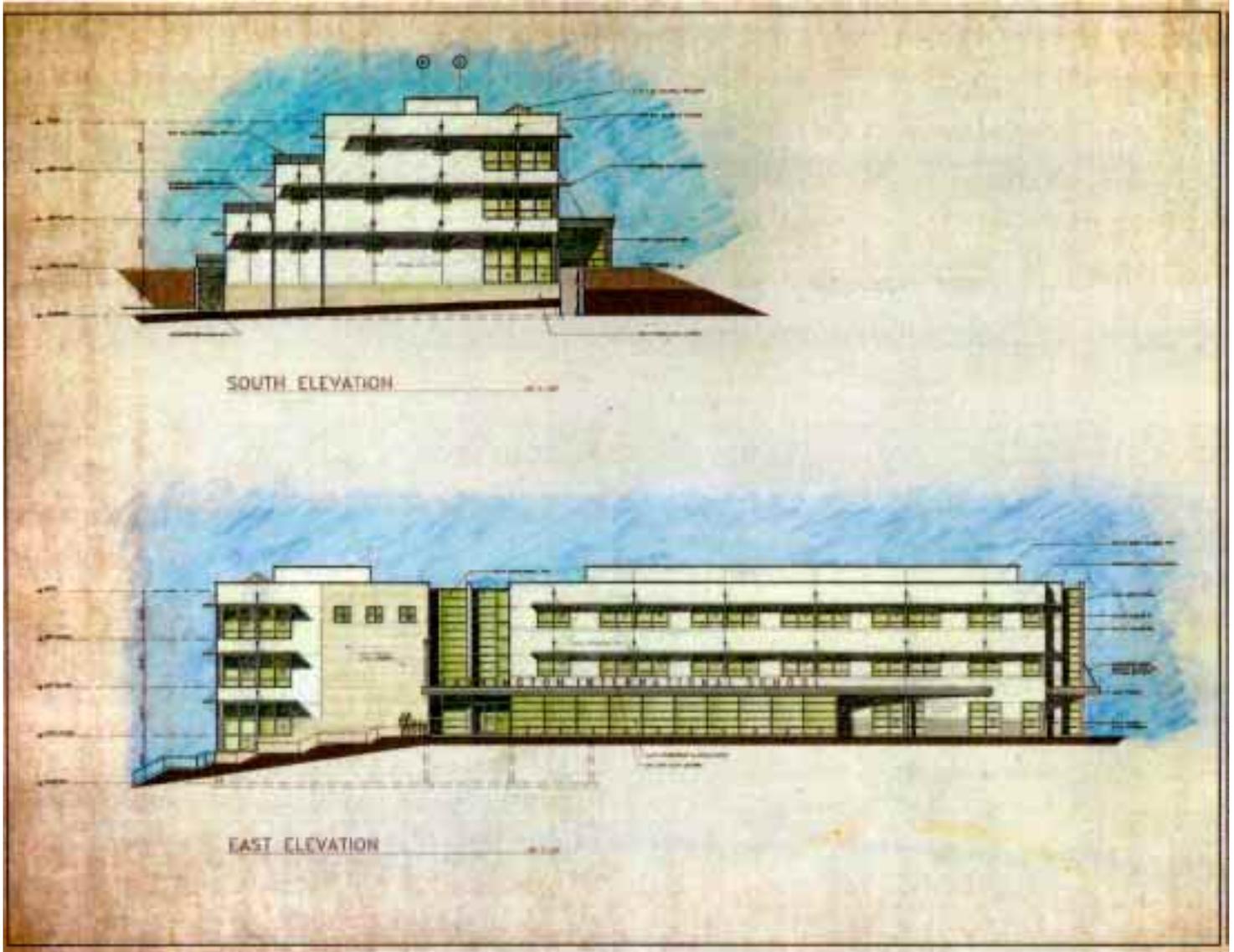




September, 1997:



The Washington International School comes to Burleith

President's Message

As many of you know, I was in Massachusetts this summer staying at my mother's house. One day Mr. Robinson, the 91 year old caretaker of my mother's artesian well, came by and said in typical New England fashion, "I didn't think anyone lived in Washington, DC." Well, I was pleased to tell him that I've been here for about 25 years and loved it. After a short stint on Capitol Hill, John and I moved to Burleith to raise our family and enjoy life in our Nation's Capital. Life has been good to us, and now it is time to give back some time and energy to this wonderful community. I am very pleased to be President of the Association this year. Now, more than ever, Burleith needs our help in preserving its beauty, safety and identity.

