

Nominations for A-1 Assembly

Elections will be held at the Spring Meeting of the A-1 Assembly in April. Positions to be filled are:

Chairperson-elect (1)—will assume duties of Chairperson during the 1984-85 academic year. Duties include calling a monthly meeting of the executive committee, preparing an agenda for this meeting, presiding at this meeting, and being the Spokesperson for the Assembly.

Secretary-elect (1)—will assume duties of the Secretary during the 1984-85 academic year. Duties include taking minutes at the monthly meetings and distributing copies of these minutes to executive committee members.

Executive Committee Members (3)—Duties include attendance of monthly meeting where input is requested on various matters affecting A-1 members at the University.

Nominees should represent a cross section of University A-1s and should be willing to be actively involved in the business of the Assembly. Please submit nominations to: Andrea F. Damm, business administrator, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Room 424, Medical Education Building/GM.

A-3 Nominations Call

Annual elections for the Coordinating Committee of the A-3 Assembly will be held on May 25 of this year. We are looking for names of candidates to be placed on the ballot and now is the opportunity for you to become a candidate for a two-year term on the Coordinating Committee. Your new ideas and suggestions will benefit all A-3s.

We are a group of individuals with a common concern and cordially invite all A-3s to attend our meetings. Come learn what the A-3 Assembly is all about. Guests are always welcome and, in fact, many of our guests have subsequently become active members of the Coordinating Committee.

We ask your participation. For further information please call Mickey Campanile, 227-2473.

Grants for Biomedical Research

Through an American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant, the University's Cancer Center will provide support to full time faculty for biomedical research throughout the University. "Seed money" grants (\$5,000-\$7,500 maximum) will be awarded for the exploitation of new developments in cancer research. Applications will be judged on the basis of scientific merit and the role that research support will play in the development of new research. Priority is given to new faculty.

The Scientific Review Committee of the University of Pennsylvania Cancer Center will review applications and establish priorities. Interested faculty members are invited to obtain application forms from Ralph Czachowski, administrator, Cancer Center, 7 Silverstein/G12 (227-3910). The deadline for all applications is April 8. Awards will be for one year, not renewable, and will be effective July 1.

Blood Pressure Study

For an antihypertensive drug study, volunteers are sought by the Section of General Medicine at HUP. Patients with mild to moderately high blood pressure, between 18 and 70 years of age and not having serious heart, lung, liver, or kidney disease, are needed for an ongoing study of a new experimental medication which is taken once per day. Free medical care, close observation and follow-up are offered throughout the study which may last as long as 26 weeks. Information: Dr. David Goldman, 227-3639.

Debating the Academic Calendar

The University Council spent most of its time March 9 on two Academic Calendar questions, but also:

- passed a by-laws change in the Open Expression Committee's charge to provide for initial fall assembly of the COE;

- gave the first reading to by-laws changes to (a) allow the A-3 Assembly to send alternates to committee meetings if the designated representative cannot attend, and (b) eliminate a requirement that each member of Council serve on at least one committee; and

- discussed measures for breaking down barriers to graduate students' enrollment in elective courses outside their home units.

President Sheldon Hackney turned the floor over to Provost Thomas Ehrlich for a statement to "underscore the University's deep concern on issues of sexual harassment," asking that those who have not reviewed the existing policy do so (see page 4). He also read a statement from Acting VPUL George Koval on an incident reported in a fraternity house (updated by Mr. Koval's page 4 statement). "Lest there be any confusion," the Provost said, "a full review has been proceeding and we expect a report in a few days."

Steering Committee Chair Murray Gerstenhaber reported that the ad hoc Council Committee on the Codification of Presidential Search Procedures is nearing the end of its work and will be asking for comment shortly.

Graduate Registration: Provost Ehrlich endorsed GAPSA's request that the Graduate School Bulletin include a statement supporting interdisciplinary study for enhancement of individual students' programs. (Text to be published.)

Academic Calendar: The immediate question for planning the 1983-84 calendar was to choose a starting date for fall in a year in which a religious holiday falls on the traditional first-day-of-class. After hearing debate on options, the administration issued the calendar below, giving an earlier start to the term.

