

Editorial Opinion

Better To Be Leader Than Await Inevitable

The University joined the vanguard of educational institutions which are leading the way toward increased educational opportunity to the nation's youth when it formally adopted the 4-term plan.

And the University contributed something new and original to the drive for fuller and more intensified academic operation of the country's institutions of higher learning in this unique 4-term plan.

It departs from the traditional semester system. It is neither a quarter nor trimester system but rather combines the good points of both.

It offers the acceleration of the quarter system while maintaining the semester credit base with the innovation of the longer class period.

Only the basic plan has been adopted. It will require a concentrated effort during the next nine months by all the departments of the University to plan their courses and work out the innumerable details which will accompany the switch in systems.

Sputnik awakened the big push in American education that will and must continue if the United States is to maintain its place as a leader of nations, and for that matter, if democratic institutions are to survive anywhere in the world.

In taking this step now, the University has become a leader among American universities rather than waiting to join the inevitable following.

The push for year-round academic operation has thus far centered in the mid-west. And if you also count Pitt as a mid-western school (as many do), Penn State is the first major university in the East to go on year-round operation on such a scale.

There was considerable pressure for the University to make more complete use of its multi-million dollar physical plant financed by the taxpayers and the students.

But even this reason is overridden by the more important responsibility of providing an intensified educational opportunity for students already enrolled and an accelerated program to extend that opportunity to more of the state's youth.

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Letters

Politics, Dare Separated

TO THE EDITOR: Mr. Dennis Eisman, in stating that the anti-segregation organization DARE was organized in response to the Campus Party's anti-discrimination plank last spring, has placed himself in the position of a Secretary of Agriculture who takes credit for a rainstorm that happens to occur during his administration.

The facts are these: (1) When DARE was organized last March, its members knew nothing of the Campus Party's platform, and (2) when the Campus Party asked for DARE's support in the All-University election, DARE refused because its members suspected an attempt by the Campus Party to take credit for DARE's fight against discrimination in State College. Apparently their fear has been justified.

-Jonathan Morse '62

How Many?

TO THE EDITOR: I don't mind a little conservatism in a University - really I don't - but don't you think flying a 48 star flag over Old Main is a little reactionary?

-Jeff Powell '62

Gazette

- TUESDAY
A.A.S. & Angel Flight, 7 p.m., Phi Delta Theta
Angel Flight, 6:45 p.m., phone booth in HUB parking lot
Beta Alpha Psi, 4 p.m., 212-213 HUB
Beta Alpha Psi Lecture, 7:30 p.m., M.I. auditorium
BX Workers, 6:30 p.m., HUB cardroom
Chem-Phys Newsletter, 7 p.m., 217 Boucke
Education Council, 6:30 p.m., 217-213 HUB
Exchange Dinner Committee, 4:15 p.m., La Vie Office
I. V. Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
Jazz Club, 7 p.m., HUB assembly room
Junior Class Advisory Board, 7 p.m., 212-213 HUB
La Vie Art Staff, 7 p.m., 201 Temp. Bldg.
M. I. Council, 7 p.m., HUB, main lounge
Marine Recruiting, 10 a.m., HUB ground floor
Navy Recruiting, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., HUB ground floor lobby
Nittany Grotto, 7 p.m., 111 Boucke Pa. Dairyman's Association of Directors, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., 212 HUB
Pan-hel, 6:30 p.m., 203 HUB
Phi Chi Theta, 8 p.m., Simmons lounge
Schuhplattlers, 7 p.m., Wesley Foundation
Science Fiction Society, 7 p.m., 214 HUB
Senior Class Advisory Board, 7 p.m., 215-216 HUB
UBA, 7 p.m., HUB cardroom
UCA Politics Series, 4:15 p.m., 214 HUB

Job Interviews

- OCT. 17
Lincoln Electric Co. for Jan BS & 1961 MS grads in CH E, EE, ME, METAL. Also for 1961 grads in METAL PHYS.
OCT. 18
Anaco Co. for Jan BS grads in CH E, EE, CHEM, PHYS, BUS AD. Also for 1961 MS & PHD grads in CHEM PHYS.
E. I. Dupont De Nemours & Co. for 1961 PHD Grads in CHEM, CH E, ME, ENGR MECH, METAL, CER TECH, PHYS, FT, AG-BIO-CHEM.
General Motors Corp. for Jan. BS Grads in ME, EE, CH E, IE.
RCA for Jan. BS Grads in EE, ME, PHYS, ENGR SCI. Information and scheduling in 112 Old Main. Also for 1961 MS & PHD Grads in EE, ME, PHYS, ENGR SCI.
Sperry Gyroscope Co. for Jan BS Grads. Also 1961 MS & PHD Grads in AERO E, EE, ME, PHYS & for 1961 MS & PHD Grads in Math. Information and Scheduling in 112 Old Main.

