

**Editorial Opinion**

**One Down, One to Go**

Students with heavy course loads may be able to boost their semester averages considerably next spring.

They will have an extra day and a half between the end of classes and the beginning of finals in which to bone up for the exams.

Spring semester classes will end at 11:50 a.m. Saturday, May 23. By discarding the custom of scheduling finals for Saturday afternoon, the University will make sure that no students go immediately from classes to exams with little chance for concentrated study.

**The day-and-a-half gap between the end of classes and the start of finals is a much-needed "study break." The University has acted wisely in granting it and in trying to make plans to continue the break in future semesters.**

To establish the break, the administration discarded the Memorial Day holiday, which few students celebrated anyway. But, although students will be taking exams that day, University offices will be closed!

Establishing a "study break" such as the one the University will put into effect next spring was recommended to the Senate Calendar committee by All-University Cabinet this fall.

Another recommendation of Cabinet was establishment of a floating half-holiday each semester. The fall half-holiday probably would be used to enable students with Saturday classes to attend away football games. The spring holiday could be used to help students to attend athletic contests or other University events.

**The dates of the half-holidays could be determined by All-University Cabinet or by a method (such as a student referendum) determined by Cabinet.**

Students have won half the battle to gain a more flexible schedule for both study and recreation purposes. But the other half has yet to be decided.

**They Care Enough . . .**

Voting will be held today and tomorrow for eight college councils. Six of the elections will be held for freshman, and two for both freshman and sophomore representatives.

The student council is an important rung in the ladder of student government. We won't say that student government is all-powerful. But we will say it wields much power—and the reason it does is perhaps so deceptively simple that it is often ignored:

**Student government—as good or as poor as we choose to make it—is the only official organ of student opinions and student desires.**

Does that sound too much like a hollow platitude? Then look at it this way:

If student government wished to drop the half-holiday issue, the University would have no choice but to assume the plan was contrary to student wishes.

If student government turned its back in the question of dropping penalties for class cuts, the University could only think students did not care.

If student government turned its back on the question physical education voluntary for veterans, the University must only guess the entire student body wished to ignore it.

These are only a few familiar issues—there are countless others.

If those eligible to vote care at all about who is going to voice these questions for them, they should vote for their council representatives—and develop the habit and interest to vote in every election where their leaders are being chosen.

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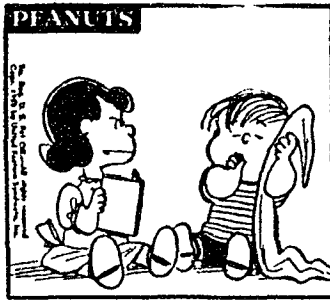
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**Gazette**

TODAY

- AIM Board of Governors, 8 p.m., 202 Willard
- Agriculture Student Council, 7 p.m., 214 HUB
- Angel Flight drill, 6:30 p.m., Armory
- Bryan Green Executive Committee, 2 p.m., 127 Waring Hall; Foundation Committee, 8 p.m., 217 HUB
- Cabinet Judicial Committee, 9 p.m., 218 HUB
- Chem-Phys Council, 7 p.m., 216 HUB
- Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
- Collegian Ad Staff, 6:45 p.m., 9 Carnegie
- Collegian Classified Ad Staff, 6:30 p.m., Main Office
- Collegian Promotion Staff, 6:45 p.m., 215 Willard
- Dancing Class, 4:15 p.m., 6:30 p.m., HUB ballroom
- Delta Sigma Pi, 7:30 p.m., Phi Sigma Delta
- Freshman Council, 6:30 p.m., 217 HUB
- Freshman Regulations Board, 12:30 p.m., 212 HUB
- Gamma Sigma Sigma members, 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly room; pledges, 6:15 p.m., HUB assembly room
- History Round Table, 7:30 p.m., 203 Willard
- Home Economics Student Council, 7 p.m., Sewing Center
- Intercollegiate Conference on Government, 7:30 p.m., 203 HUB
- Liberal Arts Student Council, 6:30 p.m., 212 HUB
- Mineral Industries Colloquium, 4:15 p.m., Mineral Sciences Auditorium
- Neu Bayrischen Schuhplattler, 7 p.m., 2 White
- Panhellenic Council, 6:30 p.m., 203 HUB
- Physics Colloquium, 4:15 p.m., 117 Osmond
- Phi Epsilon Kappa, 9 p.m., 218 HUB
- Science Fiction Club, 7 p.m., 218 HUB
- Science Institute for Teachers, 4:15 p.m., 112 Buckhout
- Tau Beta Pi, pledge meeting, 7:30 p.m., 102 Sackett
- WSGA Judicial, 5 p.m., 217 HUB
- Young Republicans, 8 p.m., Campaign Headquarters

**UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL**

John Aber, William Bianco, Ann Cooke, Richard Desarra, Katherine Dietrich, Allen Gordon, James Henry, Jerome Klink, Michael Nagel, Reva Rubin, Robert Salem, Beatrice Shupp, William Wilson.

