

Editorial Opinion

# Library Life Blood

One hundred thousand dollars wended its way out of the University coffers to the Pattee Library once again this year in the second of what are termed "non-recurring" grants.

With every department clammering for funds and the concurrent neglect demonstrated by the Harrisburg crew it is reassuring indeed to have such news.

Coming as it does in the midst of a sudden halt in planned expansion by the University the grant is especially noteworthy.

When the first grant was made last fall we noted that it was "a good beginning."

Yet the deficiencies of the University library noted in the report of the Liberal Arts faculty in the spring of 1960 outlined tremendous gaps in the research facilities of Pattee.

Therefore although money is poured down the throat of this starving department it will be quite a while before the improvements are noticed in any obvious manner.

One of the improvements we would like to see, and one which has been on the minds of administrative planners for some time, is the physical expansion of the library.

As Librarian Ralph McComb noted yesterday, and as students have experienced all term, there is a great increase in the use of library facilities this term.

McComb attributes this 25 to 50 per cent increase in use to the pressures of the term system and the dangers of procrastination inherent in its operation.

We are certain that this speculation is correct and we further note that this puts increased pressure on the men in charge of the University's budgetary life.

One or two grants will help the Library to expand its sources and reference shelves. But much more is needed to build the new wing which increased use of these resources makes necessary.

In the meantime students have approached the library staff to extend library hours on Saturday evening and to open earlier on Sunday. The library is, however, understaffed and therefore unable to do so at the present time.

McComb emphasized that students have asked that only the reading rooms be kept open if desk facilities could not be in use.

Such requests indicate that one of the needs of the student body is increased study facilities. This may be supplied by opening class rooms for this purpose. Several College Councils have already had classrooms made available.

In toto, the library and study facilities have a long way to improvement before they satisfy the new demands of the four-term system.

But measures such as the new grant and the work of the College Councils will help make this goal closer to reality that much sooner.

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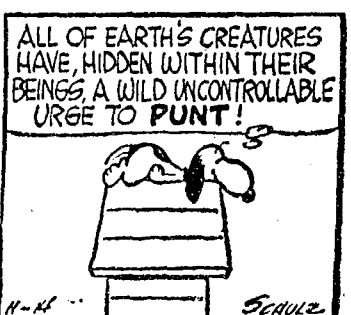
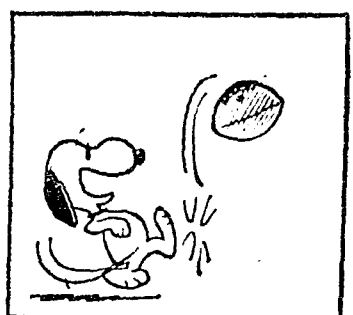
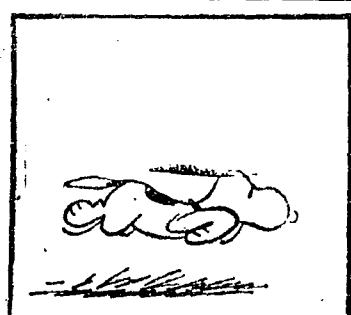
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# Letters to The Editor

## Soph Says Senate Lacks Courtesy

TO THE EDITOR: I would like to comment on the Thanksgiving issue. I believe the Committee on Calendar and Class Schedule and the Senate have conducted themselves disgracefully concerning this matter.

I have been brought up to show common courtesy in that to listen to a person who desires to speak, even if he has nothing of importance to say. However, I now witness a group of educated men, holding important positions, violating these basic rules of courtesy.

I believe, had the committee, approached by the students, listened to their proposals and then issued an official ultimatum pro or con, the student body would have acted as adults and accepted fate.

However, when we tried to issue our proposal, we were accused of conspiring to evade classes and finally ignored altogether. I cannot blame the students for feeling offended.

Could this action have taken place because there is no sound reason as to why the vacation cannot be granted?

The Thanksgiving issue is now settled and another greater problem has been created. How much longer are we to be considered subjects of an oligarchy and not students of this university?

Before we can even consider approaching the Senate or the Calendar committee on an Easter vacation, we should strive to establish an understanding relationship between the student body and those who make policy.

If this feeling persists, other steps could be taken. Our parents possess the right to elect whomever they choose. It could be a Republican governor in 1962.

—Frank Serdy '64

## Pablum for Diaper Patriots

TO THE EDITOR: I have no wish to dissuade Mr. Blackmon, or anyone else, from rallying on the lactose wall of patriotism with a cartouche full of inaccuracies and a full ration of intellectual pablum.

I would, however, urge all such diaper patriots and slogan soldiers to resist that illogical, adolescent tendency to construct one-sided houses.

Mr. Blackmon quotes Mayor Christopher's hasty and unsupported statement of Jan. 18, 1961, without feeling it incumbent upon him for any reason (intellectual integrity being the least considerable) to add that the Mayor retracted his statement within the week.

I firmly believe that to call all supporters of the film in question KKK reactionaries is as patently ridiculous as the assertion that all those against the film and the HUAC are communists or communist-dupes.

