

Editorial Opinion

Why Did the Chicken...?

The disarmament talks have come to resemble a vaudeville comedy act—with the United States playing straight man.

The biggest disappointment in this whole affair is the degeneration that has taken place since the London talks.

Chances for a workable disarmament program were probably never so good as they were then.

But since that time, it has become one gigantic joke. And neither side has been helping matters much, especially the Soviet Union, which seems now blindly intent on stripping the United States of her atomic defenses with no provisions for mutual guards against sneak attacks.

But to attempt a proposal such as we have made—that of an inspection system divorced from the other aspects of disarmament in general—is foolish and only material for Russian repartee on the floor of the United Nations.

True, such a move would make a dent in disarmament, as many maintain. But it's somewhat like the dent one would make in a stone wall after continually beating one's head against it.

Apparently the support of UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld wasn't enough.

What we need, then, is a slightly more comprehensive and realistic plan which would command the support and the respect of the UN membership as a whole. In this way, disarmament would lose its bilateral nature and take on an atmosphere of real, rather than hoped for international meaning.

Then our disarmament proposals to the Russians would cease to sound like, "No, why did the chicken cross the road?"

Calendar and Budget

The University Senate has voted down two plans to change the calendar by making greater use of summer sessions. One of the proposals, presented from the floor, would split the summer session into two 8-week terms. The other, reported out by the calendar committee, would provide for one 10-week summer session.

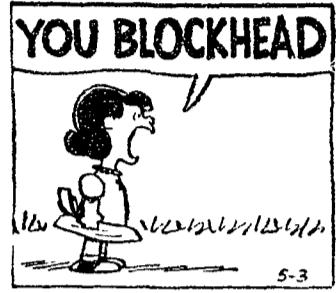
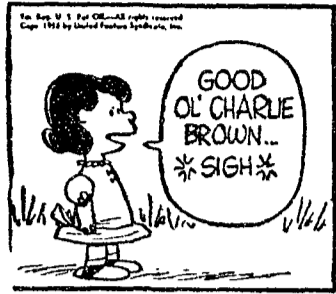
Neither of the reports gained acceptance. Lawrence E. Dennis, vice president for academic affairs, has stressed the importance of working out the problem of calendar change before October, when the University will submit its budget for the next biennium.

It is commonly accepted that the calendar will be changed in the near future—to a quarter or trimester system or to include extended summer sessions. But no specific proposal has been adopted. Nor has any of the three general areas been endorsed by the Senate.

Dennis urged the senators to help the calendar committee with data and suggestions.

And if delay beyond October "will weaken the case we're going to put before the legislature," as Dennis claims, the quicker the senators do this, the better.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



Gazette

TODAY
 Arts Festival recital, 8 p.m., Hub Auditorium
 Cosmopolitan Club cabin party, 1:30 p.m., back of Old Main
 Kappa Phi banquet, 5:30 p.m., Corner Room
 May Day Rehearsal, 3 p.m., Old Main lawn
 Players, "Tonight at 8:30," 8 p.m., Center Stage
 Varsity Baseball, W. Va., 2:30 p.m., field
 Varsity Tennis, Lehigh, 2:30 p.m., courts

TOMORROW
 Alpha Lambda Delta Initiation, 7 p.m., McElwain Study Lounge
 Alpha Nu lecture, 7:30 p.m., 111 Boucke
 Bible Fellowship, 2 p.m., 209 Hub
 Chapel Service, 10:55 a.m., Schwab
 Chess Club, 9 p.m., 203 Hub
 Encampment, 1-8 p.m., 217 HUB
 Encampment interviews, 1:30 p.m., 216 HUB
 Hillel, lecture, 8 p.m., foundation
 Indie Encampment, 2 p.m., 218 HUB
 Newman Club, 8 p.m., 217 HUB
 Penn State Engineer, 7 p.m., 209 HUB
 Protestant Service, 9 a.m., chapel
 Roman Catholic benediction, 7 p.m., church
 Roman Catholic Mass, 9 a.m., Schwab
 Roman Catholic Mass, 8, 9:30, 11, Church
 Spring Week, 6:30 p.m., 218 HUB
 Student Movies, 2 p.m., and 6 p.m., HUB Auditorium
 Thespians, 7 p.m., 212-213 HUB
 WDFM "Third Program," 7 p.m.
 Cheer Leading trials, 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY
 Bridge Club, 6:30 p.m., Card Room HUB
 Christ Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
 Extempore Speaking contest registration, 7 p.m., 10 Sparks
 Freshman Council, 7:30 p.m., 214 HUB
 Faculty Luncheon Club, noon, dining room A, HUB
 IFC, 7:30 p.m., HUB Auditorium
 Interlandia Festival business meeting, 7:30 p.m., 215 HUB
 Leonides, 203 HUB
 Marine Recruiting, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., HUB
 Newman Club discussion group, 7 p.m.
 Physics Colloquium, 4:10 p.m., 117 Osmond

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
 Dorothy Ammerman, Stephen Berezin, Joan Esslinger, Patricia Gross, Edward Hennick, Carole Hiller, Patricia Mancuso, Matthew Mathews, Frank McCoy, James McIntyre, Jay Reed, William Skillen, Edward Wickland.

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Spring Week Also Means Ducks, Cuts
 by Lynn Ward

Mention Spring Week and it automatically brings to mind the "glamour-gammed" legs of Carnival, finalists for the Miss Penn State title, speculation about Spring Week points and the like.

But truthfully, other things do go on around campus during Spring Week.

This is the time the more conservative fraternity men haul out their white ducks. (The more radical ones pushed the season by wearing them in March). You'll notice the peculiar whiteness of the ducks for another week. Then they will take on the comfortable hue of well-worn sneakers.

The grass has become much greener this week too. (In case you haven't had time to notice). To the true nature lover this particular sign—coming so conveniently during Penn State's Spring Week—is a most inspiring and refreshing one.

To the general run of students it means walking across the lawns without getting those comfortable sneakers encased with winter's mud. Undoubtedly it's not the greenness of the

grass surrounding the Mall that attracts wads of students in the extended 10-minute interval between classes.

Missing a morning chat on the Mall during Spring Week or those ensuing, is like going without breakfast or an after-dinner cigarette.

The gripping realization that term papers and projects can't be put off much longer is one decided damper to the overall effect of the week.

Professors, too, have noticed the University's official recognition of spring. The first ten minutes of many classes, you will notice, are being devoted to the professor's astute observations of excessive class cuts and spring fever. You can always tell who is pulling for A's in those classes.

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