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## Some Words on a Half-Holiday

Weeping and wailing and general discontent with the University's decision not to grant a half-holiday for this weekend's football game with Pennsylvania is rife over the entire campus today.

Students who have made plans to go to the football game Saturday have taken the attitude that "they wuz robbed." They, after all have bought tickets and have made plans for rides and have, in general, mapped out the entire weekend. Now the administration has dropped this bombshell in their collective laps.

Is the administration nothing but a bunch of old fuddy-duddies who are too old and decrepit to appreciate the fun a student can have at a football game—especially the Penn game? Are those nine deans who doled out this fateful decision too shortsighted to know that this is one of the year's biggest weekends?

Students today are wondering about these things and are even holding a faint glimmer of hope that the decision might be reversed.

It will not be reversed. All minds may rest assured of that.

When the news of the half-holiday got around (Monday night) students immediately began thinking of ways by which they could, if not have the decision reversed, at least let the administration know that they were highly displeased. A few even burst into the Collegian office and demanded a strong editorial on the matter. Well, this is it.

There are many facets to this final decision. One point which should be made is that the University's reason for not granting the half-holiday was not only the fact that the students possibly would be driving home for Thanksgiving in bad weather. This entered into it but was far from being the only consideration.

The main fact which students will want to know is the fact that over the past few years faculty-administration sentiment in favor of a half-holiday has been steadily declining. The half-holiday matter has undergone three steps in past years. First, the half-holiday was taken off the University calendar. Second, the student government group asked to have it put back on and was granted its wish. Third, the half-holiday was again left off the University calendar and this time the student government request was denied.

The faculty, once they see the year's calendar like to plan their schedule accordingly and do not like to have scheduled lectures and experiments cut into by a football weekend.

This was one big factor. There were many more. One of these deals with this matter of the University calendar. This is drawn up in the form of a recommendation by the Senate calendar committee and presented to the Council of Administration for approval. The half-holiday had been left off this year's calendar and this made any further change difficult. This year's calendar is tighter than ever. About the only place to insert make-up classes would be the day the Thanksgiving vacation begins. This, the deans felt was unwise because students would have to leave for home at 5 o'clock instead of at noon.

As the matter stands now it looks as if those who have planned to go to the football game are going to go despite Saturday classes. Those who are going home will go home despite Saturday classes. And those students who don't like football and have exceptional profs on Saturday morning will go to class.

Another factor is that this year the Penn game is first on the schedule and not enough time is left for students to get steamed up about it as in past years when it appeared nearer the middle of the schedule.

The Athletic Association has sold very few tickets to Penn State students. The deans took this to be a lack of interest in the game and also took it into consideration in reaching their decision. We are convinced that many of the students who are crying over the matter were really planning to go home instead of to the game.

In argument to this students say that they were waiting for the holiday to be granted to buy their tickets. In this case it looks like this move was a mistake since the ticket sale shows that 10% or less of the student body has bought tickets. This looked bad to the deans.

In essence the nine deans felt that it would be senseless to inconvenience the majority, who had things planned on campus for the weekend, in order to convenience the minority, who thought that the half-holiday was a sure thing.

Among the reasons students gave for being disappointed was that old one of tradition. They looked to past years when half-holidays were granted and decided that this year would be no different.

It might be well for the University fathers not to overlook this matter of tradition. It should not be shrugged off. Perhaps many feel that something so insignificant as a football game is not sufficient to establish any sort of tradition. Especially a tradition which would throw the admittedly very important and inflexible University calendar out of kilter.

These same fathers feel that a football holiday is more typical of a small college rather than a university of Penn State's size.

Our only answer to this is: no matter how worried these people are about Penn State over-emphasizing football it is still one of a student's biggest college thrills. A University is mainly concerned with the advancement of learning but it is also concerned with student welfare in other fields.

For one thing a number of students have bought tickets from the University of Pennsylvania because they get a better price there. This means that the present ticket sale may be deceiving.

Keeping this point and the matter of tradition in mind it seems that the overwhelming evidence presented by the administration is not quite so overwhelming.

A Penn half-holiday is becoming traditional. Students are not so lackadaisical as it might appear. If the calendar has been circumvented in past years it can be circumvented again. Somehow.

