



# Students Protest But Yule Recess Remains the Same

A "last-chance" petition signed by some 1800 students was presented to the Council of Deans yesterday but the story remains the same—classes will resume 8 a.m. Friday, Jan. 3.

By a unanimous vote, the Council declined to extend the vacation period.

The Council further requested the University to remind students that classes will be held as usual on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 20 and 21, and on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 3 and 4.

The petition was organized and transmitted to the Council by Charles Gaston, freshman in electrical engineering from Lancaster.

In a cover letter transmitted with the petition, Gaston said, "As these petitions show, the students are overwhelmingly in favor of the extension."

Reasons for the extension as set forth by Gaston and the petition were:

- "It's a dirty trick to drag students back for a maximum of 12 hours of classes."

- "Students for whom a trip home is costly, in time or money, welcome the Christmas vacation as the one time during the semester when they can enjoy a visit home."

- "We believe that little studying will be done over the weekend, and that bringing students back for only a few classes is not worth the risk of traveling during holiday traffic."

- "Many people think so little of the 'benefits' of those three days that they would choose to spend the time elsewhere; in other words, they would cut."

In his letter, Gaston wrote: "I believe that the least you can do is ask instructors to give no tests during the time and put the responsibility on the student to make up any class work he might miss in that day-and-a-half."

In a reply to Gaston, Lawrence E. Dennis, vice president for academic affairs, who is chairman of the Council of Deans, said: "No 'cut system' is provided for in University class attendance regulations and unauthorized student absences from classes on the dates mentioned will be dealt with by the faculty members concerned in the same manner as unauthorized absences at any other time."

The council was the "last chance" for an extended vacation, since President Eric A. Walker had told All-University President Robert Steele that he would grant the extension only if the Council of Deans so recommended.

At an All-University Cabinet meeting, Steele informed the members what Walker had said (Continued on page twelve)

## AF Delays Scheduled Atlas Trial

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla., Dec. 16 (AP)—The Air Force made a determined effort today to fire America's deadliest weapon, the Atlas (intercontinental) ballistic missile, but after hours of work was forced to postpone the scheduled test.

No official reason was given. A "countdown" on the Atlas, the 100-ton missile designed to haul a hydrogen bomb across the seas at fantastic speed, was started early today. For hours, the "Big A" could be seen towering up on its launching platform like a huge silver bullet.

Then, about 1 p.m., feverish activity around the missile ceased and a report spread among "bird watchers" along this island's white sand beaches that the big shoot had been "scrubbed," or put off until another time.

This would have been a perfect day to fire the Atlas, for it would have given President Eisenhower the opportunity to open the NATO meetings in Paris with cheerful news that the United States had matched Russian in perfecting an ocean-spanning H-bomb missile.

It was obvious when daylight broke over the heavily-guarded missile firing range that a supreme effort was going to be made today to get the Atlas into the air.

The countdown was reported to have started before dawn. This is the period when first the hours, then the minutes and finally the seconds are called off as engineers make an exhaustive check of every working part in the missile's intricate mechanism.