As an Association, we need to keep a high profile to bring to Burleith: our share of city services; a responsive and ever-present police force; a viable and working relationship with the neighborhoods and institutions that surround us; neighborhood events that help keep the Burleith spirit alive; and, lastly, to hold informative monthly meetings, to publish a monthly newsletter and to run a financially successful membership drive so that all of the above becomes a reality.

We have in place a very committed Board to help in all these areas, but we need your help. Come to meetings, call us, let us know what you are thinking. If called upon to become a Block Captain or to serve on a Committee, please say yes. And when asked to become a BCA member, please do so generously.

We all chose to live in Burleith for different reasons, be they economic, convenience, relatively easy upkeep of that "special" house, or perhaps the close proximity of the woods for a weekend run or walk. Whatever your reason, I think we would all agree that this is a *residential* neighborhood that still contains a tremendous diversity of lifestyle. We have owners and renters, groups and singles, old and young, old-timers and young-timers. This diversity must fit into the residential character of Burleith. Living in such close proximity to one another sometimes requires restraint and thoughtfulness from all of us. If this is practiced, we will ensure harmony in our "Village in the City." Please join us in our endeavor to promote this harmony.

See you all next Saturday at the Burleith Flea Market! Whether or not you have something to sell, do come over and say hello.

Until then...

"Welcome to Burleith" First BCA Meeting is Sept. 11

The first Burleith Citizens Association meeting of the 1997-98 year will be held at 7:30 p.m. this Thursday, September 11, in a new place: Hardy Middle School in the Rosario Center. The moving of the Levine School of Music, where BCA meetings were held for many years, has prompted our return to what was once Gordon Junior High. Meetings will be held there for the whole year, although the usual meeting date will be the second Wednesday of each month.

The theme of the September meeting is "Welcome to the neighborhood," and new residents are particularly encouraged to come to meet your neighbors and learn more about Burleith. *All residents* are welcome and encouraged to come: owners and renters, young students and old sages. All ages should be represented!

We hope to hear stories about our changing life in Burleith as well as reports from the "outside world," about what good fortune brought the newcomers to our neighborhood. There will be prizes and awards for "newest" resident born here and for the most recently moved into Burleith, as well as for the oldest resident of Burleith.

Although it will be more a social than a business meeting, we have also invited the newly-appointed Principals of Hardy Middle School and the Duke Ellington School for the Performing Arts to attend and meet their new neighbors. Come and join us to kick off another exciting year in Burleith!

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Washington International School Takes Possession of New Property

The Washington International School (WIS) now owns the block between 36th and 37th, Reservoir Road and R Street formerly occupied by the Convent of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd and the Levine School of Music. The Sisters had announced some time ago their intention to sell the property, and in April, 1996, WIS emerged as the leading bidder. After some consideration, the school concluded that the existing buildings on the site were not salvageable, and plans to demolish the buildings and construct a new school there for its younger pupils (pre-K through fifth grade). They hope to move quickly, perhaps in time to open the new school for spring, 1998 classes.

The first step in demolition is asbestos removal, which should be in process by publication of this Newsletter. Beforehand, WIS will remove any plantings that they can use elsewhere, so neighbors are free to take any bushes or plantings that remain on the site prior to actual demolition. Demolition, using a wrecking ball, will begin soon after Labor Day, and should be completed in about two weeks. This will be followed by grading of the property, which will reduce the height of the hill by about ten feet, and which should take about one week.

After grading is complete, trees and bushes will be planted around the perimeter. This will help shield the construction site from outside, reduce erosion, and let plantings establish themselves during the fall. Also, any problems with landscaping can be identified and corrected before completion of the structure. Construction of the new school building will probably

begin sometime in mid-October.

Construction and operation of the new school are regulated by a Development Agreement signed in December by WIS and the abutting communities, Burleith and Cloisters West. The Agreement establishes a Liaison Committee with two representatives from WIS and three representatives from each of the two communities.

Some restrictions on construction in the Agreement are: 1) Construction vehicles use Reservoir Rd and existing curb cuts on 36th St for access; 2) Construction vehicles exceeding legal speed or weight limits will pay additional penalties; 3) Construction-related parking will be on site (not on the streets); 4) Normal work hours at the site are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday; 5) Contractors will be responsible for cleaning up all litter from the site; 6) A telephone number will be established that will be available 24 hours a day to handle community complaints or problems; and 7) Contractor will provide monthly progress reports to the Liaison Committee on the property and roads. The Agreement also gives minimum landscaping requirements and regulates school operation (especially traffic impacts) after opening.