The second calendar question, initially appearing in a Council of Undergraduate Deans' report submitted by Acting VPUL George Koval, recommended a fall break period to start with Academic 1983-84. The question has been held for 1984-85, and no extension of the Thanksgiving holiday appears in the schedule below. At Council, Student Health Director Dr. Sam Fager identified rising stress patterns, Dr. Thomas Wood pointed to the University's short fall semester, asking if the need to complete the academic work in fewer class days might not create stress rather than alleviate it. Dr. Fager indicated that he would provide Council with additional details of his caseload.

With the prospect that wider University comment will be sought before the fall break question is reintroduced in Council, comparative items from the Council of Undergraduate Deans' are published at right.

Academic Calendar 1983-1984

1983 Fall Term

September 1-2
September 5
September 6

Thursday-Friday
Monday
Tuesday

September 6-7

Tuesday-Wednesday

September 12
October 29
November 14
November 23
November 28
December 9
December 12-13
December 14-22
December 22

Monday
Saturday
Monday
Wednesday
Monday
Friday
Monday-Tuesday
Wednesday-Thursday
Thursday

Move-in and registration for transfer students
Labor Day; move-in for freshman
Opening Exercises and Freshman Convocation; Deans' Meetings
Drop-Add; placement examinations (no additional drop-add to be processed until the following Monday, September 12th)
First Day of Classes
Homecoming
Pre-registration for spring term
Thanksgiving recess begins at close of classes
Thanksgiving recess ends at 8 a.m.
Fall term classes end
Reading days
Final examinations
Fall term ends

1984 Spring Term

January 12-13
January 14
January 16
January 17
March 10
March 19
March 26
April 27
April 30
May 1-2
May 3-11
May 19
May 21

Thursday-Friday
Saturday
Monday
Tuesday
Saturday
Monday
Monday
Friday
Monday
Tuesday-Wednesday
Thursday-Friday
Saturday
Monday

Registration for undergraduate transfer students
Founders Day
Drop-add begins
Spring term classes begin
Spring recess begins at close of classes
Spring recess ends at 8 a.m.
Pre-registration for fall term and summer sessions
Spring term classes end
Reading day
Reading days
Final examinations
Alumni Day
Commencement

1984 Summer Sessions

May 22
June 29
July 2
July 4
August 10

Tuesday
Friday
Monday
Wednesday
Friday

First session classes begin
First session classes end
Second session classes begin
Independence Day—no classes
Second session classes end

Two Background Documents on Calendars

Comparison of Academic Calendars 1982-83

Only COFHE and local schools on semester schedules are included. Instruction days are calculated on the assumption of five instructional days per week. Reading days are not included unless designated as optional.

School	Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
	Beg.	End	Inst. days	Beg.	End	Inst. days
Amherst	9/10	12/14	65	1/31	5/13	65
Barnard	9/8	12/14	66	1/24	5/4	68
Brown	9/20	1/14	69	2/2	5/16	69
Bryn Mawr	9/2	12/10	68	1/17	4/29	70
Duke	9/1	12/13	69	1/10	4/22	70
Harvard	9/20	12/18	61	2/2	4/30	57
Haverford	9/2	12/10	68	1/17	4/29	70
Johns Hopkins	9/9	12/11	65	1/24	4/30	64
M.I.T.	9/9	12/10	62	2/1	5/13	62
Princeton	9/13	12/14	60	1/31	4/29	60
Smith	9/8	12/14	64	1/26	5/4	64
Swarthmore	9/6	12/10	65	1/17	4/29	70
Penn	9/8	12/10	66	1/17	4/29	70
U. of Rochester	9/8	12/10	63	1/12	4/23	68
Wesleyan	9/1	12/7	66	1/24	5/11	68
Williams	9/8	12/7	60.5	1/31	5/11	62
Yale	9/6	12/8	63	1/10	4/22	65

Summary of Holidays Elsewhere

Columbus Day—Brown, Harvard, M.I.T.

Veterans Day—Brown, Harvard, M.I.T.

Washington's Birthday—M.I.T.

