

Editorial Opinion

Open Up!

Academic adjustments to the four-term plan, on both sides of the lectern, are in the "play it by ear" state. Like Pavlov's dogs, stomachs may grind when Old Main announces the noon hour—but most students and professors are giving it the old college try.

It is generally conceded that the minute by minute inculcation of the semester class hour into the term class hour is tiring but adequate.

If we take a walk up the mall, however, we find a contradiction. Pattee Library, as is often noted, may not be scholastically up-dated, but we would hope that someone told them about the new academic schedule.

Classes are longer and therefore demand more preparation time. Moreover, it might prove fatal to scholastic pursuits if work is left to the last minute.

We cannot do much about the procrastinator—only a conscience will help him. But for those who realize the demands of the term system and are anxious to get started on those papers, or find a quiet place to study, we think the library staff should consider opening its doors until at least 11 each night.

Further, we'd like to suggest that Saturday hours be extended to 10 p.m. Sunday hours begin at 1 p.m.

These requests are not at all unreasonable, but should have been anticipated when the term plan was considered. It is only logical to foresee that more intensive class hours will demand more intensive study hours.

In the event that the library cannot find the funds for full operation in these added hours, we hope they will just open their doors and provide valuable study area.

Eight Games Left

Penn State's football team did the best it could to bring home victory from Miami but apparently it wasn't in the cards.

Eight tough games are still to be played this year, and the season may still turn out to be a successful one. The degree of this success may depend on the students' reaction to last night's loss.

Students can play a large role in restoring the team's confidence by welcoming them home at 6 tonight.

We hope students will turn out at Rec Hall in mass tonight to boost the team's spirit for the tough games ahead.

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Interpreting

Rebels Gain Support As UAR Fades

By J. M. ROBERTS
Associated Press News Analyst

The whole northern tier of Arab states now seems to be rejecting the concept of an Arab condominium, and the never-stable Arab League faces disruption.

Jordan has quickly recognized the newly announced rebel government in Damascus.

U.A.R. President Gamal Abdel Nasser apparently will try to subjugate the rebels by force across Jordanese territory. If he had the whole area would likely have blown up.

Iraq, long at odds with Nasser, also appears to be siding with the rebels. Nasser's attempts to control the Middle East by divisive tactics within the various countries has backfired.

The situation within Syria indicates that while he has some support there, it is insufficient to turn the rebel tide.

However the revolt turns out — and there are still possibilities that a concession of greater autonomy and greater power within Syria for the rebel faction might save the situation for him — Nasser has been seriously damaged.

By revealing him as subject to terrific pressures at home, his prestige among the non-Arab African states which he sought to enlist in his movement is bound to take a drop.

One thing to remember is that the United Arab Republic was not created through Egyptian imperialism, but was suggested by Syrian political leaders in the hope of obtaining job security for themselves.

A good many people are under the misapprehension that Syria was seeking Egyptian economic aid as well as military support for her intransigent stand against Israel. This is true in small detail, but not in general.

It is Egypt, not Syria, which is poor as a nation. Syria comes as close to a viable economy as any Middle Eastern state except Israel, although she does not have an oil income comparable to that of Iraq or the Persian Gulf states.

Egypt has never had a viable economy, although she may attain one with completion of the Aswan Dam. There has been some improvement in Egyptian living standards under Nasser, but the people generally remain very poor as a large portion of the national product goes to pay for arms.

Letters

Nigerian Asks For Pen Pal

Dear Honourable Editor: With most humble and respect I am writing you this few lines of my letter. As a young Nigerian who is highly interested to know more about the other races I made up my mind to write for your help.

Sir, kindly publish my name and address in your next issue of paper that I Wole Bello wanted to hear from anybody who have interest in having pen pal friends.

I want boys and girls, women and men to be my pen pal. Sir, I would like you to send me a copy of the paper in which my name is being publish.

May God bless you. Thanks in advance, sir.

