

Editorial Opinion

Demonstration of Support

University administrators have not looked with favor on the idea of extending the Thanksgiving recess, but all hope of obtaining that extension has not vanished.

Dennis Foianini, SGA president, is planning to meet with President Walker Saturday to begin preliminary talks about extending the vacation to include the Friday and Saturday immediately following Thanksgiving.

The chance of obtaining the recess, which would be very valuable for study time and could serve as a break from the rapid pace of the four-term system, will hinge on Walker's reaction to Foianini's proposals.

Harold Reed, chairman of the Senate Committee on Calendar and Class Schedule, indicated yesterday that the chances of getting a three-day holiday, because of the three extra days included in the fall term calendar, was very slight.

It is not three days that is being asked for but really only a day and a half.

Many professors have already cancelled classes for the Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving so that students may go home for the holiday. Other students are planning to cut classes on those days either to go home or to attend the Pitt game.

So it's already apparent that Friday and Saturday will be an unofficial holiday for many students.

Director of Housing and Food Services Stanley Campbell has indicated that an official holiday would work no extra hardship for his department.

He said that the residence halls would remain open even if an official holiday is proclaimed, but some dining halls would be closed if it appeared that a great many students would be leaving campus.

Since a vacation extension would not cause inconvenience for the administration, and because it would serve as a convenience for the students, we urge Dr. Walker to seriously consider Foianini's proposals.

To demonstrate support for the vacation extension, we urge those students who have not already signed one of the several petitions circulating on campus that request this extension do so at once.

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Letters

Coeds Attack Sentimental Stagnation

TO THE EDITOR: In accordance with the admirable opinions of Mr. B. and Mr. C., we wish to propose an additional idea concerning Thanksgiving recess.

As long as the administration wishes to be practical about the entire matter, why not eliminate all "sentimentality" and schedule classes for Thanksgiving Day also?

After all, this would solve the problem of maintaining an uninterrupted academic term, and the risk of obliterating nine weeks of mental toil would be terminated.

Foreseeing the repercussions of the three day recess, we realize that even twenty-four hours of stagnation are sufficient to mar our dexterity in the laboratories, and heaven forbid—to initiate spontaneous rusting of our slide-rules from disuse.

Practicality demands that students remain on campus during the one day recess; thus, we propose, that while the administrators are enjoying their turkey dinners with their families, students would be attending compulsory study sessions as imposed by their college deans.

Thanksgiving Day must be divided into morning, afternoon, and evening sessions, each of which will provide sufficient time for the average student to sprint to the dormitory for his "Dining Hall Special" dinner.

Hunger squelched, the student must then journey to his final study session of the day proctored by our amicable and ever-faithful graduate students, whose duty it is to prevent our academic deceleration and to insure our steadfast adherence to the consecrated principles emanating from the Lamp of Knowledge.

—Doris Jean Jenkins, '62
—Patricia Alice O'Handley, '62
—Mary Louise Fetrow, '62

Interpreting

Gromyko's Attitude May Shift Balance

By J. M. ROBERTS
Associated Press News Analyst

A very great deal now depends on what Andrei A. Gromyko reports to Premier Khrushchev about the attitude of the Western powers toward Berlin, and how he reports it.

There is a considerable feeling in Washington, and an even greater feeling in Britain, that Gromyko has been made to understand that, political shenanigans such as an East German treaty aside, a forceful attempt to oust the Allies from West Berlin will mean war.

The lodgment of that conviction has been the chief objective of American policy ever since President Kennedy's conference with Khrushchev in Vienna. It remains the chief hope, aside from the physical deterrent of Allied preparedness.

The question is how strong Gromyko's conviction is, and whether he will feel himself in a position to tell Khrushchev bluntly that his policies have put East and West on a collision course.

The answer lies, perhaps, in the personal relations between the two men, combined with Gromyko's knowledge of Khrushchev's predilections.

Gromyko is a career diplomat, not a high policy maker or very powerful in either the Communist party or the Soviet government. He is an agent.

If Gromyko feels Khrushchev is determined to drive toward a fatal brink, will he lay the situation as he knows it cold on

the line, or will he sugar coat it after the fashion of yes men everywhere?

Perhaps the most important part of this equation is how much pressure Khrushchev is under from the Stalinists and the Chinese Communists, many of whom feel that war is an inevitable part of the Communist world revolution, and that it would be better to have it now than later.

To wait may seem to them to be to allow continued mobilization of Western power which, pursued relentlessly with growing recognition of such inevitability, would become overwhelming.

Such pressure, if strong enough despite Khrushchev's apparent position of control, might produce a cool reception for any go-slow advice.

