

Spring Vacation Will Be Shortened

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WEATHER — Considerable high cloudiness Saturday and Sunday. Occasional light rain on the coast. High 67.

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NEW life addition will parallel new designs in automobiles. See story, page 8.

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Vacation To Be Only Two Days

Commencement Set One Week Earlier

That dearly-cherished week of vacation between the end of winter term finals and the beginning of spring term classes will be materially shortened next year, according to the 1949-50 academic calendar.

The new calendar, which will give a spring vacation of the same length as that now given at Thanksgiving, schedules Commencement for June 11, a week earlier than this year.

Pallett Unavailable

Earl M. Pallett, assistant to the president, who introduced the calendar proposal to the board of deans last October, was out of town yesterday and could not be reached for comment.

However, faculty members and officials who were contacted, although they declined to comment authoritatively, believed that the change was effected to give seniors and other students a head start at summer jobs. Most stated that there were probably additional reasons.

September 19 Frosh Week

Freshman Week next year will begin September 19 and continue through the 24th. Classes begin September 26, and final examinations will be held from Thursday, December 15, through Tuesday, December 20.

No special registration day will be allowed for either winter or spring terms; registration will take place on the first day of classes.

Winter Term Classes

Winter term classes and registration will begin Tuesday, January 3. Final exams will begin Friday, March 17, and end Wednesday, March 22.

On the following Monday, March 27, classes and registration will begin again. Spring term finals will be on the Monday-to-Friday order, June 5-9.

Alumni day is scheduled for June 10 and Baccalaureate and Commencement, June 11.

Library, Art Museum Still Safe Despite Release of Moisture

The fears of many people as to the safety of the library and the Oriental Art museum were relieved today by Harry D. Jacoby, assistant superintendent of the university physical plant.

White crystal formations observed on the walls of the buildings were believed to be deposits of plaster that has seeped out from between the bricks and threatened the further existence of the structures. Mr. Jacoby defined the formations as "effervescence," a calcium and salt deposit formed by the release of moisture from within the bricks.

Changes Will Not Affect BA Seniors

Although changes in the requirements for graduation in the school of business administration are proposed, 1949 seniors are not affected, Dean Victor P. Morris assured the Emerald yesterday.

A staff meeting to iron out fine points of the new requirements will be held at the beginning of next week, Morris said.

Low Grades...

Not Adjusted, No Study Habits Say Freshmen

As counselors in the office of student affairs have investigated the problems of freshmen who have been below a 2.00 GPA, they have found two major and several minor difficulties to which the students attribute their low grades.

Ray Hawk, men's counselor, has discovered from talking to these freshmen that their main problems are the lack of well-developed study habits and poor adjustment to college life.

Of the students interviewed, 107 and 94 respectively gave these reasons for their low records.

Other reasons, given in the order of their frequency, were the wrong major; illness; too many class cuts; too much outside work; living conditions; lack of high school background; too heavy a load; and worry.

One student each listed finance, social life, poor food, low psych decile, family responsibility, dislike for school, and poor transportation arrangements.

When asked "What would you do to improve your grades?" freshmen gave a variety of replies, with improving study habits and planning a time schedule gaining first preference.

Other suggestions were conferences with instructors; carrying a lighter load; going to class more often; using the guidance of the counseling center; counseling with sponsors; changing major; less outside work; better living; quitting athletics; less social life, and better transportation.

'1001 Nights' Takes Contest For Junior Weekend Theme

Mitropoulis Scores Hit With Music

By Anne Goodman
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"Tops."

That, briefly, is how Dimitri Mitropoulis is described by the people who work under him.

"He has a very phenomenal memory," said a bassoon player who has been with the orchestra for 12 years.

"One of the nicest conductors to work with," remarked a first violinist who has played with the Cleveland, Indiana, Rochester and other symphonies.

All were regretful to have their leader since 1937 leave. Mitropoulis will transfer to the New York Philharmonic symphony next year. Said the great conductor of the change, "I will miss not coming to the Northwest so often. It's a gorgeous part of the world."

Express Appreciation

The man who led the Minneapolis Symphony orchestra before 5300 enthusiastic listeners in McArthur court last night expressed appreciation at being booked again in Eugene. Last concert of the group locally was two years ago.

Unlike other large symphonies, the Minneapolis group does not have a large turnover of personnel from year to year, another credit to their leader.

Included in the 90 members of the orchestra are five women, one of whom has been with the organization 25 years.