Yours sincerely,
—Wole Bello
Oriwu College
Ikorodu,
West Nigeria



a la carte

Progressive Plan: Discombobulation

by karen hyncekeal

Now that we're fast approaching the middle of the term, I believe it's time to take stock.

You're laughing. You're muttering that only one week of classes has gone by. Well, just let me ask you one thing—how far behind are YOU already?

Actually, I guess this four-term business will prove to be a real boon to education, but

it's the time that bothers me I'm afraid it will pass more quickly and more surely than I will.

In this one course, for example, I'm 302 pages behind. That's because on Wednesday I decided to let Miss Hyncekeal it slide (roll would be a more appropriate word) while I read three novels for Lit class.

I caught up on Lit, though, but in the meantime I got 579 pages behind in another course so I had to backtrack. As of yesterday I was two-and-a-half short stories behind in Lit again.

And it's about these courses that require three written reports—the first one is due a week from Tuesday. As I've said, we're fast approaching.

Cutting has also become a problem since we've begun the four-term plan. I overslept a couple mornings ago and missed one class—just one. But what I really missed was one massive lecture, one quiz and one-fifth of my grade. So now I've overcut in this particular course and only ONE WEEK has gone by.

The professors seem to be ad-

justing to the new system well. Too well. They conscientiously lecture for 75 minutes even though their voices begin to fade and grow hoarse after 60 minutes.

But if we must listen for 75 minutes—and to get all we are to get, we must—then couldn't the University invest in cushions or something.

The twenty-minute break between classes is a delightful part of the four-term system and is a great aid to getting to the next class on time—if you remember what time the class starts.

The freshmen talk professionally about their first period classes but we oldsters are still calling them 8 o'clocks. That's where all similarity between the old and the new ends.

And so if you know you have a "fourth period class, you have to begin with 8 o'clock, add 75 minutes, then add the 20 minute break, etc. It's quite confusing, too, when you have to add 12:55 and 75 minutes together. Especially when Old Main is chiming 2 o'clock.

I guess the only solution to the whole thing is to have a 25-minute coffee break during each class. Of course, this would reduce the actual academic session to 50 minutes and that's what we had last year except that this year we'd be finished in ten weeks.

Now that's what I call progressive education.



Letters

Grad Student Hits First Froth Issue

TO THE EDITOR: On Wednesday the appearance of the term's first issue of Froth brought forth a new low in humor selection in the form of a new high in plagiarism.

In the past we have accepted the borrowing of material

from various sources per issue but can we tolerate the almost "pun for pun" reprinting of The Little Fun Book by Robert Margolin as appeared in the Froth "Froth Issue?"

—Robert Hass
Graduate Student

Gazette

TODAY
Graduate Square Dance, 9 p.m., HUB Ballroom
TOMORROW
Alpha Delta Sigma, 7 p.m., 215 HUB
Alpha Phi Omega, 2 p.m., 212 HUB
Chimes, 10 p.m., SDT Suit
Folklore Society, 6:30 p.m., HUB Terrace
Greek Week General Chairmen, 6:30 p.m., 214 HUB
Hat Society Presidents, 6:30 p.m., 217 HUB
ICCB, 8:30 p.m., 218 HUB
LA Student Council, 7 p.m., 212-213 HUB
Sigma Delta Chi, 6:45 p.m., Collegian

Office, basement of Sackett
Swedenborgian, 10 a.m., 212-213 HUB
MONDAY
Alpha Phi Omega, 7 p.m., 212-213 HUB
Alpha Phi Omega Rushing Smoker, 7:30 p.m., HUB dining room B
Bridge Club, 6:30 p.m., HUB card room
Freshman Customs Board, 6:30 p.m., 218 HUB
4-H Square Dance, 7 p.m., HUB ballroom
ISA, 8 p.m., 203 HUB
Men's Debate, 7:30 p.m., 217 HUB
P.S. Bible Fellowship, 7 p.m., 214 HUB
Science Fiction Club, 7 p.m., 216 HUB
USAF Recruiting, 9:30, HUB ground floor