The Liaison Committee should be the principal means of resolving any problems with the school. The Burleith representatives are Charlotte Kroll (333-7676), Peter Pulsifer (337-3065) and Larry Schaffner (333-8739). If there is an immediate problem (like wayward trucks or early/late construction activity), feel free to call WIS first at 364-1811, but then call one of your Liaison Committee members so they can follow up on the problem.

WIS has expressed every desire to be a good neighbor, and to minimize disruptions even in this most difficult process of demolition and construction of a full city block. Maintaining good communications is the best way to help them follow through on that commitment.



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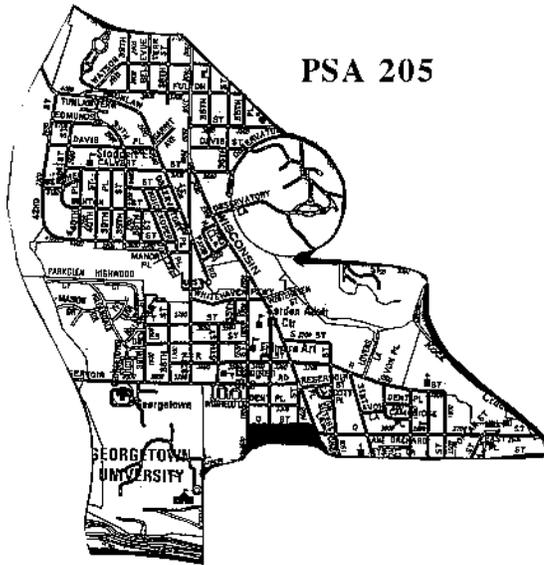
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Police Reorganization and Burleith

The Metropolitan Police Department is undergoing an extensive reorganization, with the goals of putting more officers on patrol and of increasing communication between the officers and the neighborhoods they patrol. Previously, each police district assigned its officers to patrol anywhere in the district there was a need. Under the reorganization, officers are assigned to a single Patrol Service Area (PSA), where they will perform most of their duties. In this way, hopefully, officers will get to know their neighborhoods and neighbors will get to know the officers, and have a person they know to call if there are problems.

Burleith is in the MPD's Second District, and we are in PSA 205. Our PSA includes Upper Georgetown (down to Q St in West Georgetown and P St in East Georgetown), Hillandale, Glover Park, Observatory Circle and part of Massachusetts Avenue Heights. It also includes the Georgetown University campus.

Commander of PSA 205 is Lt. Patrick Burke, a Georgetown resident well-known and respected by us in Burleith. His team includes Sergeant Keith Bickel, Master Patrol Officer Roger Lowery, Detective Ted Bell, Investigator Dan Lewis (Vice), and 19 patrol officers:

Midnight Officers: George Rusnak, Felicia Dantzer, Pete Larsen, Vivian Moore, Kenton Wyatt and Paul Riley;

Daywork Officers: Ronald Young, Tim Craggette, Emmanuel Allen, Desiree Addison, Tonia Toler and Barry Goodwin;

Evening Officers: Charles Moody, Ray Middleton, R.K. Brown, Ed Hanson, Dave Mosely, Amanda McMullen, and Jannique Ellerbee.

If you see an officer on patrol, don't hesitate to introduce yourself, because you're quite likely to see them again often.

Lt. Burke is determined to improve the quality of police services to the area, and he and his team members should be regular attendees at BCA meetings. He encourages calls from residents to himself, Sgt. Bickel or MPO Lowery at 282-0053, -0054 or -0055.

Last One Out, Turn Off the Lights

Residents near 38th and T Streets have been left in darkness since early summer by four malfunctioning street lights. The Public Works Department has tried replacing the bulbs at the darkened street lights, to no avail, and they now conclude that the problem is with the wiring. Unfortunately, they say that DC has no contract to fix street light wiring, and so repairs to the broken lights are on hold indefinitely. Our City Councilman, Jack Evans, is a member of the Council's Public Works Committee, and says he will work with Committee Chair Harry Thomas to try to expedite granting of a repair contract.

Peabody Room Returns

After a lapse of some two years, the Georgetown Public Library's Peabody Room is again open, with a new librarian/archivist, Dr. Susan L. Malbin. To celebrate the re-opening, an open house will be held on Friday, October 17 from 3-5 p.m. The Peabody Room is a unique collection of Georgetown area history and architecture. Dr. Malbin hopes to computerize the collection, and welcomes visits from everyone with an interest in local history. She may be reached at the Georgetown Library at 727-1353.



