

Student calendar group may publish newsletter

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When the University changes to a semester calendar in 1983, there is going to be a lot of confusion in the minds of a lot of people — including students.

To keep students informed about the calendar change, the Student Committee on Calendar Conversion last night agreed to publish a newsletter if funding is available.

The first publication will be produced at the end of Winter Term, and after that it will be printed once a term, said Chris Hopwood, president of the Undergraduate Student Government's Academic Assembly.

University President John W. Oswald has announced that the University will change to a semester calendar in the fall of 1983.

Hopwood said the newsletter will be directed to students who are new freshmen and sophomores, and will be mailed to their residence halls or apartments.

While the first issue of the newsletter will explain the calendar change to students, subsequent issues will keep them updated on policy changes affecting them, Hopwood said.

Although the committee was formed by USG and the Association of Residence Hall Students on Sept. 22, last night's meeting was its first.

Hopwood said extra time was needed so the group could find out "what our purpose was."

The committee consists of two to three members from each of the 10 organizations represented on USG Executive Council.

Even though 10 organizations compose the council, at last night's meeting only five organizations — the Interfraternity Council, ARHS, the USG Senate, the Council of Branch Campus Student Governments and Academic Assembly — were represented on the committee.

Funds for the project will be solicited from Associated Student Activities and other sources, Hopwood said.

Hopwood is the sole student representative on the Calendar Conversion Council — the body which will be implementing the calendar change.



Doughy hedgehog
Demonstrating a form of Czechoslovakian folk art is Dagmar Tichy, State College, who is making a hedgehog out of dough.

Some women hesitant to use PSU commission

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Although the University Commission for Women was established as a forum for women's concerns and issues, a University employee said yesterday that some women clerical workers may hesitate to bring their concerns to the commission.

Eddie Herron, a systems analyst, said some clerical workers may feel intimidated by the commission because all the commission's members are professional women and because they fear they will lose their jobs by voicing their opinion.

After an informational presentation about the commission titled, "A Conversation with the University Commission for Women," Herron said some clerical workers cannot relate to the professional staff at the University. Although they are categorized as staff members, some clerical workers do not consider themselves as such, she said.

One employee, who asked not to be identified, said, "They

work for it (the University) but may not feel a part of it."

Noting that the clerical staff comprises a large percentage of the University community, Associate Provost Rosemary Schraer, a commission member who participated in the presentation, said the employees should not hesitate to come to the commission.

"This place couldn't work without them," she said.

Carol A. Cartwright, professor of education and acting associate dean of the Commonwealth Educational System, said that women who bring their concerns to the commission will be treated with confidentiality.

Jane E. McCormick, chairwoman of the commission and assistant to the vice president for student affairs, urged the audience and all University women to contact the commission in 235 Boucke.

The program was sponsored by Campus Colleagues — a group of women administrators and faculty and staff members.

Outlining goals of the commission, McCormick said it has subdivided into three task forces to study individual issues in depth and return to the full commission with results.

The 21-member commission, established by University President John W. Oswald to explore the needs and concerns of women at the University, has had two meetings.

Through the task force, assigned to explore women's programs and services at the University, the commission hopes to publish some form of booklet or handbook containing a wide range of information about women and women's concerns, McCormick said.

"There are an awful lot of things going on for, by and about women in the University," she said.

"We must find out what we've got now in terms of programs and services that are important to women, get the information surfaced and get it out."

Working with a self-study guide, the "people" task force intends to question students, administrators, faculty and staff members to obtain a report on sex equity at the University, said Kathryn Moore, chairwoman of the task force and associate professor and research associate of the Center for the Study of Higher Education.

McCormick said the task force that is assigned to study issues will investigate women's problems and concerns in such areas as childcare, a women's center, returning women students and health services for women.

Although it is not a policy-making body, McCormick said the commission will have an impact on the University community in terms of recommendations. She said Oswald has asked the commission to compile an annual report of concerns and information.

