

Police Seek Missing Frosh

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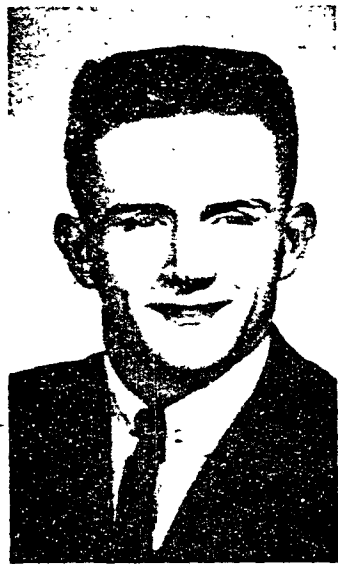
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VOL. 58, No. 51 STATE COLLEGE, PA., THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 21, 1957 FIVE CENTS

Rhoad Withdraws Money, Disappears

State police are baffled as to the whereabouts of a University freshman who disappeared last Tuesday after withdrawing all his money—\$289—in bank accounts in State College and Allentown.

Police are searching for Thomas Rhoad, 18, freshman in



Thomas Rhoad Missing Student

arts and letters from Allentown, who lives in McKee residence hall. Report of the missing student was withheld from publication until yesterday on the request of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Rhoad, Allentown.

State police in Allentown said Rhoad is 5 feet, 9½ inches tall with blue eyes and light brown crewcut hair. He weighs 155 pounds. He is believed to be wearing striped grey trousers, a heavy grey and white woolen sweater and a dark brown tweed overcoat.

Rhoad was reported missing by his roommate, John Foltz, freshman in education from Palmyra. Foltz told his residence counselor, Ronald Casey, last Wednesday that Rhoad was home the previous weekend and returned Sunday night.

Foltz said Rhoad cut all his classes last Monday and seemed rather quiet. On Monday night, Rhoad, Foltz and a "gang of guys" went to Recreation Hall to wrestle.

Foltz left for an 8 a.m. class Tuesday and said he has not seen Rhoad since then.

An earlier report said Rhoad suffered a head injury while wrestling. The report said he had left for the hospital and never arrived there. He was then believed to be a victim of amnesia.

Foltz said he had mentioned hurting his shoulder. A University official said it is quite doubtful that he had amnesia since he was able to withdraw the money from the banks.

After Foltz notified the University, his roommate was missing. Rhoad's parents were called. They said Rhoad had not been home and they had no explanation why he had left the University.

Mrs. Rhoad called the University Thursday and said an Allentown bank reported her son had withdrawn his entire \$150 account. Allentown police were then notified with a request not to have the information released to newspapers.

Mr. and Mrs. Rhoad came to the University Sunday to check their son's belongings and try to determine what he had taken. When no word was received from Rhoad, the parents allowed police to issue a general alarm for his pickup.

On Tuesday, Mrs. Rhoad again called to check with local banks. It was learned that the youth had withdrawn all \$139 from a checking account here.

Cabinet Will Discuss Extended Yule Vacation

All-University Cabinet tonight will hear a recommendation asking that the end of Christmas vacation be extended from 8 a.m. Friday, Jan. 3 to 8 a.m. Monday, Jan. 6.

Russell Beatty, president of the Agriculture Student Council, will present the recommendation at the Cabinet meeting at 7 tonight in 203 Hetzel Union.

The recommendation was approved unanimously Tuesday night by the Agriculture Student Council. The Council asked Beatty to present the matter to Cabinet tonight so there would be enough time to do something about it.

In stating the reasons he will give to Cabinet in support of the recommendation Beatty said, "It's ridiculous to come back just for the weekend; most students will cut anyway." He said he has talked to some administration and faculty members and they agree on the vacation extension proposal.

Cabinet and other student organizations pushed for an extension in last year's Christmas vacation. After months of discussion, complaints and letters from students and their parents, the vacation was extended by one-half day upon a recommendation from the Council of Administration.

The closing date for this year's vacation originally was scheduled for 1:10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2. This date was extended to 8 a.m. Friday, Jan. 3 (as it now stands) after considerable concern was voiced over the possible hazardous driving conditions on Jan. 2.

Cabinet also will hear a report from the Cabinet executive committee recommending that the Dec. 5 meeting of Cabinet be held in 121 Sparks.

The following recommendations for appointment to committees will be made for Cabinet's approval:

Cabinet Public Relations Committee: Gary Young, Herbert Levin, John Sopko, Robert Schimmel, Mariana Moldovan, James Beggs and John Yeosock.

Spring Week Chairmen: Coronation Committee, Hannah Yashan; Music Committee, Daniel Keiner; Publicity Committee, Marilyn Elias; Carnival Committee, John Bott; Float Parade Committee, Peter Fishburn; and He-Man Contest Committee, Leslie Phillabaum.