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Commentary "Cogenerator" Developer and City Drop Respective Lawsuits

by Guy Gwynne

The latest and probably final development in the lengthy community-developer-university struggle over possible installation of a mega-polluting, commercial electric power plant in our area has now unfolded. In late August, both Virginia-based Dominion Energy Corporation and the District government dropped their multi-million dollar lawsuits against each other and effectively called it a draw. Dominion was suing for over \$80 million for denied due process, and the city counter-sued for over \$100 million for fraud in the application process.

People close to the matter never really expected the case to come to trial, as such corporate lawsuits that follow money-losing ventures - known as CYA (Cover Your Ashcan) - suits are usually mounted for face-saving purposes with stockholders. The city's countersuit meant, in addition, that not just D.C. defendants would be deposed and annoyed in the trial preparation process, but also senior executives of Dominion Energy and many others who had a hand in propounding the environmentally negative project. Publicity purposes served, the developer prudently folded its hand.

Several spokesmen for Citizens Coalition neighborhoods (Burleith, Foxhall, Glover Park, Cloisters East, and Palisades, supported by broad Georgetown and Foggy Bottom elements) expressed regret that the city dropped its lawsuit. They believe, probably correctly, that the District's case was far stronger than the power plant developer's, and had had visions of welcome millions coming in to the cash-strapped city from an unwise but wealthy corporation that could afford to pay. Said one, "My God, think what we could have done with even half of a hundred million! Streets, trees, services. I was even looking forward to alley cleaning again."

Well, not now. On the other hand, the four-year battle

over the ill-conceived power plant project afforded several important benefits for the city and the citizenry: (1) the Citizens Coalition areas will not have one and a half tons of particulate pollution dumped on them daily from a smokestack; (2) the pertinent city agencies are alert to the potential realities of belching private power plants strewn about the city in some 23 identified possible sites; (3) "cogenerated" electrical magnetic emanations will not endanger homes, schools and hospitals in affected areas; (4) Georgetown University has proven that it has no trouble for lack of a commercial cogenerator in putting up new buildings on and off its campus and adding to others; and (5) the city is well organized organizationally and statutorially to deal with future applications for private commercial power factories within its confines.

Thus, it is likely, closes a squalid and regrettable episode in our area's and in our village's ongoing history. Burleith played a principled, major role in the "cogen question," and did its part in bringing the issue to a successful, even if not finally lucrative for the city, conclusion. Take a bow, Burleith. The Little Village That Could, did.

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My Neighbor's Roses

by Abraham L. Gruber

The roses red upon my neighbor's vine
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His was the cost, and his the labor, too,
But mine as well as his the joy, their loveliness to view.

They bloom for me and are for me as fair
As for the man who gives them all his care.
Thus I am rich, because a good man grew
A rose-clad vine for all his neighbors' view.

I know from this that others plant for me,
And what they own, my joy may also be.
So why be selfish, when so much that's fine
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*Summer Picnic 1997***BURLEITH, THE LITTLE COMMUNITY THAT COULD ...**

Have a great June picnic in the pouring rain, and say it's their idea of having fun. Burleith's 1997 annual picnic was a romp, in spite of iffy weather prognoses (which materialized in spades).

Lots and lots of kids were on hand this year, ranging from tots to tens, and veteran games organizer Fred Fleming made the day for them in astonishingly creative ways. (How did some of them end up so wet, and happy about it?) Older children played or networked, as did our adults from all over Burleith and even other neighborhoods.

Ward 2 Councilman Jack Evans was a welcome guest, pushing an impressive three-seater stroller for his rapidly growing triplets. Jack's timing was perfect, as he enjoyed a pleasant picnic afternoon and managed to leave just before the deluge struck.

The highlight of the Picnic was the famous Burleith Pet Show, which, under the guidance of organizer Mary Brown, seems to grow more monumental every year. Pets of all sizes, species and degrees of animation came forward to be recognized and appreciated for their special qualities. The pets first joined in a parade, with Mary identifying them as they passed, and then each received an appropriate award.

Rocklands Barbecue contributed splendidly succulent barbecued ribs and chicken, which went far toward rounding out the four big tables of the best vittles in town, ever. Tubs of barbecue, big lasagnas, salads, watermelon, casseroles, you name it, overran the long tables under a big yellow and white tent. (Burleith spreads its wings, uh, tent over everyone.). Really fine.

As dinner time neared, so did clouds above. Just as serving began a little rain fell, then the bottom dropped out. What to do? Why, move under the tent, of course. And everyone had a nice, if unexpectedly intimate time of it, with old folks, new folks, dogs, couples, and other combinations laughing it up under the broad tent.

