

Editorials

Half-Holiday in '62?

Hundreds of students left University Park yesterday for Pittsburgh in the wake of an All-University Cabinet recommendation for football half-holidays in future University calendars.

Many of the students going to the Pitt game are cutting classes this morning. The lure of a traditional rivalry with a possible bowl bid in the balance and of a festive weekend was too much for them.

The last football half-holiday was in 1955, for the Penn game. Student government attempted to obtain a half-holiday last year but was turned down. No attempt was made this year.

But Thursday night—just after agreeing 14-10 that the Christmas vacation should be extended—Cabinet approved a recommendation seeking inclusion of "floating" football half-holidays in future University calendars.

"Floating" means the holidays would be there and the calendar would be arranged so they could be taken for whatever games the student body wishes.

We are pleased that Cabinet has decided to look into the future in an attempt to get football half-holidays. (Although we feel the timing of the motion—coming after asking for a longer Christmas vacation—was somewhat poor.)

President Eric A. Walker has indicated the University may be operating on a quarter or trimester system by 1962. This means a revamping of the University calendar.

And while the calendar is being revamped, there is no reason why inclusion of floating half-holidays shouldn't be considered.

The class of '62 may have a football half-holiday its senior year.

Too Much Speculation

A distorted conception of All-University Cabinet's function and responsibility was brought to light by Cabinet's debate Thursday night.

The issue being discussed was the motion to extend the Christmas vacation from Jan. 3 to Jan. 6. Cabinet had no power to make a ruling, but could make a suggestion to the administration. After much haggling, Cabinet passed the motion, by the narrow margin of 14-10.

Opposition was based almost solely on the grounds that the proposal was a futile one. Thomas Hollander, senior class president, said that it would not look good for Cabinet to have its motion turned down by the administration. Nine other Cabinet members agreed with him.

They were defeating the purpose of Cabinet.

Cabinet is designed to be the liason between the students and administration. For this reason, the debate on the motion should have centered around whether student opinion warranted making the request, not on whether the Calendar Committee would make the change.

Speculations on the administration's decision should have no effect on Cabinet's action.

James Stratton, Mineral Industries Student Council president, had the proper perspective when he urged members to pass the motion. He said that they would be "doing something that students want which is logical and sensible."

As was pointed out in debate, the danger involved in driving back on Jan. 1 or 2 is certainly a 'sensible' defense to present to the administration.

Cabinet passed the motion, but the vote was close—too close. More Cabinet members should remember that on questions such as this they should be alert for signs of student opinion—and vote accordingly.

Safety Valve

'Burial Plots' One of Early Rights Battles

By ARTHUR EDSON

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22 (AP)—Nearly everyone realizes the important part played by the English, French, Dutch and Spanish in developing this country. But when it comes to other groups, our knowledge is often vague and misty.

Back in July, 1655, for instance, Abraham de Lucena, Salvador d'Andrada and Jacob Cohen men-ricque made one of our earliest arguments for civil rights.

A man should have the right to be buried in his own graveyard, they suggested to the authorities of New Amsterdam, later New York.

Peter Stuyvesant, having maturely considered the problem, gave his approval.

"They may bury their dead," he said, "on an unappropriated ground belonging to the company." He referred to the West India Co. of Holland.

This is the earliest written record of the 23 Spanish Jews who went to Brazil, ran into difficulties with the Portuguese, and immigrated to New Amsterdam in 1654.

Those early Spanish Jews were back again soon, asking old Peter Stuyvesant for the right to trade, to buy property, and for full citizenship.

By the time the colonies were ready to cut out on their own, Jonas Phillips of Philadelphia was reminding the delegates to the Constitutional Convention that they should remember religious equality.

In 1790, Moses Seixas of Newport, R.I., wrote George Washington to congratulate him on becoming president.

Washington wrote back a famous letter that said:

"Happily the government of the United States . . . gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance."

