

Vodvil Petitions Due Wednesday

Petitions for committee chairmanships for the all-campus Vodvil, April 25, have been called for by Joan Dysart and Rex Balentine, general co-chairman.

Committees open are: programming, contact, publicity, tickets, judges, arrangements and lighting and special effects.

Petitions for master of ceremonies have also been requested. Emcee applicants will be interviewed by a screening committee.

Petitioners are asked to submit a main theme for the Vodvil with their petitions. Deadline for petitions is Wednesday at 5 p.m. Petitions may be turned in to Rex Balentine, Phi Sigma Kappa, or Joan Dysart, Tri-Delt.

Dreaded "blue valentines" are being sent out to students with failing grades at San Jose State this week. So far 2936 cards have been sent to 2097 students.

Mardi-Gras Dance Set for Friday

"Come to the Mardi-Gras!" That is the current cry of Les Thelemites, French club, which is sponsoring a Mardi-Gras costume ball and party Friday from 8 p.m. to midnight on the third floor of Gerlinger.

All students and faculty in the French department and anyone interested in the French language have been invited. Costumes from any period in French literature are in order. There will be dancing, cards and refreshments—with a \$.25 cover charge for the latter.

Persons who wish to help decorate for the ball and party have been asked to contact Loretta Wawrzyniak, instructor in romance languages, in 316 Friendly at 11 a.m. or 4 p.m. today.

Petition Due for 'Mom's' Chairman

Petition deadline for chairman of Mother's Day is Monday at 4 p.m.

The event, May 11, will be in conjunction with Junior Weekend, May 9-11. Petitions may be returned to the ASUO office, third floor, Student Union.

Reports by previous Mother's Day chairmen are available in room 204, Emerald hall, according to Bill Carey, ASUO president. Students interested in petitioning he suggested, can find much helpful information in these.

ASUO Senator Brings Back Issue Of Spring Term Finals for Seniors

By Jim Haycox

A complaint that harks back to 1903 was kicking around in ASUO senate recently. The gripe was new to that body—itsself less than a year old—but not to the University or the senior class that perpetuates the tradition.

ASUO Senator - at-large Herb Cook probably may not have realized he was shaking down cobwebs when he remarked:

"I don't think seniors ought to have spring term finals."

Cook asked Donald DuShane, director of student affairs and non-voting senate advisor, to bring back a report. This DuShane did at the meeting Thursday evening.

Petition Denied

April 9, 1903: Seniors petition to have spring term finals for seniors with a "B" average or above eliminated with tests for those with below "B" average left to the discretion of the instructor. The petition was denied with the promise that spring term finals for seniors would be given as early as possible.

June 4, 1903: Seniors petition to have no finals for springs term. Denied by faculty.

May 6, 1909: Seniors petition to have no finals for spring term. Petition laid on the table by the faculty.

June 4, 1914: Seniors petition for no finals spring term. Laid on

table by faculty.

Petition Denied

April 8, 1937: Seniors petition to be excused from spring term examinations. Denied by faculty.

The responsibility for regulating commencement shifted then from the faculty to the board of deans, DuShane explained.

Dec. 9, 1948: Following a survey of eight Pacific Coast colleges, Mortar Board, Senior woman's honorary, proposed three alternate suggestions—early examinations, commencement before examinations or no examinations.

Mortar Board said that of the eight colleges surveyed, one gave no exams and four others either had early exams or early commencement.

Proposals Rejected

The board of deans rejected all three proposals, DuShane said, but approved a plan to take the last-minute uncertainty out of students' minds.

For the last three years, 1949-'50 and '51, a list of all those seniors who are expected to graduate has been posted a week or more in advance of commencement. This list, said DuShane, removed the major objection Mortar Board had at the time.

Students whose names do not appear on the list—because of oversight or inability to satisfy all the requirements—are thus notified of mistakes, are corrected.

DuShane cited a recent case at Oregon state college in which a student had been overlooked for the graduation exercises. The board, he said, made OSC hold a second commencement for the single student. The list, DuShane remarked, is of advantage to students and University alike.

And the suggestion by Cook? DuShane didn't hold out much hope for another petition to eliminate spring term finals for seniors.

"It would probably be going through the motions for the experience alone," he told the senate. The final examination, even for seniors, he said, is an excellent way to review a course; without it there is no incentive to study after the midterm.

● Campus Briefs

● The upper-class YWCA commission will meet today at 3 p.m. in the Orides room, third floor of Gerlinger, to stuff envelopes for the Red Cross.

● State delegates for "Operation Politics," Oregon's mock political convention to be held on the campus May 2 and 3, will meet at 6:30 p.m. today in room 3, Fenton hall.

● Students interested in doing flying speeches for the Red Cross fund drive may call Joan Walker at 5-9673 before 6 p.m. Friday. The drive begins Monday.

● Cosmopolitan club will sponsor a leap year party Friday from 8 p.m. to midnight at Plymouth house. Slides of the YWCA-YMCA summer camp at Seabeck, Wash., will be shown. There will also be dancing and refreshments. The Y camp is located on Hood's canal at Seabeck.

● Applicants for the law school admissions test should present their tickets of admission in 201 Emerald hall at 8:45 a.m. Saturday, according to J. Spencer Carlson, director of admissions and counseling.

U.S. Locomotive Bell To Ring In Africa

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (U.P.)—A 350-pound brass bell from a Louisville & Nashville Railroad locomotive soon will be ringing out in Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa, 5,000 miles from the railroad's nearest piece of track.

For some time the L. & N. has been donating the bells from scrapped locomotives to small needy churches along its lines.

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