Many Western observers have speculated since the abortive Dwight D. Eisenhower-Khrushchev confrontation in Paris that the Soviet premier is under considerable obligation to and pressure from the Red army.

And the position of that army, facing such great potential power in the West, may not be producing a desire to wait.

Letters

'War' Issue Restated

TO THE EDITOR: According to G. M. Ballog's recent letter to the Daily Collegian, "—Russia is known to have no more than about 46 to 50 I.C.B.M.'s capable of reaching the U.S."

Also, "with . . . no operational bomber of any threat that could compare to the B-58 'Hustler,' any sort of full-scale war would be sheer lunacy and plain suicide for Russia."

I agree whole-heartedly that war would be suicide for the U.S.S.R., but perhaps G.M. Ballog has not yet been able to grasp the fact that nuclear war would also be murder for all other countries and peoples of the world.

I'm glad to hear from such an informed source that the U.S.S.R. is sadly deficient in bombers and I.C.B.M.'s. Such positive information to be INFALLIBLE, must have come directly from MR. "K" himself.

I seriously doubt, however, that Mr. "K" would divulge ALL his secrets, so perhaps he held something back.

Did he mention air-to-ground missiles which can be fired from a cordon of "inferior" bombers approaching our continent at high altitude, or is such a thing impossible?

At this point I should mention that the Nike-Zeus anti-missile missile, of which Mr. Myers seems to be so confident,

is reported to have had several test-firings recently. Effectiveness—zero; they both failed. Perhaps those 46 or 50 cities can be scratched after all.

With all respect to Major De Seversky and his recent book, it should be remembered that any study of Russia's relative nuclear capability becomes out-dated very soon, unless Russia's huge industrial machine has suddenly ground to a halt.

If a man like Major De Seversky has all the facts, as Mr. Ballog seems sure he does, why must our country waste a reported billion dollars a year on the C.I.A., and embarrassing little spy-gadgets like the U-2?

I notice that Mr. Myers is grinding on in his latest column where he repeats, "—the United States maintains a military superiority that would be decisive in war, even nuclear war." So I must quote myself and repeat, "—there is a world of difference between 'miserable survival' and 'decisive victory'."

If we should ever have a nuclear war with Russia and we can claim a decisive victory, I will be so happy that I will gladly buy Messers. Myers and Ballog a big steak dinner—just as soon as somebody rebuilds a restaurant.

—E. N. Small, Jr. '62

Gazette

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Ag. Hill Party, 6:30 p.m., 212 HUB
Ag. Ec. & Rural Soc., 3:30 p.m., 214-216 HUB
Block "S" Exec. Comm., 6:30 p.m., 214 HUB
Daily Collegian Senior Board Business Staff, 5 p.m., Business Office
Faculty Women Reception, 7:30 p.m., HUB Ballroom
Film Series, "The Brink of Life," 3, 7, 9 p.m., HUB Assembly hall
Friends Society, 12:30 p.m., Eisenhower Chapel Lounge
Gamma Sigma Sigma, Sisters, 6:30 p.m., Pledges, 7:30 p.m., McElwain Lounge
Liberal Arts Student Council, 6:30 p.m., 217-218 HUB
Marine Recruiting, 8 a.m., ground floor, HUB
Marine Recruiting, 8 a.m., 218 HUB
Mike and Kastrum, 7 p.m., 309 Sparks
Navy Recruiting, 10 a.m., ground floor HUB
Navy Recruiting, 10 a.m., 217 HUB
Outing Club Ski Division, 7 p.m., 112 Buckhout
Penn State Bible Fellowship, 12:15 p.m., 212 HUB
Phi Epsilon Kappa, 9 p.m., 213 HUB
Sigma Gamma Tau, 7 p.m., 213 HUB
U.B.A., 9 a.m., HUB card room

WDFM Schedule

- THURSDAY
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4:00 The Philadelphia
5:00 News
5:05 Music at Five
6:00 News
6:05 Dinner Date
6:55 Weatherscope
7:00 CAMPUS BEAT
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Remember Radio?
News
This is the Subject
Passport
Folk Music
Opinion 15
News
10:00 Chamber Concert
12:00 Sign-off
FRIDAY
3:55 Financial Tidbits
4:00 The Philadelphia
5:00 News
5:05 Music at Five
6:00 News
6:05 Dinner Date
6:55 Weatherscope
7:00 CAMPUS BEAT
Spotlight
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Light Classical Jukebox
SGA Report-Foianini
Marquee Memories
News
10:00 Ballet Theater
12:00 Night Sound
2:00 News
2:05 Sign-off

