather will continue today and tomorrow, but showers are likely by tomorrow afternoon.

Temperatures will rise into the middle 70's both today and tomorrow.

Some cloudiness and mild weather is in prospect for tonight with a minimum reading of 53 degrees expected.

WSGA Withdraws From 'Staff' Plan

By PAT DYER

WSGA Senate last night unanimously voted to dissolve its committee for the new residence hall counseling program because of differences in the program as seen by WSGA and Dean of Women Dorothy J. Lipp.

The action was taken following a short discussion in

which it was noted that the dean of women's program differed from the WSGA ideas in purposes and structures.

The WSGA committee was originally formed with the idea of using orientation counselors as residence hall counselors for freshmen only, said Marianne Ellis, committee chairman.

WSGA had hoped that the counselors would live with the freshmen to help the new students with the difficult problems of adjustment under a living system of integration with upperclassmen, she said.

However, Miss Ellis said, the program as seen by Dean Lipp is quite different from that conceived by WSGA. Her program calls for "junior residents" who would be treated as members of the dean of women's staff. They would fit into next year's staffing of women's residence halls right under the resident graduate students.

Present staffing plans call

for one junior resident for each 50 women, who would be sorority and freshmen and upperclass independents. They would be the main line of communication between the dean of women's office and the students. Their duties would be in areas of referring problems up the staffing line, of communications and of programming.

The WSGA committee was formed at the WSGA retreat Saturday, April 23. The next day at the Leonides conference Dean Lipp expressed her approval of a residence hall program and appointed Ellen Eyer and Peggy (Pharr) Harmon, resident graduate students, as advisors to the committee.

The committee has worked with the Dean of Women's office and has given Dean Lipp a list of about 180 women who would be qualified to fill her program, said Miss Ellis.

Fire in Pollock 'A' Started In Empty Paint, Glue Cans

A pile of empty paint and glue cans which was to be removed yesterday afternoon caught fire at 11:45 a.m. yesterday, causing damage to Building "A", one of the new dormitories in the Pollock Circle area.

Three picture windows on the ground floor of the building were broken by the pressure from the heat of the fire, and the insulating coverings on water pipes inside the building were completely destroyed. Also, some of the bricks of the building were badly charred.

Wilson M. Carr, University insurance manager, said that the material in the pile of debris was

highly combustible and that the fire was probably started by a cigarette butt or a lighted match carelessly tossed into the pile of cans.

Carr said that the estimated damages to the building are less than \$5000. He said that representatives of the Factory Insurance Association from the Pittsburgh branch will be on campus tomorrow to determine definite damage costs.



ALPHA FIREMEN extinguish the fire in a pile of debris next to Building "A" in the Pollock area. Damages were estimated at less than \$5000.

All Women To Sign Out Voluntarily

By ANN PALMER

Women students are no longer compelled to sign out Sunday through Thursday nights, except for special permissions but will continue to sign out on Friday and Saturday nights.

This proposal, passed by the Women's Student Government Association last night, will go into effect this Sunday before the usual sign-out hour of 8 p.m.

In other business, Margaret McPherson, president of WSGA, submitted a recommendation from Dorothy J. Lipp, dean of women, that WSGA revise their ruling on women being allowed to visit men's apartments before the Senate Committee on Student Affairs reviews women's rules next Tuesday.

Due to the general opinion on this matter, WSGA decided to let the rule remain as it now stands and leave any revision up to the recommendation of the Senate Committee.

WSGA last night received the results of a questionnaire distributed in the residence hall units this week designed to obtain student opinion on the four proposals for sign-out revision. They were:

- To keep the system as it stood previously in which women were required to sign out seven nights a week before 8 p.m.
- To rule that women sign out seven nights per week before 10 p.m.
- To make signing out optional Sunday through Thursday but compulsory for Friday and Saturday nights and for all special permissions.
- This proposal was left open to any suggestions on possible revision.

Of the 3752 women enrolled in the University as of the beginning of the spring semester, 968 or 26 per cent submitted completed questionnaires, and of these, 80 per cent favored the third proposal.

Coed Overnights Proposed

Nittany Opposes Apartment Ruling

By SUNNY SCHADE

In a lively meeting last night, the Nittany Area Council voted to investigate the possibility of allowing women in the Nittany dormitories until 11:30 p.m. week days, 1 a.m. weekends and for overnights with parental permission. The proposal met unanimous approval from the Council members.

Through the proposal, the Council wished to show its disapproval of a ruling which allows women in men's apartments downtown, Barry Rein, president of Nittany Council, said.

The Council also passed a mo-

tion that the area living units be open to coeds, parents and relatives between 1 and 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. This motion will also have to meet the approval of the separate units.

As a further order of business, the Council went on record as opposing the dean of women's policy on the downtown drinking issue.

Several weeks ago, several minors were apprehended in La Galleria, Rein said. These students were fined by authorities, and were referred to their respective judicial boards. However, he said, WSGA Judicial Board took no formal action against the coeds other than suggesting counseling for one.

On the contrary, he said, Nit-

tany students brought before the Judicial Board of Review were given judicial probation, which will also be added to their permanent records.

The Council felt that there is considerable discrepancy between the policies of the dean of women and dean of men. To state their disapproval of the dean of women's policy regarding this issue, the Council will send a formal letter to the two deans and to the WSGA Judicial Board, Rein said.

In other business, the Council moved to go record as opposing a possible change in housing policy which would exclude upperclassmen from living in the Nittany area next year.