



Foianini May See Prexy Today on Extra Holiday

By CARMEN ZETLER

Dennis Foianini, SGA president, said last night that he will try to see President Eric A. Walker today to begin preliminary talks about extending the Thanksgiving vacation 48 hours to include Nov. 24 and 25.

Foianini said that he and Harvey Klein, a member of the Senate Committee on the Calendar and Class Schedules, had prepared a "very comprehensive proposal" to be brought up at the committee's next meeting, which may be held today.

Klein said that the proposal was to extend the Thanksgiving holiday 48 hours. He said that he would propose that classes on Thursday, Nov. 23 be made up on Tuesday, Dec. 5; classes on Friday, Nov. 24 be made up on Wednesday, Dec. 6; and classes on Saturday, Nov. 25 be made up on Thursday, Dec. 7.

Klein listed some of the reasons for the extension of the holiday that he will present to the committee. He said that the three extra days would cause instructors to become accustomed to covering more material than they would be able to in a normal ten-week term.

He explained that if the three extra days are kept they would expect to be able to cover the same amount of material in the winter term, which is only 1 1/2 days longer than ten weeks.

Another reason for the holiday break is that "in the term system, the pace required is so great that a break is essential," he said.

Some professors, Klein said, have already canceled their classes.

He said that during the summer term, some instructors continued to count the final examination as a part of the final grade as they had under the semester system. Klein explained that the extra break would help students to prepare for these examinations.

In a sample of the 22 colleges and universities under a similar term system, 18 of them have a week-end Thanksgiving vacation, Klein said.

1,100 Students Sign Petitions Asking Recess

Over 1,100 students have signed petitions requesting that the Thanksgiving holiday be extended to include two extra days. The petitions have been posted in Waring and Warnock dining areas since Saturday.

Marcia Tyler, freshman in liberal arts from Havertown, and Audrey Bednar, freshman in education from McKees Rocks, placed the petition in Warnock Hall, the dining area serving North Halls. Linda Lamb, sophomore in elementary-kindergarten education from Prospect Park, placed another petition on the bulletin board in Waring Hall, the dining hall serving the West Halls area.

Miss Tyler and Miss Bednar said they plan to give the petitions to Dennis Foianini, SGA president, sometime this morning.

There are 660 signatures on the petition in West Halls and 484 on the one from North Halls last night. These figures represent about two-fifths of the 2,734 students living in the West and North Halls residence areas.

In another expression of support for the recess Robert Fry, president of the Town Independent Men, said, "Since there is some indication that some students will be cutting these classes, and since some professors are already canceling classes, the next logical step is for the University to make the two-day period a legal holiday." Fry said that the TIM council will discuss the issue at its meeting tonight.

E. Germans Decree More Military Duty

BERLIN (AP).— The East German Communists decreed a six-month extension of service in their armed forces while the biggest-ever Communist military maneuvers were in progress around Berlin.

An announcement yesterday discreetly published on inside pages of East German papers said the extension of military service was made necessary by the "increased war preparations of the West German militarists and revenge-seekers."

It was coupled with a State Department announcement by press official Lincoln White that the United States would give sympathetic consideration to any plea by West Berlin police for better weapons.

A Western intelligence agency, Information Bureau West, estimated the East Germans now have at least 170,000 men under arms, in addition to 22 Soviet divisions stationed in East Germany.

A large part of the East German army and people's police is on permanent guard duty to prevent East Germans escaping across the West German border through the 100-mile-long concrete-and-barbed-wire wall surrounding West Berlin.

The East German troops are nominally volunteers. In practice, they are recruited among young men under almost irresistible political, moral and economic pressure for two—or three—year periods.

The regime has run an insistent campaign among the troops to obtain voluntary extensions of service. The new decree suggests that persuasion failed to bring results.

The decree will keep them in uniform beyond Dec. 31, when the East Germans still expect to bring the Berlin crisis to a head by signing a peace treaty with the Soviet Union.

They claim the treaty will give the East Germans complete control of all access routes to Berlin and thus put the city at their mercy.

The East German Communists, continuing their gradual nibbling-away tactics against the Western position in Berlin, barred entry to East Berlin for West Germans during the hours of darkness.

Allied military personnel and non-German civilians are still admitted to East Berlin 24 hours a day, but Allied officials said privately they expected this right also to be gradually sliced away.

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Alpern Says Ability Leads to Success

By JOAN MEHAN

A woman succeeds in politics because she is believed to be competent and not because she is a woman, Justice Anne X. Alpern of the Pennsylvania State Supreme Court said yesterday.

Speaking at a tea for women at the Hillel Foundation,

Miss Alpern, who is the first woman to serve as a state supreme court justice, said that she needs only to submit her record to prove her competence.

Miss Alpern was appointed to the state supreme court on Sept. 6 to fill the vacancy left by the retirement of Chief Justice Alvin Jones. Her appointment expires at the end of the year, but Miss Alpern is vying for a 21 year term to that post in the Nov. 5 election. She is running on the Democratic ticket.

In outlining her political philosophy, Miss Alpern said that the court is the great bulwark of democracy. "In the courts there are no small cases nor minor principles. Democracy would be weakened if the courts lost their integrity."

