

**Editorial Opinion**

**Let's Get Story Straight**

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We supported the idea of a student-town committee being formed to investigate the off-campus housing situation, but developments late last night indicate that too many hands are dipping into the pot, and conflicting versions of the proposed investigation are being told to the townspeople and the students.

We would reiterate our support for one student-town committee dedicated to an investigation including adequacy of facilities and discriminatory policies. But the principles the students have fought for cannot be abrogated or they should continue the job themselves.

**A Good Program**

The capacity audience at the first faculty lecture of the Liberal Arts Council's new one-a-month series should inspire other student councils to set up similar programs.

The series scheduled by the council will each month spotlight an outstanding professor in the College of Liberal Arts in an informal talk on a topic of special, contemporary or extra-curricular interest.

The council has come up with a good plan to utilize the too-often untapped talents of professors who are qualified and more than willing to talk on interesting subjects which may be connected with or completely unrelated to the subjects they teach.

Such a lecture series gives students a chance to see and hear a professor out of the context of the regular class and may give them an appreciation of his vast realm of knowledge.

Even students who claim drowsiness in stodgy class sessions might be surprised at how interesting and entertaining the professors are when the listeners do not have to sweat the bluebooks or grades.

The LA Council picked a good man to start off its series in the popular philosophy professor, Dr. Henry A. Finch, who can speak with equal ease on Aristotle or Aesop.

Other councils should take a cue from the Liberal Arts Council and capitalize on the talents of distinguished men in their colleges to speak in similar programs to the students.

Watch for editorial on student government Tuesday.

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**GAZETTE**

**TODAY**  
Family Finance Workshop, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., 212 HUB  
"Oedipus Rex," 8 p.m., Schwab  
Penn State Dames, 6 p.m.-midnight, HUB ballroom  
Student Movies, 7:30-9:30, HUB assembly hall  
"Summer and Smoke," 8 p.m., Center Stage  
**SUNDAY**  
Business College, 3-5 p.m., HUB main lounge  
Chapel Service, 10:55 a.m., Schwab  
Chess Club, 2-5 p.m., HUB card room  
Chimes, 6:30 p.m., Tri Delt suite  
Folk Lore Society, 7:30-9:30 p.m., 218 HUB  
ISA, 1-6 p.m., HUB ballroom  
Newman Club, 7-8 p.m., 212-213 HUB  
Protestant Worship Service, 9 a.m., Eisenhower Chapel  
Roman Catholic Mass, 9 a.m., Schwab

Student Movies, 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly hall  
Swedenborgian, 10:45-noon, 212 HUB  
Theatians, 7:30-9:30 p.m., 218 HUB  
**MONDAY**  
"Archaeology and the Bible," Dr. Ludwik Stefaniak, 8 p.m., Eisenhower Chapel  
Bridge Club, 7-10 p.m., HUB card room  
Civil Service Speaker, 7-9 p.m., 303 Willard  
Faculty Luncheon Club, 12 noon, HUB dining room A  
IFC, 7:30-9 p.m., HUB assembly hall  
IV Christian Fellowship, 12:45-1:10 p.m., 218 HUB  
IVCF, 7-10 p.m., 216 HUB  
Leonides, 6:30-8:30 p.m., 203 HUB  
Physics Colloquium, 4:15 p.m., 117 Osmond  
"Rehabilitation Services," Dr. William A. Fraenkel, 10 a.m.-noon, HUB  
Riding Committee, 7-8 p.m., 218 HUB  
Special Education Lecture, 10-noon, HUB assembly hall

**Letters**

**Frosh Laments Election Interest**

**TO THE EDITOR:** Well, fall elections are a thing of the past, and a typically poor showing by the student body has resulted in the selection of some 22 leaders by a small minority of their fellow students.

Two of these elections were resolved by three votes. It's true that the national election was close this year, but that was decided by 70% of the people, not 17%.

Why was the showing at the polls so poor? For one thing, the voting places were badly chosen. Three of the four were located in two buildings directly across the street from one another, and the fourth was two blocks away.

Waring Hall is only one block away from Willard, but students who go there generally have more free time than those who pass through the latter building going to and/or from a class.

Bob Umstead, elections commission chairman, said that the dining halls were ruled out because, as they were not centrally located, it was difficult to arrange for students to attend to the polls there.

I think, had a slight effort been expended by Mr. Umstead, the arrangements could have been made with the resultant increase in voting making it worthwhile.

Another major portion of the blame must fall on publicity. Certainly the elections were given sufficient attention by WDFM and the Collegian, but the news from these sources was aimed at students who had an interest in campus politics;

**Flashman's Signature Error, Says Snyder**

**TO THE EDITOR:** I wish to say that due to a typing error, Barry Flashman's name was inadvertently carried as a signer of the Liberal Party letter, dated Dec. 6, to the Senate Committee on Student Affairs.