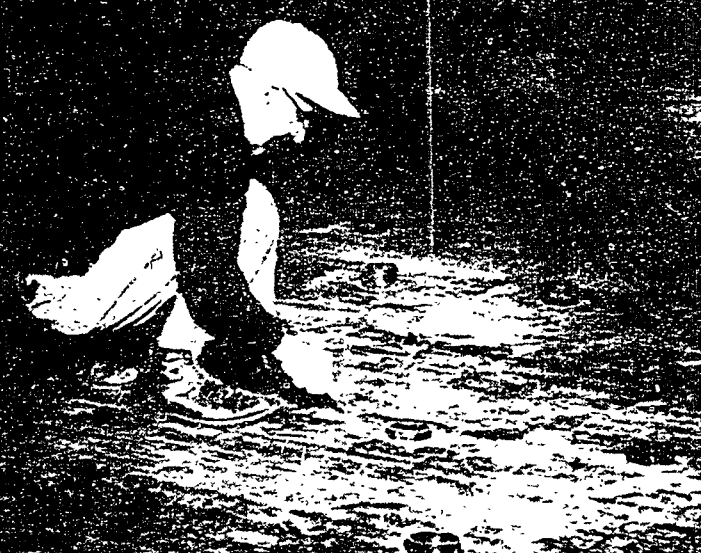
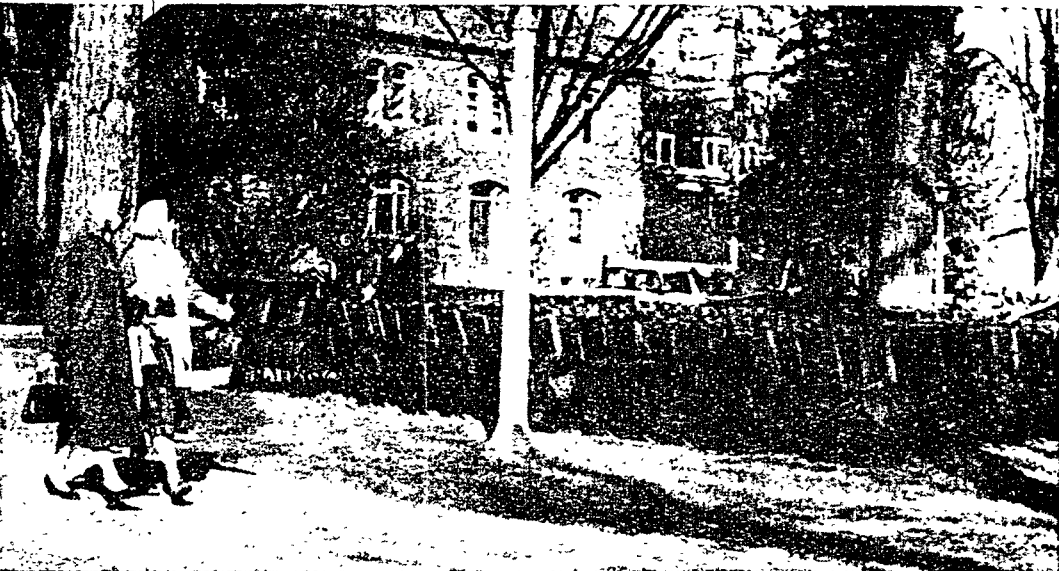
Everything must be in perfect order before the firing button is pressed and the missile blasts off into the distant skies. Today there was enough trouble to call the whole thing off.

## Grad Applications Are Now Available

Application blanks and bulletins of information are available in 117 Buckhout for students seeking admission to graduate schools for the fall semester 1958.

The next Graduate Record Examination will be held at 8:45 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. Jan. 18.

Applications must be received at Educational Testing Service, 20 Nassau Street, Princeton, N.J., no later than Jan. 3.



—Daily Collegian Photos by George Harrison  
NEW SEATS are being placed in Schwab Auditorium and the old ones were moved out to the Mall yesterday (top photo). Carl Grisinger (below), one of the workmen in Schwab, scrapes the floor where the new seats will be placed.

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## Senate Unit Upholds Pro For ATO

The six-month social probation recommended for Alpha Tau Omega by the Interfraternity Council Board of Control was upheld yesterday by the Subcommittee on Discipline of the Senate Committee on Student Affairs.

The Board of Control probation for the fall semester of 1958, part of the board's recommendation, was also approved, and the recommendation for dismissal of Edward Long as house president was dropped because Long had already resigned.

The fraternity did not appeal the board recommendation to the subcommittee. The social probation goes into effect immediately, and will last until 12:30 a.m. on June 4.

Alpha Tau Omega received the probation penalty for serving alcoholic beverages to freshmen, which is forbidden by a board regulation. The conviction was based on Long's admittance to the charge after he was confronted by reports from other fraternities that Alpha Tau Omega had been violating the freshman drinking ban.

A fraternity placed on social probation is not permitted to entertain women guests in the house at any house function. Board of Control probation places the house under social surveillance by board checkers.