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Anyone want to buy a ticket at reduced rates? —Mike Moyle

## Safety Valve

### Lighten the Load

TO THE EDITOR: At Cabinet meeting last Thursday night I presented a statement of my view that too many appointive positions in student government are given to too few people. I also suggested that the various student leaders who hold the appointive powers should make a stronger effort to bring new and capable individuals into the student government picture. It was my feeling that this would give more people an opportunity to take part in something I believe in, and that it would serve to reduce the burden of the select few who now share the many appointments.

In Saturday's Collegian an editorial appeared which saw fit to criticize my suggestions. It implied that sharing the wealth (of appointments) was socialization, and to attempt to pump new blood into old veins by personally contacting people who are capable but inactive, was "clearly unfeasible."

I do not particularly resent this charge of socialism. I realize that in our times if you do not agree with a person the easiest method of attacking him is to hurl this somewhat blunted spear and be done with it. It saves the trouble of developing something new.

Likewise, when there are appointments to be made the easiest method is to heap the load on the same old reliable shoulders. This saves the trouble of developing someone new. It also relieves the responsibility, on the part of the student leaders, to get out and meet some of the people he professes to represent.

A number of Cabinet members have privately expressed their complete accord with my position on the matter and thus far I have heard none offer a single word of disagreement. In this sort of atmosphere I am optimistic enough to hope we may even achieve the "clearly unfeasible."

—Lash Howes  
AIM President

### Do They Care?

TO THE EDITOR: The uncertainty is over. We have no half-holiday. The administration and faculty have expressed their reasons for denying All-University Cabinet's request for the Penn weekend. I will not deny, and All-University Cabinet will not deny, that the half-holiday would cause a certain amount of confusion with the calendar, which has been set up for the year.

However, because of these evident last-minute difficulties, Cabinet and Student Encampment requested a half-holiday be inserted in the calendar. When was this request made? One year ago! The request was not put into effect.

I can only interpret this refusal as a willingness to ignore the most reasonable of student requests. It is certainly a backward step in University-student relations.

The one thought that springs to mind is this: Does the University care about the students? I hope this question has a positive answer.

—Robert Bahrenburg  
All-University President

## Gazette

Today

ACCOUNTING CLUB meeting, 7:00 tonight, Theta Chi.  
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE, 8:10 a.m., Helen Eakin Eisenhower Meditation Chapel, conducted by Westminster Foundation (Presbyterian).  
NEU BAVARIAN SCHUHPLATTLERS, 7:30 tonight, 405 Old Main.  
PHI MU ALPHA SINFONIA will hold its first meeting of the year tonight at 9:00 in 117 Carnegie.  
THETA SIGMA PHI, 8:30 tonight, Alpha Chi Omega suite.

University Hospital  
Barbara Budnick, Richard Bullock, Louis Camino, Rita Chase, Mary Dorman, George Hafer, Thomas Hart, Herbert Hayes, John Lange, Robert McCash, Margaret McCloskey, Donald Mikita, Nancy Moran, John Reimond, William Roberts, Howard Schwartz, Robert Sommer, John Urban, and Jackson Voburg.

## Little Man on Campus

by Bibler



"It's your turn to wind the alarms tonite."

'Round the Rim

## Sidestepping the Battleground

By BECKY ZAHM

Since Penn Weekend is down the drain—and words like half-holiday verboten—I'll religiously avoid the subject and move on to several milder controversial fields.

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In the rock 'n' roll caldron even the Queen of England's curious. According to the Associated Press, Queen Elizabeth

II decided it was high time she found out what this rock 'n' roll craze sweeping Britain was all about.

From Balmoral Castle where she was on vacation, she sent out an urgent royal command to have the Bill Haley movie 'Rock Around the Clock' flown up for a special showing.

The film has been banned in several British cities after teenage riots in some of the movies showing it.

Also in the rock 'n' roll scene it was rumored that Elvis Presley was fishing for offers to appear at colleges and universities, among them Penn State. But the Penn State Jazz Club definitely nixed the idea.

Speaking of the Jazz Club, it certainly packed in a good crowd in 121 Sparks last night. The gathering bore striking resemblance to a local political party meeting except for the jazz blaring and the fact that lately political parties haven't drawn that well. Maybe the politicians would latch onto a better drawing card if they would incorporate a jazz session into their meetings.

