

Editorials

Fight Fire with Fire

No longer will the scientist stand meekly by while the liberal artist browbeats him with cries of general education. For now he is retaliating by launching a program to broaden the liberal artist.

Four Nobel Prize winners are among a group of 62 physicists who are now making a whistle-stop tour of American colleges and universities in an effort to stimulate undergraduate interest in physics.

Each visitor will spend two or three days on the campus meeting with students, faculty and administrators and just plain speaking up for the sciences.

The project has three objectives:

- To stimulate interest in physics in undergraduate students through visits by leaders in physics research.
To provide opportunities for physics staff members to discuss their research and teaching problems with experts.
To acquaint other members of the academic community and the the public with recent developments in physics.

Dr. Elmer Hutchisson, director of the American Institute of Physics and head of the new project, said "we are attacking the problem at the high school and college level in order to develop an informed citizenry who will appreciate the roll of science in a technological society."

"We feel very strongly that a well-rounded education is necessary in today's society and that such an education cannot be complete unless the school curriculum includes as much time devoted to science as is devoted to the social studies and fine arts."

This complementary phase of general education is obviously needed since we now more than ever are advancing into a technological society.

It represents a major step toward the meeting of the liberal artist and the scientist in a sphere comprehensible to both.

Last 'Disaster Budget'?

It appears the effects of the Russian satellites may even seep into Nittany Valley in the form of a bigger appropriation for the University in the next biennium.

Since the Russians have put up their satellites, the Democrats have been blaming the Republican-controlled General Assembly and the Republicans have been blaming Democratic Gov. George M. Leader for the University's current "disaster budget."

Few persons were blaming anybody when the "disaster budget" was proposed and debated in Harrisburg earlier this year. The Governor bragged about being able to keep the budget tight, and the Republicans countered with gleeful statements about being able to hold the line on new taxes.

But now the story is different. Since the Russian satellites have shown the need for more state aid to higher education, both parties are blaming each other for not doing enough in this line. This, of course, includes not doing enough for Penn State.

Although we feel that both the Governor (for not recommending a higher budget for the University) and the General Assembly (for its Republican cries for "no new taxes") must share the blame, this is water over the dam.

What is encouraging to us is that more and more persons in both political parties are realizing the state must meet the crisis in higher education in the Commonwealth, and that this may mean Penn State is operating on its last "disaster budget" for a while.

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Safety Valve

Vacation End Miffs Readers

TO THE EDITOR: We as students realize that a certain minimum of time must be spent in the classroom for the University to be properly accredited. However, we do not see any reason for cutting this time out of our Christmas vacation.

We know of no other schools, with the exception of the Military Academies, which get a shorter vacation than we are getting this year.

This additional class time may be necessary for us to maintain our high academic standards here at Penn State. However, we feel that the day and one-half of classes which will be gained by returning on Friday, Jan. 3, will be of little value compared to the inconvenience that they will cause the student body.

Let's face it! A great many students will cut their Friday and Saturday classes in order to gain the additional three days of vacation. Why not alleviate this situation by resuming school Monday, Jan. 6, and make up the day and one-half at semesters?

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Professor Cites ROTC Obligation

TO THE EDITOR: I cannot think of anything that should give the Russians more satisfaction than a big wave of pacifism among our young people, leading to the abolition of compulsory military training.

Yes, take the benefits of the Land Grant Act in the form of low-cost education. But no, don't admit any obligation in return.