No Report Released On Flu Test Results

Additional reports on the blood tests made during the recent respiratory illness wave have been received by the University Health Service but have not been released for publication.

At a Health Service staff meeting Tuesday it was decided that the reports should not be published until more results are received.

Dr. Herbert R. Glenn, director of the Health Service, said he expects to have the rest of the reports before the Thanksgiving vacation.

Blood samples were taken from 8 to 10 students who were judged to be the worst cases of respiratory illness, to determine if they had Asiatic flu. The samples were taken on two separate days, one at the height of the fever, and another about 10 days later, after the fever had receded.

The first reports received contained the identification of the strain of organism infecting the students but reports from at least half the number of samples are necessary to confirm the identity of the organism.

The samples were sent to the Children's Hospital in Philadelphia for analysis when the respiratory illness wave broke out in October.

About two weeks to a month are needed for processing at the laboratory, following a few days' processing at the University Hospital.

Pitt Tickets Sold Out

Tickets for the Lion-Pitt football game were sold out yesterday, according to Edward M. Czekaj, ticket manager.

Lion Predicts Cold, Clouds

The Nittany Lion did not venture out into today's scattered snow flurries this morning.

He stayed in his den to search through a deep trunk for warm winter clothing. "I guess winter is here to stay for the season," he sighed.

The Lion plans to wear his heavy clothes to ward off the cold, breezy weather expected for tonight's "Pep Up for Pitt" rally. He hopes to hear the cheering even through his extra-padded ear muffs.

Clouds also are expected today.



Sophomores May Apply For Advisory Board

Sophomores interested in serving on the sophomore class advisory board should submit a letter of application, including activities, to Steven Ott, Phi Gamma Delta, before Monday.

Applicants will be contacted for interviews sometime next week.

Grid Seniors, Coaches to Attend Rally



PEPPING UP FOR PITT and for the last pre-football game rally of the season with their Wheaties are (from left) Dorothy Newman, Deborah Sidwell, Susan Sunderland, Nancy Clark and Eileen Feldman, members of Cwens Hat Society.

An hour-long motorcade, a skit, the Blue Band, four coaches, captain Joe Sabol, senior football players, a five-piece jazz combo, and a disc-jockey-turned-master of ceremonies are the ingredients going into the season's final pep rally—"Pep Up for Pitt"—at 7:30 tonight in front of Old Main.

The rally, sponsored by Delphi and Cwens, men's and women's sophomore hat societies, is expected to attract one of the largest crowds of the year, because of the traditional rivalry between the Nittany Lions and the Pittsburgh Panthers and a possible bowl invitation awaiting the Lions.

The rally will begin at 6 p.m. with a motorcade of five convertibles, a jazz combo, and a loudspeaker leaving Recreation Hall for a tour of the fraternity section of State College.

The motorcade and the Blue Band will parade through the West Hall area at 7 p.m., down Pollock Road to Shortlidge Road and the Nittany dormitories, and then back to Old Main.

Football coaches J. T. White, Frank Patrick, Frank J. O'Hara, and Joe Paterno will speak briefly; on the Lion-Panther contest and the Penn State squad's spirit.

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Mahon Charges U.S. Behind In Missiles

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (AP)—Rep. George H. Mahon (D-Tex.), charged tonight the United States is "seriously behind" Russia in developing an intermediate-range ballistic missile, but a Pentagon expert said, "I don't believe so."

The disagreement was voiced after Mahon's House

Appropriations subcommittee launched a surprise inquiry into the U.S. weapons program and spent the day taking testimony behind closed doors.

"We have lagged behind the Russians in the intermediate-range ballistic missile—IRBM—and we've got to come from behind and come abreast as soon as we can," Mahon told newsmen. His subcommittee handles all the Defense Department's money requests.

While disagreeing with Mahon's assessment of the IRBM situation, William Holaday, the Defense Department's missile director, said it might be true of the 5000-mile intercontinental ballistic missile—ICBM.

"Based on what they—the Russians—said, maybe we are behind them on the ICBM," Holaday conceded. He spoke with newsmen after testifying at the closed-door hearing. The IRBM, with a range of

from 700 to 1500 miles, is a key weapon in the current military planning. It is generally considered to be more advanced than the ICBM and could be used to advantage from U.S. bases abroad.

Another serious problem, Mahon said, is the perfection of an anti-missile missile to defend the United States against enemy ICBM's.

"However, the more immediate problem is how to develop the intermediate-range and intercontinental-range missiles," the Texas congressman added.

He said he favored a program bold enough to meet military requirements, but "how bold it should be I am not prepared to say now."

Secretary of Defense McElroy, one of the first witnesses summoned before the House group, emerged from the hearing with a statement that the U.S. missile program is in "good shape."