

Editorial Opinion

Time For Action

Borough Council President Lawrence Perez made several comments yesterday that deserve thought and action by students living in town and their representatives on TIM.

Perez indicated student requests for a building code that would establish minimum standards for health, sanitation and safety in town housing might prod the Council into investigating the possibilities of adopting such a code.

Students with an interest in improving town living conditions and TIM, which has a natural interest in improving those conditions, should make written and personal requests to the Council in an effort to get support for a building code.

Perez's reasoning that it might be unfair to tax the whole town for the protection of a few individuals is illogical.

When an unhealthy condition exists, it is the community's duty to wipe it out for the good of society as a whole. The unsafe, unhealthy fire traps that are being rented to students are a menace to all State College residents.

A disastrous fire or epidemic would effect many people beyond the range of the flames or germs.

State College and its residents would be stricken a moral blow from which it might never recover.

If a catastrophe should occur, Borough Council members as well as all past members would bear a terrible mental burden for not having taken the action that has been needed for years.

If TIM and town students don't make an effort to prod the Council into action, they may not only share in the guilt but might be touched by some of the possible destructive results of inaction.

Repeat Performance

Last year we ran a rather unusual editorial on safe driving and the student body enjoyed the safest Christmas vacation in six years.

We're not superstitious! But we hope that the closing words to that editorial might have been partially responsible for the lack of accidents so we're printing them again.

For years it has been Collegian's policy to write editorials urging the students to drive carefully. But each year the first issue after vacation has carried the grim details of death and injury.

Two years ago we put out a special "safety issue." We thought articles and pictures of accidents might scare students into driving carefully.

But this, as all other methods, failed and a student was killed and two were injured.

This year we're being realistic and facing the inevitable. We already have the big headline type ready. All you have to do is supply the details.

Salute of Thanks

We commend the library officials for fulfilling their duty to the students by opening with full services on Thanksgiving day.

Answering the call of duty is tough when it involves the change of long-anticipated plans, so we salute the library staffers who will be sacrificing their holiday Thursday for the benefit of the students.

Letters

Fan Refuses To Give Up On State

TO THE EDITOR: Since the time of Tony Rados, when I first matriculated at Penn State, I have been a close observer and rather rabid fan of Penn State football.

I have followed the team to Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Morgantown, and Philadelphia—in short, the team has received my financial as well as my moral support. (When I was a senior, I even cheered!)

Having now established my status as a fan and not an "armchair expert," I would like to obtain some information on Penn State football.

How does a school that turns out such players as Lucas, Moore, Plum, Stynchula, Janarette, Greer, Bailey, Mazur, Hoak, Kerr, Valentine, and Schleicher, just to mention a few, still manage to lose 30 per cent of their games?

How can one reconcile the occasional stirring team efforts (Ohio State '56, Illinois both in '54 and '59, Pitt '58, Syracuse '59 and others) with games such as Vanderbilt '57, Nebraska '58, Pitt '57 and '59, Illinois '60 and yes even Missouri '60, just to mention a few of the many?

How can a team that is among the top ten teams in total offense in the country fail to move the ball three yards in four tries, and still get lauded by its coach?

How can a team that has been defeated by an arch rival, twice by alleged faulty officiating, still be "down" two hours prior to game time?

How is it possible for a team comprised of four possible All-Americans (mind you, there are only four because of a poor press) to lose at least three games?

Unlike the press, and most upper classmen, I have not given up on Penn State football, and I will be rooting for them this Saturday as they face another chance at being "upset".

But just once before I leave this university I would like to sit through an un ulcerating season where the team plays up to its potential all the time (not just for ten minutes either at the beginning or the extreme end of the game) where there are no opposing upsets, when there are no alibis, and when they call something other than the scissors play and the quick opener.

—Jack F. Strange
Research Assistant

Holidays Explained

TO THE EDITOR: I am writing this letter because of one which appeared in the November 14 issue of Collegian. A student wrote a very sarcastic letter concerning the holiday which the Administration got last Friday.

I would like to inform this student that the Administration is given a total of nine paid holidays a year (excluding the one day per month that each person earns).

Armistice Day happens to be one of them. Also, I would like to inform him that while he and the other students are at home from December 8 through January 2 or 3, we, the Administration and Staff, will be working.

We get a total of five days vacation at Christmas — two of which are weekend days.

In my opinion, the student body should be thankful that they get such an extended vacation during the Christmas season—a holiday which, to me, is much more important than Thanksgiving.

—Genevieve McDonald
Secretary, Continuing Education

Interpreting

Hitler, Reds Pose Similar Threats

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In 1936 Adolf Hitler tore up the Locarno Pact, recaptured the Rhineland and started building the Westwall, from behind which he later attacked the democracies of Western Europe.

In 1961 the Soviet Union tore up the four-power agreements on the occupation of Berlin, imprisoning East Berlin behind a new Westwall.

Both times the Western Allies sat on their hands.

The new Westwall has now become one of the focal points in Allied negotiations among themselves over whether and how to negotiate with the Soviet Union.

Following the Rhineland re-occupation, Hitler turned his attention to Eastern Europe, to consolidate his position for the ultimate war.

In 1938 the Western European Allies went to Munich and, being unprepared to resist, gave Hitler Czechoslovakia in return for paper-thin promises of peace.

In 1961 these same Allies, plus West Germany and the United States, are being asked to give up West Berlin and their hopes for the eventual reunification of all Germany in return for more promises of peace.

This time the Allies are determined not to pay the price of appeasement—at least not all of it, and perhaps not any of it. But they are fishing around for some bargaining points with which to maintain an appearance of sweet reasonableness through negotiations.

Their problem, however,

seems to be boiling down to the question of how to save West Berlin without giving up all of Germany, and without giving up the appearance of reasonableness.

The Soviet Union is using the issue—of reunification of West Germany—in an effort to consolidate her position in Eastern Europe, where fear and hatred of a rearmaged, unified Germany is one of the facts of daily life.

She is also using it in an effort to extract compromises from the West which will make West Germany—and the recalcitrant Germans of East Germany, too—question the ultimate value of their postwar military and economic alignment with the West.

The four major powers of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization are badly split over how to approach the whole thing.

Thus the Communists attained at least one small part of their objective—a split NATO.

These and many other things were in the background as Chancellor Konrad Adenauer emerged with a typical diplomatic smile from his first conference with President Kennedy who showed no sign of thinking there was anything to smile about.

WDFM Schedule

WEDNESDAY

8:55 Financial Tidbits	Image America
4:00 The Philadelphia	News
5:00 News	Jazz Panorama
5:05 Music at Five	Passport
6:00 News	Waxworks
6:05 Dinner Date	Insight
6:55 Weatherscope	The Spoken Word
7:00 CAMPUS BEAT	News
Perspective '61	10:00 Virtuoso
Album Review	12:00 Sign-off



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Gazette

TODAY

AWS, 6:30 p.m., 212, 218 HUB
Block S Club, 7:30 p.m., HUB ballroom
Chess Club, 7 p.m., HUB card room
Commerce and Management, 9 a.m., 212 HUB
La Critique, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., ground floor HUB
Liberal Party, 7 p.m., 218 HUB
Mall Administration, 2 p.m., 218 HUB
P.S. Bible Fellowship, 12:15 p.m., 212 HUB

TIM, 7 p.m., 203 HUB

Women's Chorus, 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly hall

TOMORROW

International Film, "Ballad of a Soldier," 3, 7, and 9 p.m., HUB assembly hall
PSOC Rock Climbing — Coburn, 9:30 a.m., Rec Hall
PSOC Work party at the ski slope, 10 a.m., Rec Hall