Gazette

- TODAY
Cosmopolitan Club, 8 p.m.
Newman Club, Open House 8 p.m., Student Center
Outing Club, Overnight, Nov. 23-24
TOMORROW
Evangelical United Brethren Student Fellowship, Dinner Meeting, 5 p.m., Fireside Room
MONDAY
DOC Council, 7:30 p.m., 214 HUB
Delta Nu Alpha, 7:50 p.m., 109 Bourke
Freshman Council, 7:30 p.m., 209 HUB
Hillel, Beginners' Hebrew, 7 p.m., Foundation
Model Railroad Club, 7 p.m., 212 HUB
Players, Advertising Crew, 6:30 p.m., Schwab

Job Interviews

- CGS Labs: Dec 9 BS, MS & PhD in EE, Math, Phys.
Hoover Co: Dec 9 BS in ME, Metal, IE, EE
Pa. State Civil Service: Dec 9 BS, MS & PhD in BusAd, LA, Psych, Soc, HEC, CHE or any student interested in state work in Bank Examining, Dept of Forest & Waters, Dept of Highways, Child Welfare, Dietetics, Chem.
University of California Radiation Lab: Dec 9 BS, MS & PhD in Phys, Chem, Math, ME, EE, CHE
U.S. Atomic Energy Commission: Dec 9 MS in BusAd, Acctg, ME, IE, Phys, Chem (phys)
Celanese Corp of America: Dec 10 BS, MS in Acctg, CHE, Chem, ME, IE
Cities Service Research & Dev: Dec 10 BS, MS & PhD in Chem, CHE
Cooper-Bessemer Corp: Dec 10 BS in EE, ME, IE
Los Alamos Scientific Lab: Dec 10, 11 BS, MS & PhD in Phys, Chem, Math, ME, CHE, EE, Metal
National Biscuit Co: Dec 10 BS in Chem, ME, CHE
National Carbon Co: Dec 10 BS, MS in CHE, ME, EE, IE, Phys, Chem, LA (sales)

Weekend on WDFM

Saturday Evening—6:45: Sign on and News; 7:00: HI, FI, Open House; 9:00: Campus Beat; 11:30: News and Sign-off.
Sunday Evening—6:45: Sign on and News; 7:00: The Third Programme; 11:30: News and Sign-off.
Monday Evening—6:45: Sign on, News and Market Reports; 7:00: The People Act; 7:25: Behind the Lectern; 7:50: State News and National Sports; 8:00: Sounds in the Night; 8:30: Greek Quiz; 9:00: Campus News and Sports; 9:15: First Freedom; 9:30: Marquee Memories; 10:00: National and International News; 10:05: Symphonic Notebook; 11:00: News and Sign-off.

Eng Prof Will Continue Research on Turbines

Research on pulse turbine efficiency will be continued under the direction of Dr. A. W. Hussmann, professor of engineering research.

He has just received an extension of his contract with the Office of Naval Research for the work totaling nearly \$16,000.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"Men—this is our last chance to win a game this season—together."

Interpreting the News

Inflation Problem Is 'Psychosomatic'

By J. M. ROBERTS
Associated Press News Analyst

The United States, facing slackening of the boom business it has been doing, encounters what might be termed a psychosomatic problem.

How do you discuss ways and means of avoiding a recession without making a lot of people think things are worse than they are? This would inspire over-caution and a further unwarranted drop.

The country has been disturbed about inflation, which has been world-wide for several years. Not long ago, trying to check it, the Federal Reserve banks tightened up on credit money. Now they are reversing themselves.

There was a cutback in defense spending, increasing unemployment and reducing the purchasing power of factory workers. Some inventories began to go up.

Unemployment is expected to increase until it reaches a peak of around 4,000,000 in February.

The cost of living has leveled off for the first time in 14 months, meaning no general price increase for a month and a check to inflation.

In other words, the economy-managers have achieved what they were trying to do, but with an increase in unemployment just as happened in Italy under similar measures. These experts are now jittery that the economy will get out of hand in the other direction.

There are several factors, however, indicating that balances are appearing in the economy.

Defense spending is being upped again. Under the re-examination of policy now going on

in Washington, it is quite possible that procurement programs will increase along with the missile program.

The missile program itself will not be a large employer. Construction of missile bases such as the big one announced this week will, however, make an impression.

The new federal highway program will be getting up steam next year, injecting money into the economy and providing employment above the scales of the "spend and spend" years of the great depression.

There are some signs, too, that certain lines of business which have not shared in the general boom have been through adjustment periods and now are on the rise.

Mentioned in this connection are oil, textiles, housing and farm machinery.

Profits and dividends may not be so great. Government leaders are telling business and the public to forget dividends while the nation mobilizes to meet the Russian threat.

You can make a good argument, however, that any slackening in business during the next few months will not affect most people any more than did the post-Korean recession, which wasn't a great deal.

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