

Fall Commencement:

Possibility of January program discussed

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Coyle said participation in commencement exercises has always been high and, because of this fact, a Fall Commencement should be seriously considered.

"Very few students ask for their diplomas to be sent home to them," he said. "My guess would be that about 80 percent of the students return with their families for graduation."

Parvensky said he would go to extremes to show CCC members that students are concerned.

"If I have to march 500 students in to show I have support for this issue, I'll do it," he said. "We're not seeking out an issue, it's very relative to us now."

Lewis said he would express both sides of the committee's views at the next CCC meeting.

In other business, committee members reported on the outcome of Town Day.

Last Thursday, the Organization for Town Independent Students sponsored its 10th annual Town Day, a forum for students and community members to discuss issues concerning the two groups.

Andrew Berger, student committee member and member of OTIS, said "no great revelations came out of Town Day."

Lewis, who attended Town Day with Berger and Dungan, said despite a few problems with the overlapping of apartment leases and the beginning of Fall Semester, "everything seems to be working

smoothly."

Berger said students may have as much as a 10-day overlap in their apartment leases because of the transition.

"Many landlords said they would help accommodate students experiencing an overlap problem by pro-rating rents in August," he said. Landlords "would refund former tenants for the last two weeks' of rent in August."

Dungan said the University may be able to provide storage space to accommodate students inconvenienced by the overlap.

"I think it's very possible that (the University) could handle providing students with storage space," he said.

Dungan also said many landlords said they would condone the illegal sharing of rooms for a few days until the overlap problem is resolved.

"Students may simply have to bunk at fellow students' apartments for a few days until the problem is taken care of," Dungan said.

Ernest Weidhaas, committee member, said the alternatives should be considered very seriously because "students may be getting ripped off."

Also at the meeting, recently appointed Summer Session Director Nancy Tischler said the University's Summer Sessions will make the calendar conversion "exciting and fun."

"Summer provides the opportunity for innova-

tion," she said. "I am sensing lots of creativity, enthusiasm and eagerness from faculty members who are really looking forward to experimenting with the Summer Session."

Tischler, who takes office July 1, will be responsible for Summer Sessions beginning in 1984.

Tischler also said she plans to make the University more attractive to faculty members to encourage more interest in teaching during the summer.

In another discussion about the transition, committee member John Cahir said the reclassification of students under the semester system is not explained to students anywhere and students do not realize its implications.

"Semester standing shouldn't be interpreted in the same way as term standing," he said. "It's an important change that many students don't seem to be aware of."

Many committee members said they had not given this issue much thought.

Martha Adams, committee member, explained the differences in determining academic standing.

"Semester standing is determined by credit hours," she said. "It's not like under the term system where a student's standing is figured out according to how many terms must be completed before that student can graduate."

Dungan said this new approach would be "a real challenge" to the University Registrar's office.

Labor relations in football to be theme of STUC day

Former Nittany Lion linebacker and Labor Studies graduate Doug Allen will talk about "Labor Relations in Professional Football" at the opening of the 13th annual Student-Trade Union Conference Day tomorrow.

After playing with the Buffalo Bills for two years, Allen is now assistant to the executive director of the National Football League Players Association. He was involved in negotiations during the players' strike last year.

Allen's speech will begin at 10 a.m. in the HUB Fishbowl.

The overall theme for the conference is "Strategies for the Labor Movement," which is sponsored by the Penn State Labor Studies Club and Frontlash.

Sol Hoffman, vice president of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, is this year's keynote speaker. He will discuss current issues facing the labor movement at 8 tomorrow night in the HUB fishbowl.

Frank Mont, director of the Civil Rights Department for the United Steelworkers of America, will be the other main speaker at the conference. He will speak about "Union Response to Membership Unemployment" at 1 tomorrow afternoon in the HUB Fishbowl.

After Mont's speech, workshops will address various aspects of the labor movement. Mont will discuss unemployment on an informal level at one of these workshops.

Other workshop topics include "Organizing Women Workers," "Concession Bargaining," "Worker Safety and Health Issues," "Worker-Owned Businesses" and "Strategies Against Modern Union Busting."

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