Congratulations to organizers Pat Scolaro, Peter "Boston Cream Pie" Pulsifer, Maggie and Fred Fleming, Charles Mallett, Ed Levy, Steve Fesler, Dottie Pressler, Bernadette Eichelberger, Sarah Trowbridge, and Hope Solomon, and Gwen Verhoff for a well run affair.

This was one of our best picnics ever, and it stands to be even better next year. Word will be out in good time for everyone to reserve the pertinent June Sunday for it.

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How Fresh!

by Bonnie Hardy

Last Sunday when I took my eldest daughter to the Metro at Dupont Circle, I made a very pleasant discovery which perhaps some of you have found. Every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., there is a Farmers Market in the block of 20th Street between Q Street and Massachusetts Avenue. The market is sponsored by the American Farmland Trust, and occupies the entire block. There are stalls representing locally grown fruits, vegetables and flowers. Prices are competitive and the quality is excellent. Lucky us, the market could be either a quick drive or a pleasant walk, depending on how you like to spend a Sunday morning. Fresh Farm Market will operate until the last Sunday in November.

Also, new residents in Burleith should not miss the truck from New Morning Farm in Pennsylvania, which comes practically to our doorstep every Tuesday evening at 7:00. The produce is organic, and the truck has been setting up for years at the Green Lot, 37th Street and Whitehaven Parkway.

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Registration generally is open to the public with no special conditions. Deadline for regular registration is September 6, and most classes begin September 15. For more information and a free catalog, call 687-5942 or walk over to the SSCE offices on campus in the Intercultural Center, room 306.

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Guy Mason Recreation Center Gears Up For Fall

Summer is ending, but that doesn't mean you have to become a "couch potato". You can keep active by enjoying the best bargain in the city – the classes at the Guy Mason Recreation Center (3600 Calvert St, NW). One way to return to the "real world," continue relaxing and add some knowledge to your life is to register for one or more classes. Registration at the Center starts on September 13 and continues until October 1, when classes begin.

Classes are offered in 16 different subjects, including Creative Arts (Art, Copper Enameling, China Painting, and Pottery); Language (Spanish and English as a Second Language); and Games (Bridge and Chess). There are more physical classes in Fitness (Aerobics and Dancersize); Stress Reduction (Yoga and Qi Gong); Self-Defense (Karate); and Ballroom Dancing (for singles or couples). Most classes cost \$60-80 for the fall for D.C. residents. Also, for no fee, there is the Retiree Club, featuring dancing on Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m.

Schedules are available at the Center, which is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call Vincent Cain or Caryl King at 282-2180.



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Registration is going on now, and general courses begin September 18. For more information and a catalog, call 639-1818 or send e-mail to admofc@aol.com.

Editorial: The New Regime

by Peter Pulsifer

I hope you're enjoying this issue of the Burleith Citizens Association Newsletter, the first issue produced by me as Editor. The Newsletter is one of the most important activities of the BCA. It reaches everyone in the neighborhood (plus many beyond), and is our principal means of communication as a community. Its purpose is to inform residents about important events and provide a means of communication between residents, as well as to give the BCA a voice.

Guy Gwynne successfully carried on the Newsletter tradition for many years, and I am honored and pleased to follow him. The basic style of the Newsletter will not change under the new management, but I do plan several changes in the coming year, starting in this issue with the elimination of the typewriter in favor of my trusty Macintosh. Submissions will now be accepted on disk, or even on the Internet, as well as on paper.

The focus of the Newsletter will change somewhat this year to reflect my own interests. Among other things, I'd like to have stories about neighborhood businesses, especially new arrivals; a local entertainment calendar; stories welcoming new neighbors; information about our many local schools; and art and poetry of local interest.

Volunteers and collaborators are welcomed – in fact, they're essential. Take advantage of your Newsletter to inform and communicate with your neighbors! Articles are accepted on any topic of general interest, and they will be published, as long as they fit in the available space. News items may be edited for space and clarity, and opinion pieces may cut, if they are longer than a single column, but every effort will be made to publish them. If you have suggestions for a better Newsletter, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Finally, don't forget to join the BCA. After all, it's members' dues that pay for this Newsletter! Thanks for your help and support.

Georgetown University Academic Calendar for Fall 1997

Aug. 27	Classes begin
Oct. 13	Mid-Semester Holiday: Columbus Day
Nov. 10-14	Early registration for Spring
Nov. 26	Thanksgiving recess begins after class
Dec. 1	Classes resume
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Dec. 10	Examinations
Dec. 19	Examinations end; end of semester
Jan. 9	New student registration
Jan. 12	Classes begin

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