—Richard Snyder, '61

it made no attempt to stimulate the interest of others.

Of the 79.95% of freshmen who didn't vote, a great number of these students felt that the election didn't concern them. They had heard about it, but they thought it did not affect them personally and thus was not worth their trouble.

The emergence of the Piddle Party was the one event which did arouse some enthusiasm

among freshmen, if not among upperclassmen as well. This brought the campaign closer to their level. I'm not saying that candidates should be comedians, but a more imaginative approach should be sought.

Students must learn more about their government and the work it does for them. Perhaps if we were to hold an S.G.A. pep rally...

—Steve Monheimer, '64

**Meat Brings Complaint**

**TO THE EDITOR:** December 7 was a day of complete abstinence (no meat) for every Catholic as a tribute to the coming feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

On Wednesday, 2500 students were denied their right to eat in the cafeteria as the dietician refused to serve a small amount of meatless food for the minority!

Ignorance was not the reason, for I myself told the dietician previously of the regulation. Her only answer was that they provide "fish once a week"—on Friday. The rest of the

time you people must shift for yourselves."

The menu Dec. 7 read—pepper soup and 2 pieces of meat for lunch, and roast beef for supper.

The biggest cut was lunch Thursday: salad, macaroni, tomatoes, milk, berries. To me it appeared to be meatless unless some meat extract was unknowingly slipped in.

The Catholic sector did not expect Lobster Thermidor—grilled cheese would have sufficed on Wednesday.

—Mary Elizabeth Reilly, Grad student

**World at a Glance**

**Castro Moves Against Rebels**

HAVANA (AP) — Truckloads of Cuban soldiers and militia, some bringing mortars and heavy weapons, were reported moving to encircle the Escambray foothills yesterday in what may be the prelude to a general assault on insurgent bands.

Word of this movement, from Santa Clara, indicates a shift of government and anti-government forces from western and northern Cuba into the old insurgent breeding ground—the mountainous central province of Las Villas.

Completely unconfirmed reports reaching Havana said a considerable number of fresh insurgents landed by coffee boat at El Ingles, a small port town at the mouth of the San Juan River on Las Villas' southern coast.

Presumably they are reinforcements for elements opposing Prime Minister Fidel Castro, already situated in the Escambrays.

**JFK Continues Work in Florida**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect John F. Kennedy gathered his personal family yesterday and left by air for a long weekend in Palm Beach, Fla. There he will continue the job of assembling an official family to take office with him in six weeks.

A few hours before the 3.20 n.m. takeoff, Kennedy brought home from Georgetown University Hospital Mrs. Kennedy and their 2-week-old son, John F. Kennedy Jr.

**Kennedy Still Leads; All Precincts Counted**

WASHINGTON (AP) — With returns from all the nation's 166,054 precincts counted, Sen. John F. Kennedy Friday had a popular vote plurality of 139,332 over Vice President Richard M. Nixon in the Nov. 8 presidential election.

An Associated Press tabulation based on official returns from 44 states and unofficial totals from Idaho, Illinois, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island, gave: Kennedy 34,221,229, Nixon 34,081,897, Others 461,505.

**New Coup Gives Laos Communists Control of Capital**

VIENTIANE, Laos (AP) — Leftist Capt. Kong Le and his soldiers recaptured military control of Vientiane in a bloodless coup yesterday, ousting anti-Communist soldiers who unseated him 24 hours earlier.

As the two forces observed an unofficial and uneasy truce in their struggle for control of the capital's garrison, two more planeloads of paratroopers from the command of rightist rebel Gen. Phoumi Nosavan dropped Thursday, giving the rebel general about 180 well-trained men in easy striking distance.

The Phoumi paratroopers could either support the anti-Communist soldiers of Vientiane—who favor a truce with Phoumi—or act as a spearhead for the general's main force, now reported only 50 miles away from the capital.

**Russia-China Pact Called Dangerous**

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. officials reported yesterday that the new Soviet-Communist China agreement published in Moscow this week contains some dangerous storm signals for the West.

The Soviet Union and Red China failed, however, to reconcile their basic differences over a major Communist strategy in ideological issues. They did succeed in "papering over" their differences for the moment.

Their dispute is expected to erupt again some time in the future into open ideological conflict.

**Integrated School's Attendance Decreases**

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Eight white children and one Negro girl went to school at integrated William Frantz yesterday—the number shrunk by pressures of segregation boycotters.

They went to school by the sides of U.S. deputy marshals, a fresh move by the federal government amid rumors of harassment for blockade-running parents.

Two more fathers have been threatened with loss of their jobs if they persist in sending their children to school under token integration.