Europeans in Group

Although all members must at least have first citizenship papers taken out, a great number of the musicians are European descent. Countries represented are Germany, Sweden, Russia, Czechoslovakia, Austria, and Albania.

Faculty members of the school of music highly praised the musicianship of several instrumentalists from the orchestra who performed at a special recital in the music school auditorium yesterday afternoon.

Call for Encores

Students stayed on into the dinner hour listening to an encore given by this smaller group, which was also led by Mitropoulis.

"The Shubert work was delivered with all of its nuance and technical precision to make it one soaring melodic line," commented Wayne Parks of the music faculty about a Shubert Octet played by the group.

The second number was a Quintet by Prokofief, one movement of which was used for the encore.

Freshman Beldon Owens Wins Cash Award For Submitting Title

A majority of Junior Weekend committee members approved the selection of a "1001 Nights" theme at the Weekend kick-off luncheon yesterday noon.

Submitting the winning theme was Beldon Owens, freshman in pre-law. Owens will be awarded a \$15 cash prize.

He presented the possibility of using Aladdin's lamp, genies, and sultans. Malcolm McGregor, Weekend chairman said, "The theme connotes splendor, color, and offers diversity for floats and decorations."

MacGregor said that a wide variety of clever themes were submitted and the choice was a difficult one.

Runners-ups included "Anchors Aweigh" submitted by Martha Stone and Penny Singleton; "Say It With Music", by Jacquie Kurtz and Rowena Renaud; and "Flicker Flash-back" by Sally Waller.

Five to Judge Show Tryouts

Judges for Monday and Tuesday's All-Campus Vodvil eliminations were named yesterday by judging chairman Billie Jean Reithmiller.

Choosing the acts which will be eligible to appear in the big show in Mac court next Friday will be Howard Lemons, athletic business manager; Les Anderson, alumni director; Kenneth Wood, associate professor of speech; and Carlisle Moore, assistant professor of English.

Nancy Peterson, senior in journalism, has been nominated as a judge but could not be reached for confirmation of her acceptance.

Organizations scheduled to enter Monday's eliminations, which will last from 6:30 to about 10 p.m., are as follows, in order:

Orides, University house, Zeta Tau Alpha, Alpha Delta Pi, Delta Delta Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Nu, Alpha Chi Omega.

Sigma Chi, Alpha Gamma Delta, Theta Chi, Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Phi.

Alpha Xi Delta, Ann Judson house, Chi Omega, Gamma Phi Beta, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Gamma, and Delta Upsilon.

Under the Weather

Twelve students are now marking time in the infirmary hospital.

Those receiving the services of the pill palace are Cherry Taylor, Mary Knox, Laura Pearson, Barbara Richardson, Anne Armstrong, Virginia Wright, Betty Jean Simpson, Raymond Scofield, George Kekuma, Lloyd Collins, James White and Burt Tonkin.

Army Day ROTC Outfits Will March in Parade Today

The ROTC will fall out and fall in this morning at 0915 hours on fifteenth avenue in front of ROTC Headquarters.

Shortly after the initial command of execution they will take their place in the parade being held in honor of Army day. This impressive ceremony is scheduled to lead off officially at 1000 hours. Veterans Memorial Building on Willamette and fifteenth avenue has been designated jumping off place.

The Gold Star Mothers have the honor of setting the pace—that is to say, they constitute the advance guard, or assault troops. However, because of lax training rules, the Commanders Council has granted authority for the Gold Star Mothers to ride in convertibles.

Colonel F. R. Maerdian has indicated that this ruling will not apply to the ROTC. Oregon's fledgling officer corps will display their precision 120 per minute directly behind the last mother's convertible.

In order of march will be the Gold Star Mothers, ROTC, Eagles Band, National Guard, Composite Color Guard, Marine Corps Reserve, and Naval Reserve. The rear guard is composed of veterans.

The probable time of dismissal will be about 1115 hours. If Willamette street is graced with a lack of gentle breezes, and an abundance of sunshine, this reprieve will probably come none too soon.

ROTC Department Receives Award

Colonel Frank R. Maerdian disclosed yesterday that the Army Staff at the University of Oregon, has been honored by the receipt of a Certificate of Proficiency for meritorious work in the training of reserve officer students for the year ending in June, 1948.

This certificate has the personal signature of General Omar Bradley, Chief of Staff, U. S. Army, and Kenneth Royall, Secretary of the Army.