

Editorial Opinion

# Consolidation Results Have Wide Implications

The consolidation of Circa and La Critique into a single literary magazine will provide the potential for the development of a first-class literary publication.

Circa has floundered for many years, and the student acceptance of La Critique's premier last year was not impressive.

Both Circa and La Critique had been little magazines both in size and circulation.

Further their subject matter had been esoteric. Circa went in for student fiction and poetry, while La Critique concentrated its material in the essay field. The latter also analyzed University policy and problems and even put its young nose into campus politics.

The combination of staffs and talents into one literary effort should produce one magazine with greater appeal to both students and faculty.

And while the revamping of publications is in the air, we'd like to suggest that Froth do a little soul searching too.

There are innumerable areas on campus that would make witty satire and parody copy. Yet Froth runs in the same yearly circles of BMOCs, fraternity-sorority affairs, enticing females and lewd humor.

A humor magazine has an important place on any college campus—but many students stop reading ours after their freshman year.

We hope that the appearance of the revamped La Critique will foster some wholesome competition in the area of student publications.

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Letters

### Senior Calls Protest Rally Disappointing

TO THE EDITOR: Last Friday night an earnest and hard-working SGA President personally informed his constituents of the situation concerning the Thanksgiving vacation, in a live broadcast over WDFM and WMAJ.

He asked that the students do two things; First, to wear the "HOME FOR THANKSGIVING" tags both to their classes and to the Syracuse game.

Second, to demonstrate peacefully at the game in favor of a Thanksgiving vacation.

Those of us who attended the game were very happy to see the three or four signs which were displayed, but I, for one, was disappointed at both the length and loudness of the "WE WANT A VACATION" chant.

Perhaps Foianini was wrong in assuming that the students really wanted a Thanksgiving holiday. If Foianini was wrong, then he will be misrepresenting us, the students, when he asks the University Senate to grant us this holiday.

Was his assumption correct? Will you make up your minds, students? If you want something, yell for it!

—Bruce Harrison '62

### Frosh Asks Recess Action

TO THE EDITOR: The main advantage of an extended Thanksgiving vacation is to boost the student morale. For many of us this is the first opportunity we would have to see our families and friends.

Our officials are not faced with this situation as they see their families every day. We don't.

Perhaps if our parents write to President Walker and other people who might influence our officials, it might have some effect. Also during the Homecoming Game next week, a demonstration might cause the Alumni to question the University's policy concerning this vacation.

It is a shame that the officials weren't intelligent enough last spring to realize that Thanksgiving is a holiday when students plan to be home. Let us hope that next year they will plan for this vacation.

—Steven Soffer '65

### Fallout Data Requested by Jr.

TO THE EDITOR: As each student of Penn State passed through fall registration, he was given a sheet of paper with vague information concerning procedure to be followed if the University Park area became contaminated with radioactive fallout.

This information does not offer a complete plan which can be immediately followed. According to the instructions, students living on or off campus are to confine themselves to their living quarters, "and remain there for further instructions from University officials."

Now is the time for the administration to reveal these mysterious "further instructions" to the student body, not later when our lives may be in jeopardy.

—Geoffrey Abelson, '63

### Greeks Face Future

TO THE EDITOR: I am heartened to see that the Greeks are now facing the future; this seems to be a major shift in policy.

—Robert L. Blefko  
graduate student

now and again

## Doom Predictors

by polly dranov

Every time a fire siren sounds these days, people automatically hold their breath listening for it to trail off. An air-raid alert siren doesn't trail off.

The current world tension really has begun to affect the general public. After all the shouting about the complacency of the American people, it seems as if the public has finally awakened and done a complete about face.

Fall-out shelter sales are booming and concern over the world situation seems almost to have reached the panic point.

Whether or not this heightened public tension is warranted it one question, but the pessimistic attitude toward the future that has replaced complacency is almost as disturbing.

Particularly notable is the "doom philosophy" which is gaining popularity with the young people of today.

My generation, born in a hot war and bred in a cold one, may be unable to conceive of a life with any more peace and security than it has known to date.

Although it seems sure that



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at least the cold war will continue, whether or not the hot one begins, a complete absence of hope is questionable and almost tragic.

Just a few short months ago, American youth was riding a wave of high-powered energy, generated by President Kennedy's inaugural address.

The President warned that the struggle for peace and freedom would not be easy and that things would get worse before they get better. But as soon as the going got rough, the optimistic energy was replaced by a surge of defeatism and "doom predicting."

From my very unsophisticated optimistic view of the current world situation, it seems a bit too soon to give up hope.

If we lose our confidence and hope, we lose what often has meant the difference between victory and defeat.

Wars aren't won by pessimists.

Neither is peace.

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### Members of Nittany 34 Protest Action at Game

TO THE EDITOR: As students of the Pennsylvania State University, we would like to ask if it is University policy to suppress the voice of the student body.

During the Syracuse game we wanted to peacefully express our views on the present Thanksgiving vacation issue, so we obtained police permission to display our sign around the stadium.

After displaying it to the student sections, we attempted to enter the walk below the west stands to display our sign to parents and alumni. But we were stopped by an official who prohibited our entering the area and demanded our matriculation cards.

When this happened, a man who stated that he was an alumnus of the University asked this official why the University was trying to "suppress the voice of the students."

The official told the alumnus that it was none of his business and he had better stop looking for trouble. At this point the alumnus said he was not looking for trouble, but as an alumnus he felt that it was his business.

Then the official grabbed him by the shirt and pushed him against a truck.

So we ask: Is it University policy to suppress the voice of the student body? Is the University so ashamed of its present Thanksgiving arrangements that it will not allow anyone but student to know what is going on?

An finally, does the University approve of the use of physical violence in answer to questions about its policies?

—Nittany 34

(Editor's Note: In a vote, a majority of the residents of Nittany 34 voted to send the above letter.)

### 'Improvements' for Term Plan

TO THE EDITOR: It is my sincere opinion that everyone has been missing the point of the four-term plan. The general object is to utilize the University's facilities with as little waste as possible.

The four-term system is woefully inadequate for this goal. There are 52 weeks in the year. Why not use them? Think of how much more could be done if there were five 10-week terms instead of four.

There would, of course, have to be at least two days between terms for registration and other essential business.

That would leave a whopping four-day vacation for students

to take time out to relax. (Anything longer would be a "great mistake.")

Naturally, under the five-term plan there would be little room for "sentimental" holidays at home.

Here I suggest that we use Mr. Read's plan to its fullest advantage. Instead of doubling up Thanksgiving and Christmas into one big holiday, as he wants to do, we could use these four extra days to celebrate Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving, and Independence Day all at once.

And every leap year we could even squeeze in Labor Day.

—Ralph Price '63

### Gazette

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Ag. Hill Party, 6:30 p.m., 212 HUB  
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p.m.; Pledges, 7:30 p.m., McElwain Lounge  
Greek Week Bridge Tournament, 7 p.m., HUB ballroom  
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