We must all protect the independence of the courts, she said.

Miss Alpern said she believes that justice is a product of the heart and the mind and serves the needs of all the people every day and in every way.

Her career has been highlighted by many firsts. Miss Alpern was the first woman City Solicitor for Pittsburgh and also the first woman member and later the first woman president of the National Institute of Municipal Law Officers.

She later served as common pleas court judge in Allegheny County. In 1959 Governor David L. Lawrence appointed her state Attorney General, making her the first woman attorney general in the nation. She held this position until her recent appointment to the state supreme court.

"I stand on my long and broad record of experience," Miss Alpern said. She expressed confidence that she would be successful in the November election.

When questioned about her (Continued on page three)

Sunny Skies Due To Remain Today

The last vestiges of Indian Summer should provide beautiful weather in this area today.

Temperatures should approach record levels during the mid-afternoon under sunny skies. A high of 80 degrees is expected.

A developing storm system in the central states should bring clouds and showers to this area by late tomorrow, and then produce a change to colder weather Friday.

The local forecast indicates tonight should be partly cloudy and mild with a low of 53 degrees.

Tomorrow should be mostly cloudy, breezy and mild with showers and thunderstorms developing by afternoon and continuing tomorrow night.

A high of 72 is likely tomorrow afternoon.

Rush Code Approved By Panhel

The Panhellenic Council approved a rushing code last night for the 1961-62 rush program to begin with open houses Nov. 11.

The code, as outlined by Janet Carlisle, rush chairman, includes the following regulations:

• Open contact shall be in effect until the formal rush registration on Jan. 3.

• Strict silence shall be in effect from the time of formal rush registration until the issuance of bids, Jan. 12.

• The individual members of a sorority may not issue any kind of bid to any rushee except through the formal and accepted method, the preferential bidding system.

The formal rush period will include open houses, chatter dates, bermuda junctions, coffee hours, and ribboning.

The code also stipulates that any infraction of the rules shall result in a penalty to be decided upon by the Panhellenic Executive Council.

One week following the formal rush period there will be a period of open bidding in which any woman who has registered for formal rush, and has not pledged a sorority is eligible.

The council also decided to keep the required averages for rush as they have been in past years. Rushees who stand higher than second term or who are transfer students must have a minimum all-University average of 2.0.

Rushees who are second term standing or lower are required to have a minimum all-University average of 2.3.

Deferred grades will not be averaged into the all-University average this year.

A rush budget of \$75 for each sorority, excluding the cost of cigarettes, was also approved by the council.

Enrollment Rises By 1,316 Students

The official fall term enrollment for the University Park campus totals 14,928 undergraduates, 2,152 graduate students and 327 special students, Robert G. Bernreuter, registrar said yesterday.

The figures show a total increase over last year of 1,316 students. The official enrollment confirms Bernreuter's earlier findings in that it shows an increased number of students returning in the sophomore, junior and senior classes.

This higher retention rate has produced a new enrollment high for the University, Bernreuter said.

At the University Park campus, fewer freshmen were admitted, he added. There were 3,658 freshmen admitted this year as compared with 4,056 a year ago. About 100 fewer transfer students were admitted this year from other colleges and universities, Bernreuter added.

There was a rise in first year enrollment in the two year associate degree program from 841 last year to 992 this year. This served to offset the drop in the number of students enrolled in the baccalaureate degree program on the commonwealth campuses, he said.

The total fall term enrollment, including the commonwealth campuses is 22,855. This is an increase of 1,199 over the total last year. The over-all University enrollment is now 15,964 men and 6,891 women.

Academic Changes Analyzed

By CAROL KUNKLEMAN (This is the fourth in a series of articles on interviews with campus administrators analyzing the four-term plan.)

Changes taking place in academic affairs under the four-term plan are being brought about by individual departments and instructors, rather than through a formal generalized policy, Howard A. Cutler, assistant to the president for academic affairs, said yesterday.

"I am not aware of any general change in teaching methods," Cutler said, "though individual departments and instructors are taking their own look of what's required of them under the plan."

For example, Cutler said, the department of history this year initiated a new class plan where-

by students hear a 50-minute lecture and then participate in a 25-minute discussion period. During the former 50-minute periods of the semester system, history courses were planned for two lecture periods a week and one period of discussion, he explained.

"Since there is no definitely assigned final examination period, testing methods are bound to change among individual instructors," Cutler said. "This change may cause a shift in the grades of students."

Again, he qualified his statement, by saying the shift of grades, which like the testing methods, is "bound to come," depends on the individual student.

Cutler's office is concerned mainly with the instruction function of the University. Under this designation are listed curriculum setups, course requirements, library facilities and faculty super-

vision. "The four-term plan is a pedagogical advantage to the student," he said. "The semester system was no less work than this plan. It requires a shorter warming-up period at the beginning of a class because the student has fewer subjects to concentrate on. Thus, he can recall his knowledge faster, without making the instructor lose valuable class time."

Because the student is learning less vocabulary simultaneously, he actually has more time to study because of this lack of dispersion in subject matter, he added.

Cutler said he thinks the four-term plan is the answer to educating better students.

He predicted that the four-term plan will be widely adopted in colleges and universities throughout the country in the future.