If a genuine intellectual climate of inquiry existed in those

places where it is most necessary, it would be a simple matter to deal with the willful perversions of accuracy and fact in this film and in the Hoover report.

But since so many of us insist on seeking refuge in emotional generalities when confronted by the need for a rational response, it would be best to simply recognize our prejudices for exactly what they are without honoring them by calling them facts.

One further word which may certainly be relevant.

I was an eyewitness to Black Friday (May 13, 1960) and the months of student committees which followed. I have also seen the film, "Operation Abolition" as well as having read the Hoover report.

I cannot say that the fictions which these two accounts present square in any way with the events which I witnessed and which so indelibly were engraved in my memory.

—Oswald LeWinter  
Instructor in English

## Senate Action Lamented

TO THE EDITOR: It is one thing for the University Senate to deny the students of what the students want, for this is simply a matter of what the University considers right and wrong.

But when a group representing the University, ignores the ideas of the students, it is a far more serious matter. The students at Penn State have desired, as a whole, a Thanksgiving vacation. Their representatives, S.G.A. President Dennis Foianini and Harvey Klein, presented the students' views, which obviously favored a longer Thanksgiving recess.

The validity of the students' argument is one thing, but when their desires are suppressed, without even consideration of the problem presented, this is oligarchy in its highest form.

The act of purposely adjourning the Senate meeting so that the Thanksgiving question would not even have to be discussed is more akin to Hitler's Germany and Khrush-

chev's Russia than Penn State's University Senate.

Should the ideals of democracy be lost in the University hierarchy and is Penn State a place where the student, in essence, is only an IBM card to be processed at will?

Fellow Penn Staters, we're being stepped on. Whether we're right or wrong we deserve an airing of our ideas and a vote on the same. The Thanksgiving issue is of but small importance.

It is the idea that we cannot get the people who are supposedly representing our interests to vote on something which is of importance to the whole student body. Does not the University care enough about its student body to give us a vote on something we consider important?

There are some terribly thoughtless people in the University Senate, and we, the Penn State students, will have to suffer with time.

—Steven Carl Klipstein '64

## Readers Pan Office Holiday

TO THE EDITOR: We are overjoyed to hear that the administration granted an extra holiday to its office workers so that they could celebrate Veterans' Day for two days instead of one.

We realize that on such a sacred holiday the office employees want to be home with their friends and loved ones to celebrate.

This Veterans' Day holiday (celebrated on Friday instead of Saturday, the day on which it actually fell) is, we realize, much more important than Thanksgiving or Easter.

How could we students be so selfish as to ask for days off for such insignificant holidays? However, we were thinking that since Easter falls on a Sunday, maybe we could have Monday off to celebrate it?

We know our request will be considered because the system of democracy in this University is so highly conscious of the needs of the students. They are eager to listen to complaints such as those voiced by the student representatives at the Senate meeting this week.

We hope the families of the administration had a safe and sane Veterans' Day.

—Diania Sasse '64  
—Faye Colker '64  
—Judith Angerman '65  
—Suzan Levine '64

## Frosh Hits Lipp Speech

TO THE EDITOR: Although the issue regarding Thanksgiving vacation is dead, I would like to refer to Dean Lipp's view on the subject as it was presented in The Daily Collegian Nov. 8.

Dean Lipp may have the courage to forego tradition, but might not one regard this as foregoing America, too? After all, America is tradition, a long line of tradition.

I am glad to see that Dean Lipp feels that "the pressure of the times" (or is that just the pressure of Penn State?) should

cause our heritage to be lost. I, as one patriotic individual, feel that Dean Lipp should re-view America's past and discover what this nation is based on.

The tradition of Thanksgiving is reverence and unity. Our nation is based on this reverence for high ideals and unity of all.

Dean Lipp might just as well offer to destroy the basis of our democracy as to remove the honoring of the tradition from which it has come.

—Margaret M. Pace '65

## Gazette

| TODAY  | TUESDAY                     | WEDNESDAY              |
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| Angel Flight National Staff, 6:30 p.m., Wagner                   | 4:00 The Philadelphia       | 4:00 The Philadelphia  |
| Bloodmobile, 8 a.m.-11 p.m., HUB card room                       | 5:00 News                   | 5:00 News              |
| Education Student Council, 6:45 p.m., 215-214 HUB                | 5:05 Music at Five          | 5:05 Music at Five     |
| Education Student Council Coffee Hour, 8 p.m., HUB Dining Room C | 6:00 News                   | 6:00 News              |
| Gamma Sigma Sigma, executives, 6:30 p.m., 105 McElwain           | 6:05 Dinner Date            | 6:05 Dinner Date       |
| IRC, 1 p.m., HUB first floor                                     | 6:55 Weatherscope           | 6:55 Weatherscope      |
|  | 7:00 CAMPUS BEAT            | 7:00 CAMPUS BEAT       |
|  | United Nations Report       | Perspective '61        |
|  | Album Review                | Album Review           |
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