Also, the commission recently received a letter from the Presidential Search and Screen Committee, asking for nominations for the new University president, she said.

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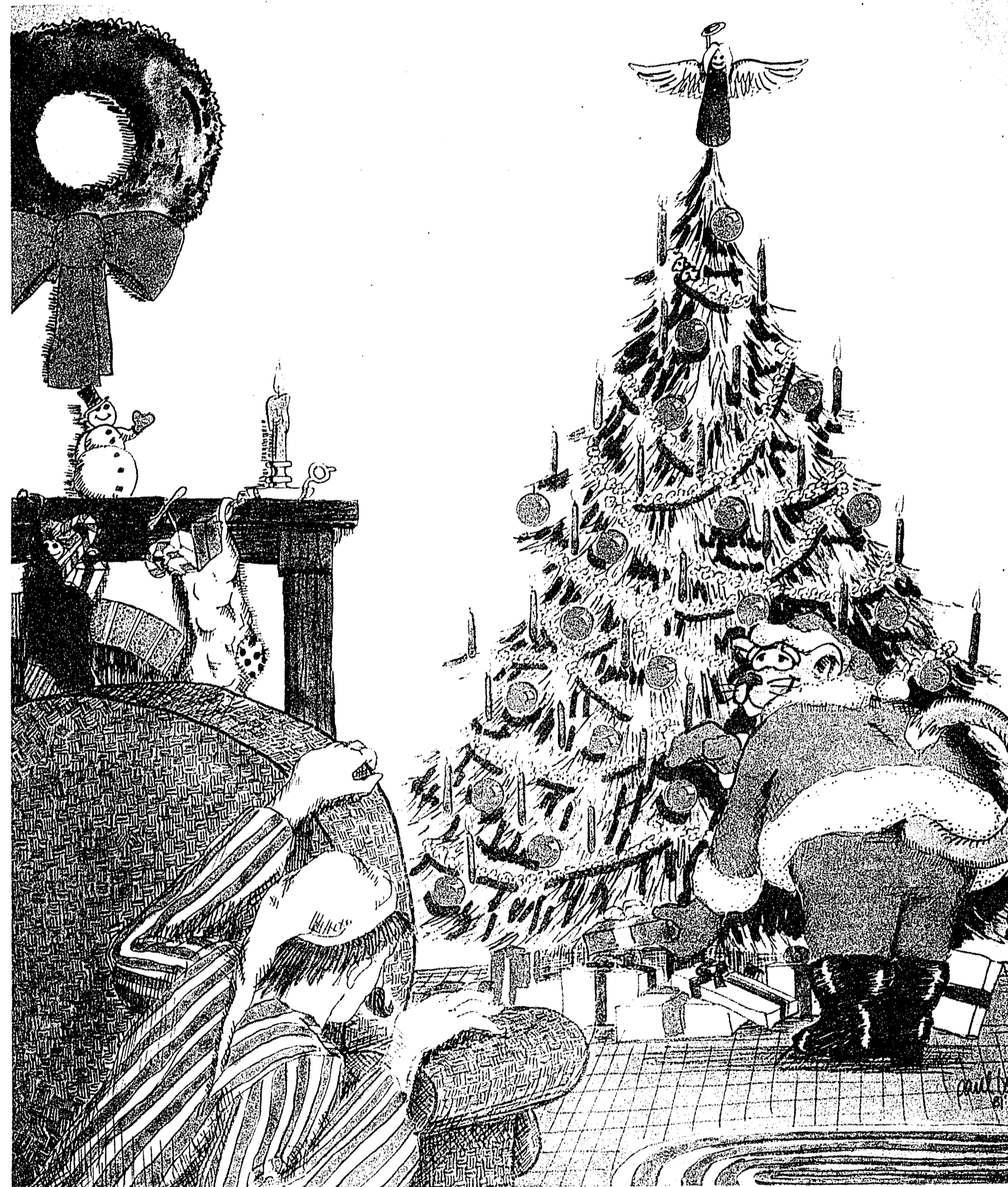
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