

Editorial Opinion

That Delightful Spirit!

A funny thing happened to us on the way to writing a "rah rah" editorial yesterday. We found out we really were "rah rahing."

The touchstone which brought out this burst of spirit was an editorial in "The Indiana Daily Student" from the University of Indiana. It was caustically entitled "Good Old Loyal Students."

At Indiana, you see, the students (good old loyal and unloyal alike) don't get free admission to their games. They have to purchase tickets—and for four games, plus some winter sports events the price is \$15.

The editors of our journalistic compatriot likened the student attitude towards team support to the weather: "Everyone complains about it but nobody does anything about it."

The Indiana cheerleaders go on to say, "While the weather and I.U. football are open to criticism, only I.U. football can be readily improved."

Despite the Miama game, we here at State harbor few worries about the success of our team this season, and the national sports writers are optimistic too.

And football fever was infecting the returning student body even as six of our players lay in Centre County Hospital with the virus last month.

So take your free, remodeled matric card in hand this afternoon, and though it probably isn't necessary to say it . . . support those Lions . . . they don't need it, but Penn State Spirit is a delightful commodity!

Midnight Oil in Pattee

The Inter-College Council Board last week undertook to extend the weekend hours at Pattee Library—an objective made necessary by the four term plan's accelerated atmosphere.

The council is requesting the library remain open until 10 p.m. on Saturday and that it open at 1 p.m. on Sunday:

It is necessary that these extra hours of available research time be provided simply because the term shortens the weeks of concentrated study.

Earlier this fall, this need was recognized when the library opened its doors for an extra hour on week nights.

We urge that Mr. McComb and his staff again act in sympathy with this student request and realize the importance of making library hours fit the new accent on efficiency and concentration that our academic schedule has fostered.

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Letters

Soph Voices Small Plea: Only 36 Hours

TO THE EDITOR: One of the main topics around our campus today seems to be the elimination of our usual Thanksgiving recess.

Certainly, the one day scheduled for our "vacation" does not permit sufficient time for students to travel home, visit with family and friends, enjoy a good meal, and return in time for classes.

More so than on the semester basis is the need for a full weekend, since the new plan makes it virtually impossible for a student to escape for a weekend.

Since there are three extra days in this term, why won't the administration allow us half of them for a much needed vacation before finals?

I believe it is the administration's goal to bring to as many students as possible a good college education—therefore, enrollment will be constantly increased from now on.

The administration may not feel obligated to keep up the student morale since there are so many more "clamoring" to be admitted.

However, it is my opinion that this negligence and lack of psychology will backfire eventually and students will no longer be so impatient to be admitted as an object on an assembly line in a huge factory.

Remember — many of us have younger sisters, brothers, and friends and if we grow to dislike Penn State for its factory-like methods we will gladly spread its fame! —Barbara Baran '64

Gazette

- TODAY: Cwens, gym suit return, 9 to 12 noon, HUB ballroom; Education Council, Freshman Candidates Meeting, 9:15 p.m., 212 HUB; Forensic Council, 7 p.m., HUB assembly hall; ISA, 8 p.m., 203 HUB; La Critique, Literary and Research staffs, 8:30 p.m., 215 HUB; Las Vegas Nite Girls, 6:45 p.m., 215, 216 HUB; News and Views, 10 a.m., HUB; Slavic Club Meeting, 7 p.m., The Slavic Center (Myra Dock House); UBA, 9:30-11 a.m., HUB card room; West Point Cadet Dance, 9 p.m., HUB ballroom; West Point Cadet Lunch, 10 p.m., HUB ballroom.

- TOMORROW: Delphi Hat Society, 6:30 p.m., HUB; Folklore Society, 6:30 p.m., HUB ballroom; Greek Week Chairmen, 6:30 p.m., 214 HUB; ICCB, 9 p.m., 218 HUB; Mount Nittany Stamp, 2-5 p.m., 217, 218 HUB; Newman Club, 7-8:30 p.m., 212 HUB; Sophomore Advisory Board, 1:30-3 p.m., 203 HUB; Speech and Hearing, 3-5 p.m., Main Lounge HUB; Swedenborgian, 10 a.m.-12 noon, 212, 213 HUB; United Student Fellowship, 5-7 p.m., Faith Church.

- MONDAY: Alpha Phi Omega, Brothers, 7 p.m.; Pledges, 8 p.m., 212, 213 HUB; Bible Fellowship, 12:15-1:30 p.m., 212 HUB; 7:30 p.m., 214 HUB; Bridge Club, 6:30 p.m., HUB card room; Figure Skating Club, 4 p.m., HUB ground floor; Fund Institute, 7 p.m., HUB assembly hall; ISA, 7 p.m., 203 HUB; La Critique, 8:30 p.m., 215, 216 HUB; Las Vegas Nite, 6:45 p.m., 215, 216 HUB; Men's Resident Councils, 9:15 p.m., 203 HUB; Science Fiction Society, 7 p.m., 217, 218 HUB.

