

# Students Voice Opinions on 4-Terms

Students now frantically cramming for finals seem to be sharply divided on whether or not they will profit from the last class period finals of the four-term system.

Returns from about 150 questionnaires distributed by The Daily Collegian show 42 per cent of those polled favoring the new system while 47 per cent felt that their finals problems will only be increased. About 11 per cent saw no effect resulting from the change.

When questioned about other aspects of the four-term system, majorities opposed specific parts of the plan but opinion seemed to be more or less evenly divided on the over all merit of the new program.

Only about 15 per cent of those

questioned said that they plan to accelerate by taking four continuous terms each year. The chief reasons offered by the 85 per cent no planning to accelerate were the availability of summer jobs and the need for practical experience in their major field. Financial problems and no particular desire to get through school in a hurry were also mentioned.

Only 10 per cent said that they would consider studying during the summer and working during one of the other three terms.

A large majority—71 per cent—felt that the quality of education would be lowered under the new program. Achieving greater attention spans, increased tension, and mounting pressure seemed to be major objections. One English literature major summed up this attitude by saying, "you can

force-feed facts, but not ideas." Approximately 24 per cent felt that fewer courses and increased concentration would result in improved quality of education, while 11 per cent said they could see no effects either good or bad.

Eighty-five per cent said that they could not see any career benefits in an accelerated college education. One student said that by accelerating he could begin working earlier and thus accumulate more money, while another boy said that after the four terms he would still have a term in the armed services and couldn't begin his career much earlier.

Generally student opinion was closely divided on the merits of the system as a whole. About 45 per cent favored the new plan while 56 per cent opposed it.

## Warm Weather to Return to Area

Rising temperatures will return to Pennsylvania today following yesterday's minor cooling trend.

The mercury will probably climb to the 50 degree mark under partly cloudy skies this afternoon. Yesterday's maximum was 43 degrees.

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