George Wills, chairman of the board, said the Subcommittee's decision "speaks for itself as far as freshman drinking is concerned."

The Alpha Tau Omega case, Wills said earlier, is a precedent in freshman drinking cases. In the only other such case since the ban went into effect last fall, involving a freshman found drinking at a combined party between Kappa Sigma and Sigma Alpha Mu, Wills said neither of the fraternities was aware that a freshman was being served alcoholic beverages.

## Thespians Set Date For 'Pajama Game'

Thespians will stage a production of the Broadway hit "Pajama Game" which will run March 20, 21 and 22.

The show will be directed by Stuart Kahan and tryouts will be held beginning Feb. 3.

"Pajama Game" is taken from the book by George Abbott and Richard Bisson with music by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross.

The story of the play revolves around a pajama factory that is about to go on strike for a 7½-cent pay raise. The workers in the factory, under a tight-wad named Hassler, demand the raise.

The head of the grievance committee—Babe Williams—falls in love with Hassler's right hand man and superintendent, Sid Sorokin. Interwound with this is another love plot concerning the efficiency expert, Hines, and Hassler's secretary, Gladys.

Babe and Sid, realizing that their two sides are not going to cooperate, break up the romance. But Sid coaxes Gladys to give him the key to Hassler's private files and finds that Hassler's books are not legitimate and that he can afford a 7½-cent raise.

To end the story happily, Sid wins out, Hassler gives in, Hines

get Gladys and Babe comes back to Sid.

The music of "Pajama Game" includes four hits as "Hey There," "There Once Was a Man," "Steam Heat," "Pajama Game" and "Hernando's Hideaway."

"Pajama Game" was produced on the stage with John Raitt, Janis Paige, Carol Haney and Eddie Foy Jr. and played for over two years on Broadway. It has received the Circle Critics award as best musical and many international awards.

Technical crew directors for the show are: Kenneth Todd, (Continued on page eleven)

## Students Pledge \$1000 to Sharp Fund

More than \$1000 has been pledged so far to the "Christmas Present for Larry" fund.

The Associated Student Activities office in 202 Hetzel Union, campaign headquarters, has received \$831.92 of the \$1081.92 pledged to date. The remaining \$250, pledged by five student organizations, has not yet been deposited in the "Christmas Present for Larry" account.

A big boost in campaign contributions came from the \$416.01 donated by Sigma Alpha Mu and Kappa Alpha Theta from the proceeds of their "Christmas Present for Larry" jam session, held Sunday in the HUB ballroom. In-

cluded in this was \$100 donated by Sigma Nu at the jam session.

Additional recent contributions are:

The University Christian Association, \$25; Alpha Chi Sigma, \$35; Friends, \$39; Cody Manor, \$16.14; Theta Phi Alpha, \$25; Leonides, \$25; Young Republican Club, \$7.87; ground floor of Atherton Hall, \$9; Acacia, \$18.90; and Kappa Sigma, \$10.

The Home Economics Student Council has placed contribution boxes in the main office and library of the Home Economics Building for donations to the Christmas present fund.

Persons wishing to contribute to the fund may write checks to the Associated Student Activities Fund, with a notation for the

"Christmas Present for Larry" fund. Contributions may be sent or taken to 202 HUB.

No goal has been set for the fund campaign, but the committee has reminded students that George "Larry" Sharp's hospital expenses may reach between \$25,000 and \$30,000 before he is able to leave the hospital.

Sharp is in the New York University Rehabilitation Center paralyzed from the neck down as a result of a broken neck he received in a fall from a trampoline Oct. 11 in a physical education class. The University has no insurance covering such accidents.

Letters have been sent to most campus student organizations asking their support of the fund campaign.

## Conflict Filing Ends at Noon

The scheduling office has extended the deadline half a day, until noon today, for filing final examination conflicts.

Ray V. Watkins, scheduling officer, said his office, located in the basement of Willard Building, will accept conflicts until noon today but no later.

Conflicts may be filed if two or more examinations are scheduled at the same time or if a student has three or more examinations on the same day.

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Only 4 more days to shop at Penn State