**Ed Seniors LaVie Photos Set**

Seniors in education may have their La Vie portraits taken between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. today at the Penn State Photo Shop.

**Letters**

**Reader Attacks Automobile Ban**

**TO THE EDITOR:** The University is not fulfilling its traffic and parking responsibilities.

Many students believe that not permitting freshmen to operate automobiles in Centre County is unfair. The student has a large sum of money invested in an automobile which he is forced to leave at home. He can obtain no pleasure or other return for his investment in this situation.

The student each year pays his state for an automobile license to operate his automobile anywhere in the United States. Yet, the University does not permit the student to operate his automobile in Centre County. Does the University have the authority to make such a resolution?

Is this rule fair and just, or did the administration pick the "easy way out." Students would also like to make their own decisions concerning the scholastic distraction of having their automobiles with them. They feel that it is another way to train themselves to self-discipline.

The problem of limited parking space has existed for many years at the University. Why is the problem not solved by now?

In other cities new parking lots were constructed, merchants provided free parking for their customers and traffic engineers changed traffic movement on primary streets and highways. In sharp contrast, State College has restricted parking during the night on many of its streets.

The downtown merchants are just now beginning to feel the loss of business caused by the newly established 30-minute parking limit downtown. Many people now shop outside town where free parking is provided.

In addition to this, the University has constructed several new dormitories and has not provided enough parking space at each dormitory to accommodate the increase in student-owned automobiles. This shows a definite lack of foresight in planning. Also, many of the new streets connecting these new dormitories are wide enough for only two automobiles. This leads to traffic congestion during rush hours.

I now offer some possible solutions. Each automobile operator could be required to pay a small parking fee to be used to construct more parking space. Perhaps the University or the state should pay for the additional space required.

In some cities apartment owners are required to supply a parking area for their tenants; State College could adopt such a program. New York permits parking on one side of a street Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, and overnight parking on the other side of the street on the other

days in the week. This arrangement makes street cleaning possible.

Maybe outlying parking areas with shuttle bus service to the University is a solution. On the other hand, many students and employees now driving automobiles would come in buses if such a long overdue service is ever provided. This would be especially true in the winter when driving conditions are so poor.

In any case, the University should not take "the easy way out" and simply say that sophomores are not permitted to own or operate automobiles in Centre County. The University administration should examine and solve the problem, not just say no.

I urge every other student, with any other ideas, or comments, to write a letter to the editor of The Daily Collegian.

—Lawrence A. Ezard, '61  
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**'Too True' Called A Theatrical Bore**

**TO THE EDITOR:** In reference to critic Fineman's review of Play-ers "Too True to be Good":

The Monster in the play informs us at the end of Act I that we have now seen the whole show and what follows in the next two acts is only comment developing Act I. This is only too true. Shaw is jibing in particular all future producers of the play who hope to stage something, albeit intellectually stimulating, out of the heavy string of monologues and polylogues in the second and third acts.

What are these qualities of "cohesiveness" and "timing" that Mr. Fineman believes keep these grinding verpages from intruding? I was intruded upon. It appeared as if the audience at the performance (second) I attended was intruded upon. Cohesiveness and timing, present or not, cannot help a play that as a whole is unproducible and unactable. Shaw knew that the play was theatrically a bore, excepting the farce of Act I and short scatterbits elsewhere. Director Smith knew it, tried to circumvent the problem by lectern speechifying instead of conventional acting, and failed.

I think Smith should have gone the other direction, providing farcial stage action to accompany these dialogues, in keeping with the farcial slapstick of the remainder of the play. An audience, confronted with inexplicably funny stage action in connection with serious, if satirical, speeches, would be intrigued enough to be entertained. They might even listen to and understand more of these Shavian concepts.

This whole difficult and as a whole unsolvable problem could have been solved if Play-ers had left the play in the books where it can be read and enjoyed and had staged instead a play such as "The Skin of Our Teeth," similar

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**Little Man on Campus** by Dick Bibler



"Say, they've sure speeded up this 'chow line' since I was here last."