

Editorial Opinion

Headlines Ready

It has been a long drag since those balmy September days when we returned to classes, and Christmas vacation will be a much needed break for those who reach it.

For two whole weeks—no classes, no books and no 8 o'clocks.

But for some there may never be any more books or 8 o'clocks. Some may never even have to worry about finals.

These students, too eager to get home, may go just a little too fast on the slippery roads or take a chance on a blind corner. Instead of bringing joy and happiness to their families they will bring sorrow and grief.

In a way it's a shame. Those extra few minutes saved by passing the "slow" truck or by exceeding that "unfair" speed limit won't amount to more time than is necessary to fill up the gas tank or down a cup of coffee.

And yet for those extra few minutes that might have been saved, many torturous hours may be spent by accident victims in hospitals and many long hours of worry may be spent by the victim's relatives.

But we have given up hope of preventing the needless death and injury caused by reckless homeward bound students.

For years it has been Collegian's policy to write editorials urging the students to drive carefully. But each year the first issue after vacation has carried the grim details of death and injury.

Two years ago we put out a special "safety issue." We thought articles and pictures of accidents might scare students into driving carefully.

But this, as all other methods, failed and a student was killed and two were injured.

This year we're being realistic and facing the inevitable. We already have the big headline type ready. All you have to do is supply the details.

Unquestioned Prestige

Once again the fierce Nittany Lion football team has earned the plaudits of every Penn Stater with its successful defense of its Liberty Bowl crown.

Though the stadium crowd was sparse, the gridders showed a national television audience that the brand of football played in the Nittany Valley is as tough as anywhere in the country.

And not even the politicians can question the fact that Penn State pigskin prestige has risen to an all-time high.

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Letters

Frosh Hits Immaturity Of Students

TO THE EDITOR: I wish to report a most unfortunate incident that occurred in a Chem 1 lecture on Dec. 15.

In this lecture the professor realized, while explaining a theory, that he had made an error in his explanation. When he stated this, several students started to hiss. He asked them to stop, and they did, but when he turned his back, they started to hiss again. At this point the professor dismissed the lecture.

I would like to ask how people can behave this way and still call themselves college students? This behavior might be expected in grade school, but not in college. Do these people belong in grade school? The answer appears to be yes.

The action of these students was not only discourteous to the professor, but also to the position he holds. What right does a Chem 1 student have to hiss at a professor who has a B.S., M.S., and Ph.D.? The answer is none.

If the persons responsible for this hissing can excuse their behavior I challenge them to do so. If not I wish that they would learn some manners, or go back to grade school where they belong.

—Edward Wohlsen, '64

Gazette

- TODAY
Ag Student Council, Reorganization Committee, 6:45 p.m.-9 p.m., 214 HUB
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Christmas Down South

TO THE EDITOR: As we know, the sound and fury of racial prejudice has taken on greater intensity in New Orleans. Among other things, a Federal District judge has been forced to accept police protection; some of the mothers of the city showed the world that Little Rock had no monopoly on lunatics; and four little Negro girls went to school.

Here in Pennsylvania it is easy to forget that millions of Americans are denied opportunities which many of us take for granted. While we are preparing for the Christmas holiday, six-year-old children, and their families, are being subjected to gross humiliation, because they want to go to a decent school.

It has been suggested that it takes a great deal of strength and courage for parents to allow their children to run the gauntlet of jeering adults, as those four little girls have had to do in New Orleans.

It has also been suggested

that this strength may draw sustenance from the knowledge that a large segment of the American people is dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal, and no one should be treated as though he were inherently inferior.

Accordingly, a group of graduate students at Harvard University have started a campaign to give support to these four six-year-old girls. The response has been extremely enthusiastic in the Boston area, and there are indications that it is spreading into other areas of the country.

Greeting cards, letters, small gifts and donations for a future college scholarship fund would do much to show these children, and their families, that they do have friends.

The names of the four girls are: Tessie, Gail, Leona and Ruby. While their full names and home addresses cannot be revealed, mail can be addressed to them c/o Mr. Arthur Chapital Sr., 1821 Orleans Ave., New Orleans 16, La.

—Nolvert P. Scott J.
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Soph's Second Look at SGA

TO THE EDITOR: It would seem that I for one have misappraised the SGA. I had been content within the social security of the student body and its "I couldn't care less" attitude. But when 83 per cent of the students reneged their right to vote and thereby do something about it, I began to suspect what appeared to be fuzzy thinking in their regard for the SGA.

If the apathetic student had attended the last assembly meeting, he would have seen an intense parliamentary debate of Mr. Walter Darran's motion and the subsequent wise rejection of it. After all, why should the SGA take a stand on something which does not directly involve the student body?

He would have seen the approval of a much needed bookstore and the tabling of Mr. Ted Simon's solo study on it for further discussion.

He would have also seen the committing for future consideration of Mr. John Brandt's ill-advised proposal for an SGA executive secretary.

In short, my suspicion was

confirmed. Contrary to the consensus, the SGA did do something, although it did seem that three hours was a rather long time.

If any student should doubt my opinion, I strongly suggest that he sit on the SGA. Then for the first time since he set foot on this campus, he would see just what the SGA is and would be forced into some painful re-thinking.

—John Weld, '63

WDFM Schedule

- TUESDAY
8:30 Stock Market Report
8:50 News and Weather
4:00 Critic's Choice
5:00 Three at Five
6:00 Studio X
6:55 Weatherscope
7:00 Children's Corner
7:30 Guest Lecture
7:55 News Roundup
8:00 Accent on Sound
9:00 Drama Showcase
9:30 Focus
9:45 News, Sports, Weather
10:00 Contemporary Classics
12:00 Sign Off
WEDNESDAY
8:30 Stock Market Report
8:50 News and Weather
4:00 Critic's Choice
5:00 Three at Five
6:00 Studio X
6:55 Weatherscope
7:00 Marquee Memories
7:55 News Roundup
8:00 Jazz Panorama
9:00 Forum of the Air
9:30 Artist Series Preview
9:45 News, Sports, Weather
10:00 Virtuoso
12:00 Sign Off

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler

