

Letters to the Editor

Nittany Room Search Draws Sharp Retort

TO THE EDITOR: Perhaps the government of Israel should be notified that there are some Nazi war criminals still uncaptured. There might be some in the Department of Housing and perhaps in other branches of the dictatorship known as the Administration.

I am referring of course to the shocking invasion of Nittany 37 by a horde of counselors, who with a complete disregard for personal privacy and human rights, ransacked the private rooms of the residents.

To paraphrase the Bible, "By their M. O. (Modus Operandi) ye shall know them." This room search was definitely done in the best traditions of the Gestapo, the N.K.V.D., and other secret police. Here in the United States, the people are supposedly protected from unreasonable search by Article IV of the Bill of Rights. Evidently the University's Gestapo-like wing doesn't care or isn't aware of the fourth amendment.

The students should at least have been present in their rooms when the counselors conducted their search. Also, the students should have been advised of the purpose of the search.

Now the SGA has a golden opportunity to prove that it is really a representative of the students and not just a "yes man" for the administration. Let the SGA investigate this incident and demand that it shall not be repeated. However, I doubt that this campus kiddie club will have the guts to open its mouth about the Housing Department's Gestapo.

—K. C. Rhody Jr., '62

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Holiday Extension Draws Complaint

TO THE EDITOR: These are the times that try men's souls. Why does the administration insist upon adding our "extra week" onto the Christmas Holiday? Why can't this week (or even just a few days) be dedicated in respect to the traditional American Thanksgiving Holiday?

Next year's planned Christmas vacation is unduly long and might even be detrimental to the study habits of the student who breaks the "grind" for too long a time. A Thanksgiving recess is a beneficial break as well as being an entrenched college custom. Besides, this will legalize the probable "exodus" that will take place around any vacation time.

—Al Altman '64

—Chuck Hipple '64

Members of a Mass

TO THE EDITOR: It seems to me that the absence of most of the senior class from President Walker's speech can be taken as an unwitting objection to the President's purpose of increasing the student body of the University to 35,000 by 1970, and is, as a phenomenon in itself, symptomatic of the student's situation at Pennsylvania State University.

It seems to me the senior class took little interest in President Walker's speech because it feels itself, and has always felt itself, not a unified group, but a makeshift mass; and as a number in such a mass, no individual student can be expected to have a sense of the private responsibility which is essential to public action — even such action as listening to a speech.

The University's structure, its system of colleges, does nothing to alleviate the student's sense of being a number in a mass, and of acting like one; and the college system, as it exists, is in itself incoherent with respect to affording the student a sense of his individual worth and private importance.

The introduction of the four-term system will do little to alleviate the mediocrity the existent university structure generates in students. And certainly increasing the student body without any coherent system

of integrating the additional students, apart from a program of building dormitories and adding faculty members as the need for them seems to arise, will do little to alleviate the student's unconscious sense of oppression by the masses of other students, and the mediocrity and anonymity which result from it.

Without any coherent plan of reorganizing the University, for student purposes as well as for administrative purposes, and without the purpose of the University's self-imposed need of partaking in a future which seems to it to mean nothing but a pile of numbers each with the label "quality product"; without such a plan it seems to me any plan of adding students will destroy these students' characters and make their education meaningless.

Moreover, increased numbers in the future will do no more than obscure the fundamental mediocrity of the present Pennsylvania State University student.

No member of the senior class can be expected to partake in the future of a University which has always treated him as a cipher and which has helped to make him mediocre, apart from being able to pursue a career upon his graduation.

—Dr. Donald B. Kuspit, Instructor

Lack of Attachment

TO THE EDITOR: In regard to your editorial on the 23rd, "One-tenth Care," we believe you are unjustly critical in condemning the seniors who did not attend Prexy's talk. After three and half years of no contact one could say that this contact is a little late for those who have left only four months of university life.

The seniors' apparent lack of attachment is also mentioned. Why should any student, and especially the seniors, who have been antagonized and persecuted the longest, form any attachments to the University? For students in the dorms, how often do the dining halls run out of food and substitute with something cheaper? Or the rulings which prevent any student from allowing someone else to use his meal ticket or matric card to eat or attend events for which he has already paid?

We are sure no positive feelings are formed toward the University by students whose units are ruled without reason by gestapo-type counselors. There have been many inci-

dents in North Halls and remember the Nittany 37 raid, reported in Saturday's Collegian.

Look at the automobile situations. Thirty dollars a year is paid to the University for the privilege of parking in an open field without protection from either weather or vandals. To park any other place is to risk a ticket from Diem's boys in blue.

How many times have students been unable to take required courses because all the sections are filled. We wonder how often a senior has had to put in an extra semester for one or two required courses?

The point we are trying to make is that with the type of treatment the students receive here, why should they form any attachments to the University at all?

In conclusion, we feel that the University is an organization of, by and for the administration, run with the minimum regard for the wants and needs of the students.

—William Molyneaux, '62

Wayne Magaral, '62

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Interpreting

USSR's Brand Of 'Coexistence'

By J. M. ROBERTS

Associated Press News Analyst

The United States and her allies are constantly running assays to determine just what Premier Khrushchev means by peaceful coexistence.

There's a good chance that he has what he wants right now. Under this theory, Khrushchev is proceeding at home with

his effort to equal the United States in agricultural and industrial powers, trying to convince newly emerging nations by example that communism offers the best possibilities for rapid economic advancement.



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Abroad, the Soviets are putting on the pressure designed to show that the United Nations, and the free world alliances which operate under permission of its charter, do not offer the best bulwark behind which former colonial areas may pursue independence and self-reliance.

One trouble Khrushchev has is trying to juggle the long-term coexistence campaign with the necessity of taking advantage of current opportunities, as in Africa, Latin America and Southeast Asia.

Recognizing that he overplayed his hand in his latest attempt to undercut the United Nations, he is now making a

new approach to the uncommitted nations which refused to back him on that point. He seeks to play on their new sense of importance and their desires for peace by suggesting that they sidetrack the United Nations and themselves take over in the Congo.

In this he relies on recognition, already shown by the Western powers which as individuals have kept out of the Congo mess, that the Congolese will deal most readily with kinfolk. And the Soviet Union has made some progress in influencing some of those kinfolk.

But the key nation among those uncommitted is India. Prime Minister Nehru has believed for years that a neutral India would eventually earn important profit as a peace-maker. The Soviet Union would very much like to play on this hope now.

But Nehru has learned a great deal about Soviet intentions in the last few years, and about how to pursue his own policies without getting tangled in other people's strings.

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