

College student remains unknown as universities brace for new turmoil

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freshman seminars conducted by senior faculty members has been expanded so that 369 of 1,400 freshmen are in the seminars.

At Brown University, letter grades have been abolished in favor of "satisfactory-no credit" evaluation. Some courses may still be taken for a grade, but participation is voluntary. The minimum course load for an undergraduate degree has been lowered, and independent study programs greatly expanded.

The University of Pittsburgh has reduced from

15 to nine the number of credits required per term of lower division students in university-specified disciplines, and has converted from a pass-fail grading option for juniors and seniors only to a satisfactory-unsatisfactory option for all students. The option is good for one course each term.

Previously closed committees have been opened up to student membership. The American Association of State Colleges and Universities, representing many smaller state and community colleges,

reported recently that students were sitting on administrative councils at over half of its member schools.

Students at Ohio State now sit on the Faculty Council and Council of Academic Affairs, and those at Oberlin are included on the Judicial Board. Stanford, Fisk, Vanderbilt, and Princeton universities have added students or recent graduates to their boards of trustees.

Massachusetts recently became the first state to pass a law giving students a voting membership on state college and university governing boards. One student will sit on each of the

state's five governing boards, overseeing the University of Massachusetts, Southeastern Massachusetts University, Lowell Technological Institute, 11 state colleges and 12 community colleges.

Non-voting student representatives are now included on the governing boards of state schools in Kentucky and Wyoming and at the University of Washington.

And the battle against "in loco parentis" still goes on at some schools. The University of Maryland this fall abolished women's hours for all women, and Ohio University has added

sophomore women to its no-curfew list.


Meanwhile, though the campuses have been quiet in the early weeks of 1969-70, students have been organizing.

At the University of Colorado students have formed a tenants union and are ready to begin a rent

strike. Rent strikes already are underway in the communities surrounding the universities of Michigan, Wisconsin, and California at Berkeley.

Promotion of the Oct. 15 Moratorium appears to be the major student political activity of the fall. Leaders of the national Vietnam War

Moratorium Committee spending that date in teaching claim students at more than ins, rallies, and vigils against 500 colleges are committed to the war.




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