G. M. Dusenberre
Professor of Mechanical Engineering

Gazette

TODAY

- American Institute of Chemical Engineering, 7 p.m., 105 Walker Lab
Advertising Crew, "Amahl and the Night Visitors" and "Apollo of Bellac," 8:30 p.m., Schwab loft
American Meteorological Society, 7:30 p.m., M.S. Auditorium
Christian Science Organization, 7 p.m., 212 Chapel
Collegian Promotion Staff, 8:30 p.m., Collegian office
Collegian Circulation Staff, old members and new candidates, 8 p.m., Collegian office
Dairy Science Club, 7 p.m., 117 Dairy
Froth Art Staff, 7 p.m., HUB
Graduate Faculty meeting, 4:10 p.m., 121 Sparks
Hillel Basic Judaism lecture, 7 p.m., Foundation
Hillel Comparative Religion lecture, 8 p.m., Foundation
Hillel Advanced Hebrew, 9:15 p.m., Foundation
Newman Club Discussion Group, 7 p.m., 104 Program Center
Newman Club Legion of Mary, 7:30 p.m., Catholic Student Center
Outing Club, general meeting, 7 p.m., HUB Auditorium
Science Fiction Society, 7 p.m., 216 HUB
Society of Agricultural Education Wives, 7:30 p.m., 723 Holmes St.
Society of American Military Engineers, 7:30 p.m., 1 Sparks
Wesley Matins and Breakfast, 7 p.m., Foundation
WSGA House, 12:30 p.m., 217 HUB
PLACEMENT SERVICE
U.S. General Accounting Office: Dec 5 BS in Acctg
Vickers Inc: Dec 5 BS, MS, PhD in AeroE, AgrE, EE, IE, ME
Stewart-Warner Corp: Dec 5 BS, MS PhD in EE, ME: MS, PhD in Phys
Union Oil Co of Cal: Dec 5 MS, PhD in PNG, ChE
Fairchild Guided Missiles Div: Dec 5 BS, MS in AeroE, EE, EngSci, Phys
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BusAd to Sponsor Industrial Program

The College of Business Administration will present a program to acquaint students with developments in industry and inform them of career opportunities at 3:10 p.m. today in 111 Boucke.

Richard A. Favro, now with the Philadelphia office of the Service Bureau Corporation and a 1955 graduate of the University, will explain the use of electronic computers for an application in the banking industry.

The program is open to the public.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"Before we go to the lab—we have someone here who would like to tell you what happens when we mix POTASSIUM PERMANGANATE WITH CONCENTRATED SULFURIC ACID."

From Here

Rec Hall to Rock For the CD Ball

By Ed Dubbs

Rumors have it the University is considering adding another big weekend for Penn Staters.

The main event of the weekend, of course, would be a dance with a big-name band at Recreation Hall. It would be the coeds' counterpart to the Military Ball. It would be called the "Civil Defense Ball."

The dance would be sponsored by coed groups in the proposed School of Military Sciences. These groups would include the Association of American Radiation Detectors, the Litter-Bearers Society, the Penn State chapter of the Bandage Wrappers of America and the Home Shelter Club.

There would, of course, be the crowning of a Civil Defense King at intermission. Selection of the king finalists would be made by nurses from Red Cross centers throughout the country.

An attractive feature of the dance would be an unannounced blackout. With such a feature, the big dance would never lose money.

However, one administrative member is reportedly against the idea. She is reportedly afraid her "girls" may get bombed.

Picture yourself standing in line at the Lion's Den and ordering an "Ushie Gushie."

Or maybe you would prefer a "Sloppy-Sludge." Or better yet, a "Lion's Lush."

If none of them is to your liking, try these:

A "Squish," a "State Slush," a "State Slop," an "Intelligent Mush," a "Blop," a "Slosh," a "Gunk," a "Goop," or a "Mishhe Mushe."

The above names were among the 200-some entrants received

in a contest to name a new soft ice cream making its appearance at the Lion's Den.

Needless to say, the above suggestions lost, along with another hundred just as bad.

The Russian satellite must have inspired one entrant to come up with "Hubnick." A cave-crawler suggested "Spe-lunk."

Even Froth got into the act, or it appears that way. Suggestions along this line included: "Frothy Freeze," "Frothy," just plain "Froth," and "Foamy Frothy."

In case you're interested, a student committee chose "Lion's Delight" as the winning name. Since the name was suggested by four different students, each will receive a \$10 food certificate for use in the HUB.

Kogstad Addresses Army Conference

Col. Arthur W. Kogstad Tuesday addressed the second Army Conference of professors of military science and tactics on the subject, "Decorations and Awards to Cadets."

The annual conference at Fort Meade, Md., is a meeting of the heads of the ROTC departments at universities and schools in a 7-state area for the purpose of considering and discussing improvements in cadet training.