WDFM Schedule

- 5:00 Three at Five
6:00 Studio X
6:55 Weatheroscope
7:00 Children's Corner
7:30 Guest Lecture
7:55 News Roundup
8:00 Accent on Sound
9:00 Folk Music
9:30 Focus
9:45 News, Sports, & Weather
10:00 Contemporary Classics
12:00 Sign Off

HOSPITAL
John Anderson, James Danilovitz, Ranakit Datta, Anthony DeAngelo, Linda Fenner, Robert Dockstader, Barbara Gnull, Joan Greenbaum, Ollie Himes, Diane Horton, William Klotz, Lillian Leis, Jacqueline Lonk, Chester Mais, JoAnne Mark, Robert Morris, Carol Mollica, Dennis Newton, Edward Niskey, Ruth Noble, Ann Raterink, Mary Ann Sabolsice, John Sepp, Charles Siemanski, James Skok, Betty Snyder, Nancy Tharp, Dorothy Walton, Richard Ward, Barbara Watchorn, David West, Marion Uramey.

It is the policy of the Daily Collegian to print all letters to the editor written in good taste and not more than 400 words in length.

small talk

The New Look In Campus Politics

by nicki wolford

The latest word around the campus seems to be down-with-the-Greeks in politics. To the novice student watcher this must seem like a rather strange motto since the Greeks probably couldn't care less about the political chaos in University Park.

However, in BMOC language, which most of you are picking up rapidly, the term "Greeks" is applied to all members of the fraternity and sorority set.

Recently, some independent non-BMOCs (or maybe ex-BMOCs) decided to do something about their inefficient student government. (If you are aspiring to be a BMOC or are a BMOC, the safest thing and the most normal thing to do is speak on the inefficiencies of student government.)

Anyway, these Independents (non-Greeks) must have decided that the present and past inefficient student governments have been due to the Greeks. These dissatisfied Indies (an abbreviation for Independent) organized a new party excluding the Greeks. Usually political campaigns



Miss Wolford

have taken shape over issues which pit the student body (en masse) against the administration. Perhaps, for the first time, student watchers may be able to observe a campaign which pits the Independents against the Greeks.

This could change the whole character of student life. Indies and Greeks might become arch enemies or the entire Greek population might be submerged. The number of Independents far exceeds the number of Greeks and administrators.

However, lest student watchers fear for the safety of the Greeks, they should be reminded that the new party is the "liberal" party which might mean the members will look kindly on the Greeks.

In spite of all outward appearances, the political parties must be quite friendly. Barry Flashman, an avid reformer and vice-chairman of the "liberals," is very close to John Brandt, the Campus party clique chairman. They even live together.

Letters

Community Living Report

TO THE EDITOR: The editorial of Friday, Sept. 30 seemed to be concerned with the progress of the proposed Men's Resident Council and the restructuring of the Independent Organizations.

For this reason I submit this letter not only to remove the fears of the editorial staff, but also to make a progress report on the community living recommendations as submitted by the 1960 Student Encampment.

A great deal of credit is justly being given to Miss McPherson and the WSGA organization in setting up the AWS. This consists of reorganization of an out-of-date governing system so that a more effective base can be constructed on which we can build community level legislative and judicial bodies but, note that this AWS reorganization is patterned very closely after the existing men's legislative and judicial set-up which has been in operation for several years.

Under the existing men's resident hall system, the individual dormitories are broken up into smaller units called "houses"; from each of these "houses" come elected delegates which sit on an area council. Thus we have the area councils—Nittany, West, North, and Pollock.

Now AIM, under its present set-up, takes the executive committee and one delegate for every 500 men from the living area and forms the AIM Board of Governors. Under the AIM constitution, should a delegate on this AIM BOG pledge a fraternity, he must give up his

seat on AIM. So by simply taking the I from AIM we have the structure for the MRC.

AIM has ruled that the elections for the house presidents and thus the area councils, be held early this week so by the 8th of October the area councils on a community level will be organized.

But it is the task of these area councils to select their executive committee which will no doubt take another week, thus by the 17th of October the men who will form the MRC will have been chosen, which is approximately the same time the AWS will be ready for operation. This is little more than two weeks after the approval of the encampment report by SGA and can hardly be considered hesitation.

As for Leonides, the executive committee has approved the merging of the Executive Committees of TIM, AIM, and Leonides into an ISA (Independent Student Association) and the concept will be introduced at their meeting Monday night.

Leonides has also recognized its new role in the community living concept and has developed a broad program of recreation and service activities to meet the needs of the independent students; a program which in my opinion is the best one Leonides has ever under taken.

Letter Cut
-Phil Haines
(Editor's Note: Exactly what we suggested. We wish the heads of these organizations would give us this information when we question them.)