Patriots' Day—M.I.T.

The following schools have fall semester breaks during October:

Bryn Mawr: Monday & Tuesday, mid-October

Duke: Friday & Monday, mid-October

Haverford: Monday & Tuesday, mid-October

Princeton: Monday-Friday, late October

Smith: Monday & Tuesday, mid-October; Mountain Day (spontaneous—1 day).

University of Rochester: Monday & Tuesday, early October

Wesleyan: Monday & Tuesday, mid-October

Williams: Monday & Tuesday, mid-October (called "Fall Reading Period")

The following schools have extended Thanksgiving breaks (more than Thursday and Friday):

Duke: includes Wednesday before Thanksgiving

Swarthmore: includes entire week of Thanksgiving

Yale: includes entire week of Thanksgiving

The following schools have Spring vacation days over and above a 1-week Spring break:

Smith: Rally Day (February)

Wesleyan: 2-week Spring break

Williams: Winter Carnival (1 day); 2-week Spring break.

Yale: 2-week Spring break

Task Force on International Dimension

The President has appointed a task force charged with studying and reporting on the international dimension of the University. The committee's purview includes international student and faculty exchanges, international aspects of the curriculum, and scholarship and research in international areas.

Major purposes will be to determine current international resources and opportunities, to provide guidance on the likely future direction of American higher education in the international field, and to make recommendations on how Pennsylvania may keep abreast of its international needs.

The task force is chaired jointly by Humphrey Tonkin (English and International Programs) and Richard Lambert (Sociology and South Asia Studies). Also serving on the task force are Jacob Abel (Mechanical Engineering), Frank Bowman (Romance Languages), Frederic Burg (School of Medicine), Lucy Creevey (City and Regional Planning), Noyes Leech (Law), Howard Perlmutter (Management), Louise Shoemaker (Social Work), Henry Teune (Political Science), Henry Trowbridge (Dental Medicine), Daniel Wagner (Education), and Jerry Wind (Marketing).

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Hardee's Survey: March 25 Deadline

Recently in the campus press, you may have read about a review of Hardee's Restaurant in Houston Hall which will begin in the near future. I would like to take this opportunity to clarify the purpose of this review and to invite your comments on the form provided below.

Since September 1979, Hardee's has offered a sit down, fast food service in the student union for the University community. Hardee's original lease with the University is for a five-year term with an option to renew additional five-year terms. They are required to notify us by August 1983 of their intention to renew or not to renew for a second five-year term to begin September 1984. Contrary to the inference that may have been created in prior articles, the University does not have the option to terminate the lease with Hardee's this spring or next.

In recent discussions with Hardee's senior management, we agreed that it is in our mutual interest to provide the best possible food service in Houston Hall for as the University community. To this end, we ask that you take a few minutes to answer the questions on the form below. The results of this poll will be reviewed with Hardee's management to determine what changes may be reasonably implemented to make Hardee's Restaurant in Houston Hall a better food service for students, faculty, staff and the community.

Your cooperation in responding is appreciated.

—Mary G. Beermann
Student Administrative Services

Hardee's Questionnaire

- How often do you eat at Hardee's in Houston Hall?
☐ Never
☐ 1-2 times a week
☐ 3-5 times a week
☐ Rarely
- How would you rate the current menu in Hardee's?
☐ Excellent
☐ Good
☐ Satisfactory
☐ Unsatisfactory
 A. What would you prefer on the menu? _____
- How would you rate the quality of the food now being served?
☐ Excellent
☐ Good
☐ Satisfactory
☐ Unsatisfactory
 A. How would you improve the quality of the food? _____
- How would you rate the service provided?
☐ Excellent
☐ Good
☐ Satisfactory
☐ Unsatisfactory
 A. How would you improve the service? _____
- Do you wish to retain Hardee's in its present form?
☐ Yes ☐ No
 A. If NO, what form would you prefer to take? _____
- Additional Comments: _____

Please return this completed survey to the "HARDEE'S SURVEY BOX" located in Houston Hall lobby, 3417 Spruce Street, by Friday, March 25 at 5 p.m. Thank You.