As to politics the "New York Times" came up with a good quotation.

"Diplomacy is the art of saying 'nice doggie' until you can find a rock."

This hits close to home as the quote of the week. A Cleveland Juvenile Court judge said that "Along with the three R's of school days, we now have the three D's—drinking, dating and driving." This may also explain why it's harder for some people to get through school now.

Since a column can't be complete at the beginning of the year without at least one good story of a frosh faux pas—here goes.

It seems that Dave Bavar, photography editor of Collegian along with numerous other campus publications, approached a good looking freshman coed and asked her if she would be interested in being photographed for the Penn State Engineer as 'Engineer Girl of the Month.' Without batting an eyelash, the gal sweetly replied, "No, I don't think so, I'm not an engineer."

Bavar can currently be found banging his head against a wall in the basement of Carnegie.

## 4.0 Grades Earned by 9 Ag Students

Nine students in the College of Agriculture finished the spring semester with perfect 4.0 averages. They are:

Edward Brown, Oliver Ginther, David Mellor, Kathryn Simons, Charles Stanislaw, Charles Stewart, Phoebe Trumbauer, Edward Wickersham, and John Williams.

Others on the dean's list were: John Bitzer, 3.76; Marjorie Blank, 3.92; Richard Blouch, 3.52; Charles Bowers, 3.68; Carole Bradt, 3.53; Albert Carey, 3.75; Gerald Carlisle, 3.50; Axel Carlstrom, 3.50; Richard Chamberlain, 3.68; Thomas Claar, 3.72.

Betty Clugston, 3.75; Charles Crawford, 3.56; Mario D'Alesio, 3.50; Louis Durang, 3.62; Albert Dudeck, 3.55; Edwin Dull, 3.89; Clarence Dunkerley, 3.81; William Eberhardt, 3.62; Edward Edinger, 3.64; Marilyn Ernst, 3.54; Robert Ernst, 3.76; James Fleecker, 3.57; Norman Galvin, 3.56; Edward Glass, 3.66; Dorothy Hancock, 3.83; James Harding, 3.81; James Hartman, 3.51.

Clarence Haugh, 3.58; David Hixon, 3.51; Denis Hoke, 3.83; Roger Hollenback, 3.66; James Holter, 3.66; Stephen Horlacher, 3.52; Lawrence Hutchinson, 3.85; Robert Jackson, 3.66; Clarence Johnson, 3.64; Alice Jordan, 3.71; Sylvia Kaley, 3.84; Edward Ker, 3.68; William Klopfenstein, 3.54; James Kondis, 3.68; Robert Korona, 3.93.

John Kuhl, 3.68; Robert Leight, 3.58; William McCafferty, 3.57; Thomas McKee, 3.57; Doris McKinstry, 3.94; Anthony Macri, 3.68; Harry Marker, 3.77; David Morgan, 3.93; David Morrow, 3.68; Ruth Ott, 3.74; Thomas Patton, 3.62; William Pepelko, 3.54; Robert Radomsky, 3.57; William Rexrode, 3.70; Edwin Rhoads, 3.56; John Ritz, 3.75; Gerald Root, 3.88; Margaret Ross, 3.75; Darlene Rumbaugh, 3.56; Kerry Schell, 3.94; Ronald Schrimper, 3.95; Paul Shellenberger, 3.82; John Sink, 3.50; Ned Sittler, 3.50; Thomas Smeal, 3.60; Edgar Sclers, 3.82; Richard Stanley, 3.84.

Robert Stauffer, 3.50; Robert Steffy, 3.70; Malcolm Stelman, 3.63; Nancy Stephens, 3.72; Charles Strasser, 3.71; Harold Taylor, 3.50; Marjorie Taylor, 3.77; Arthur Tennyson, 3.63; Robert Thomas, 3.61; Calister Vallet, 3.57; Barbara Voysey, 3.76; Robert Ward, 3.68; Herbert Wetzel, 3.66; Richard Williamson, 3.93.

James Williams, 3.57; Edward Woods, 3.52; John Young, 3.56; Thomas Zeigler, 3.85; Milton House, 3.50.

### Psych Tests for Frosh

Freshmen who did not take the Psychology Tests given by the Division of Counseling during Orientation Week should report at 7 p.m. tomorrow in 10 Sparks for the makeup examination.