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Modified Calendar Approved; Fourth Term Shortened 1 Week

Yesterday Asheville - Biltmore adopted a modified calendar which provides for a shortened fourth term and one day off each term before examinations.

Aptly dubbed "The President's Calendar," the new 1967-68

No Pistol Packin' Mamas

Dorm Policies Are Imaginative

BY ROGER WICKER

Although the new Asheville - Biltmore dormitories will not enjoy Antioch College-type freedom, i. e., complete freedom, the house mothers won't be jailors and there won't be a list of stringent regulations.

When Asheville - Biltmore's first dormitory students move in next August they will represent years of planning that have gone into converting A-B into an academically sound liberal arts college.

And their dormitory experience will be closely watched and analyzed by administration officials who have taken an imaginative approach to dormitory life.

For example, Dr. William Highsmith, college president, says "We are not going to have a 'laundry list' of do's and don'ts, rather, we will expect dormitory students to behave as civilized adults."

This attitude of Highsmith's is reflected throughout the administration and the planning that went into A-B's dormitory complex of eight-student suites which has been built around the idea of small groupings of students

rather than what Highsmith characterized as the "barracks" high rise housing prevalent at many colleges and universities.

The A-B dorms will consist of six suites for eight students. Each suite will have four bedrooms, two baths and a central living-lounging area.

There will be one housing director for the entire complex, who will be responsible for helping maintain the personalized character of the dormitory complex, "and to insure that each student retains his own sense of identity," says Highsmith.

In reference to women's hours and other regulations governing the complex, Dr. Dula, dean of students, commented that he had had a meeting with a panel of three students who offered suggestions and ideas concerning the administration of the new complex. Dr. Dula declined to comment on the group's suggestions and conclusions, saying that the final plans are as yet indefinite. "It would be premature at this time to say just what the actual policies are going to

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the Squibb Calendar was rejected in favor of Dr. Highsmith's proposed calendar.

The new calendar provides for four day exam periods, preceded by one day off for studying.

Classes for the '67 - '68 academic year will resume August 23; graduation is scheduled for June 15. This means that classes will end one week earlier. The first three terms will each be ten weeks long.

Squibb's calendar consisted of five nine-week terms, four regular terms and an equally long summer session. Each term would have consisted of 40 class days and 5 days for exams.

Compression of a 10-week term into a 9-week term would have been accomplished by lengthening each class from 50 to 55 minutes. The adopted calendar calls for regular 50 minute classes.

The six-week summer school schedule will not undergo any changes.

A shortened fourth term offers at least two advantages. The longer summer vacation will allow students to attend summer school at a college or university. Summer school at many other colleges start around June 15, and under the old calendar it was impossible for A-B students to attend another summer school because Fourth Term was still in session.

The longer summer vacation will also enable students to compete for summer jobs. Getting into the labor market a week earlier could possibly mean the difference between landing a good job and not getting a job at all.



THE JON GLEURS --- Billy Smith, Dane Freeman, and Cissy Smith

Assembly To Feature Folk Group, Jon Gleurs

The February assembly will feature the Jon Gleurs, a folk group who will sing at the Newport Folk Festival next July.

Formed in 1965, the Jon Gleurs (Troubadours) are a fast rising college trio. Dane Freeman, a senior at Wofford College, organized the group which now boasts

a new female vocalist.

The original group included Dane Freeman, Billy Smith, and Sally Lesesne. In the fall of '66 Cissy Smith joined the group which has since played at various clubs and colleges including Wofford, Presbyterian, Erskine,

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★ ★ Winter's Nymph Frolics In Botanical Gardens ★ ★



Winter's nymph takes a peek at winter's world. The trees stand gaunt and barren, the ground is hard and cold, but Winter's nymph is not dis-



heartened. She is life in a dead world. She balances herself precariously on the rocks and in an icy stream. Beside a split-rail fence she frolics, racing be-



fore the nagging worries of examinations. Inside the Botanical cabin, she still hears winter's frosty summons. An afternoon in the botanical gardens . . . an



hour of relaxation . . . being young, alive, and completely natural . . . this is spending time wisely. George Macatu, the Ridgerunner's new photogra-

pher, found freshman Suzanne Woody to be an excellent subject for winter photography.

(Staff Photo)