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## Saturday Classes: Why All the Shock?

There is no reason why so many students should be shocked—as they are—because of the sharp increase in Saturday classes next semester.

Since spring semester timetables were released, students have been trying to figure out why we are having Saturday classes, and how this was slipped over on them. Why Saturday classes are scheduled has already been explained in detail. And Saturday classes were not slipped over on the student body.

It all began late last year with announcement that Saturday classes were being considered. Student reaction was nil. This September, the return of Saturday classes was confirmed. Student reaction was nil.

But this week, reaction has been far from nil. Timetables list Saturday classes for many courses, and the student body has finally realized the bitter truth: We will have Saturday classes this spring. Why must it always take a clap of thunder to stir students into action?

The University has several reasons for the return of Saturday classes. Most important is the difficulty of justifying need for new class buildings when all rooms are empty Saturday mornings. The University has also shown that rescheduling of this type will make more classroom sections may be offered. And thus some students—with more sections to choose from—may be able to schedule out of Saturday classes, rooms available. With more classroom space.

Two of the newest reasons behind Saturday classes are of doubtful validity. One holds

Saturday classes will further the academic program. It is hard to see how. The other claims Saturday classes will further the "university atmosphere." This appears a weak attempt to aesthetically justify the new plan.

Saturday classes will afford students more even distribution of classes throughout the week. But how many students would favor Saturday classes to this?

The University has what appear good reasons for Saturday classes. Until this week, few students were concerned with the problem. Now that the full impact of Saturday classes has hit the student body, complaints are heard. But at this point, students must muster a better argument than "I prefer to sleep Saturday morning" if they want a return to the five-day week.

This is not, of course, the only student argument. But few students have come forth to express their side. Until they do, Saturday classes will remain. But just because they are here doesn't mean they are justified.

## Safety Valve—Opinion and Fact

TO THE EDITOR: In reference to Marshall O. Donley's third editorial (of last week), "Lack of Attack on Current Problems":

If Mr. Donley was writing an attack on the Baptist Church, the American educational system, or Senator McCarthy, and stated it as such, the reader would at least have an idea what to expect. However, when he takes his personal opinions of subjects which can be widely disputed, and uses those opinions as facts in attacking something else, surely Mr. Donley does not flatter himself in believing that college students will accept his writings as he represents them.

Also, when Mr. Donley suggests such methods as burning (someone) in effigy, he is advocating methods worse than those he decries, and more fit for a mob than for college students.

As a man who will report facts to the public at some future date, Mr. Donley should realize that representing something as fact, which is only opinion, is a serious matter.

—C. A. Hawkins

## Safety Valve... On Fraternity Deeds

TO THE EDITOR: During the recent Student Union Conference it was necessary to call on the (six campus) fraternities for assistance. In the traditional manner of Penn State fraternities, they gave generously of their time and facilities. Since many of the fine things done by fraternities are often overlooked or taken for granted, I will appreciate your calling this latest good deed of the fraternities to the attention of your readers.

—George Donovan  
Manager Student Union

## Gazette...

Today  
GENERAL AG CLUB, 7 p.m., 210 Agriculture.  
INFIRMARY  
Richard Arieda, Richard Daum, James Demcheck, Helen Dixon, David Fizz, Paul Heim, Marian Labuskes, Philip Martin, Judith Rynn, Milton Scherpf, Richard Thornton, Ileana Wolfgang.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT  
Students who have had Chem. 20 or equivalent for limestone analysis. Must have car. Students who will be in State College and wish to work over the holidays should report to Student Employment office.

### PLACEMENT SERVICE

ARMSTRONG CORK CO. will interview Jan. B.S. graduates in Bus. Adm., Eco., and L.A. for non-tech. sales, EE, ME, IE, and CE for Tech. sales, IE for Industrial Engineering work, and Chem. and Phys. at all levels for research and development on Dec. 16, 1953.

ALLIS-CHALMERS MFG. CO. will interview Jan. graduates in ME, EE, and IE on Dec. 16.

A representative of the city of Philadelphia will conduct a group meeting on Dec. 16, for all students from the Philadelphia area interested in civic jobs. Further information concerning opportunities and the time of the meeting can be obtained in the University Placement Service, 112 Old Main.

ROHM AND HAAS CO. will interview Jan. B.S. graduates in EE, IE, ME, CE, and Chem.; M.S. candidates in Chem. who have completed at least one semester; and Ph.D. candidates in Chem. expecting to receive their degrees in 1954 on Dec. 17.

## Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Let's see that timetable again—now, if you want to take econ under Prof. Snarf, I've got all the assignments for the same course when Giffon taught it in the summer. They both give the same blue books. Now let's see—you wanted to take Comp II..."

### Glancing Around

## At Christmas Present

By DICK RAU

During the past few weeks, it has become increasingly apparent that Christmas is almost here. The evidence can be seen almost anywhere. For example, if any one of your profs is married, look closely. The carefree glint in his eyes from hours of bar-grading blue books is gone. In his place you have only a haggard shell of a man. His wife

has had him Christmas shopping.

I was watching one of these unfortunate Saturday afternoon. He had the harassed look of one who had spent too many hours on a bed of nails. His wife on the other hand moved with the energy of a dismissed class. She was for some reason or other trying to find something "especially nice" for some one this year.

Just why she had to find something "especially nice" this year in particular for that particular person is something I never learned. I didn't ask. No guests, I guess.

Judging from the look on her husband's face, he didn't know the answer either. But then, from the way he nervously kept pulling at his cigarette, I would guess that he didn't care too much. He just wanted to finish the grisly job as soon as possible so that he could get out of there. His wife (Continued on page five)

### Tonight on WDFM

7:15	Sign on
7:30	The Heart of Shelter (BBC Drama)
8:00	Record Prevue
8:15	Spotlight on State
8:30	Seque Session
9:00	Semi-pops
9:15	News
9:30	The Other Wise Man
10:00	Special Christmas Music
10:30	Sign off

### LaVie Group Photo Schedule

The unofficial schedule of group pictures tonight for the 1954 LaVie at the Penn State Photo Shop:

Nittany Council	6:30
Pollock Council	6:45
Town Council	7:15
Glee Club	7:30
West Dorm Council	8:00

## TO STUDENTS LIVING IN THE HARRISBURG AREA!

Plan To Attend

# The Penn State Intercollegiate Ball

SATURDAY, DEC. 26

The Penn-Harris Hotel Ballroom, Harrisburg  
9:00 to 1:00 - Dress optional

Music by Maynard McKissick and his orchestra

Sponsored by The Penn State Alumni Club of Greater Harrisburg. All alumni and undergraduates of all colleges and their friends are invited.

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