WDFM Schedule

- SATURDAY: 5:00 News; 5:05 Saturday at State; 6:55 Weatheroscope; 7:00 Hi-Fi Open House; 9:00 Offbeat; 1:00 King's Corner; 2:00 Sign-off; SUNDAY: 5:00 Chapel Service; 5:30 Chamber Music; 6:35 Mormon Tabernacle Choir; 7:00 The Third Programme; 12:00 Sign-off; MONDAY: 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 Weatheroscope; CAMPUS BEAT: 7:00 Listening Post London; Album Review; Masterworks from France; News; Contemporary Concepts; Passport; Campus and Religion; Artists Series Preview; Bookmark; News, Sports, Weather; 10:00 Symphonic Notebook; 12:00 Sign-off.

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Thanksgiving In December Gets Cold Shoulder From Jr.

TO THE EDITOR: What exactly do Mr. Read and the committee consider sufficiently cogent reasons for the 3-day break? The desire of a student to be with his family apparently is not adequate to influence this stalwart group.

Neither is the thought that the faculty, too, might enjoy a holiday entirely free from the thought of preparing for class next day.

But then, one wonders, why not cut out the vacation altogether? That way we could start celebrating Mr. Read's "Thanksgiving - In - December" a day earlier.

Of course, it might inconvenience a few faculty members; but as long as the 15,000 or so students who are paying them to teach are here, they might as well get their money's worth.

And the intellectual stimulation of attending classes would be a help to ignoring inefficient thoughts of home and family — ably assisted, naturally, by the Special Dinner in the homey dining hall, complete

with all the mass-produced trimmings.

But what of those guardians of the checkbook, the parents of our pupils? How will they feel when the prodigal does not return for the annual family conclave?

The Jones' son next door, who attends college elsewhere, is home. But not their Johnny — he goes to efficient four-term Penn State.

Of course, Johnny might come home anyway . . . Then everything would be warm and cozy; that is, if the folks can forget that he should not, after all, be missing those classes.

But the ruling explicitly states that any changes in the calendar have to be in the direction of accepted policy, which apparently, Thanksgiving isn't.

So tack up ribands and glad artificial flowers on the bulletin board, garland your dining hall drumstick with sprigs of merrie parsley (Weis' — 29c a bunch) and don't forget your sociology.

—Kurt Simons '63

World Roundup

East Germans Attack Refugees Fleeing to West

BERLIN (AP)—East German police laid burst after burst of gunfire into the American sector yesterday when nine truck-borne refugees broke through the Communist fence.

None of the U.S. military and West Berlin police who rushed to the wooded scene was hurt in the hour of shooting. They did not return the fire.

Western police said it was one of the gravest of the almost daily incidents yet reported along the 100-mile wire and concrete wall circling West Berlin.

Some 250 shots were fired, one policeman estimated. Dozens of fresh bullet holes later were counted at eye-level height in trees 30 or 40 yards from the fence.

The nine scared refugees, ages 19 to 23, all former commuters to West Berlin, rammed their truck into the double line of barbed wire where the East German border cuts across the Machnowstrasse in suburban Zehlendorf.

State Department Denies Rumor

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department denied yesterday that Secretary of State Dean Rusk made any commitment for the United States to consider a Polish plan for a demilitarized zone in Central Europe.

In fact, press officer Lincoln White said at his news conference, Rusk did not talk about the proposal at all when he met Tuesday with Polish Foreign Minister Adam Rapacki. There had been a published report that Rusk told Rapacki the plan would be studied.

Truman to Visit Kennedy

WASHINGTON (AP)—President and Mrs. Kennedy will entertain former President and Mrs. Harry S. Truman on an overnight visit at the White House Nov. 1. The Trumans will stay overnight in the executive mansion.

U.S. Sells Yugoslavia 135 Planes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department said yesterday the United States has sold 135 F86D Saber jet fighters to Yugoslavia to help that Communist country stay free of Moscow's domination.

The deal with Yugoslavia for the U.S. surplus, obsolescent all-weather interceptor planes is by far the largest U.S. arms transaction with Belgrade since President Tito halted American military aid to Yugoslavia in 1957.

The State Department said Yugoslavia paid hard cash—not credit—for the planes in a business transaction which did not involve American foreign aid. While details of the payment were not spelled out, the deal was described as a dollar transaction, meaning the United States will in some fashion receive U.S. dollars.

Hoffa Challenges Communist Tag

WASHINGTON (AP) — James R. Hoffa yesterday challenged the Communist-dominated tag which Senate investigators attached to some of his labor union allies.

Hoffa, president of the Teamsters Union, defended the mutual assistance pacts his organization has made with Harry Bridges' West Coast Longshoremen's Union and with the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' Union.

"I don't know whether they are Communist dominated or not," Hoffa told the Senate Internal Security subcommittee.

"There will be no pact between the Teamsters Union and any organization so convicted," he added.

Airport Brawl Causes U.S.S.R.-Dutch Break

MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviet Union withdrew its ambassador to Holland yesterday and ordered the Dutch ambassador to leave Moscow in protest against the brawl between Soviet Embassy officials and police at Amsterdam's airport last Monday.

The Soviet government declared police had made a "shameful provocation" against Soviet Ambassador Panteleimon K. Ponomarenko.