

Editorial Opinion

A Few Words of Thanks

Though there are many problems on campus, though there are many things wrong "with the system" that come under criticism daily in this column, we at Penn State still have much to be thankful for.

First of all we are thankful that we live in a free society where we can look at our system, and make observations and criticisms that we firmly believe will lead to its improvement and make it even better.

Although admission standards are tougher and budgets from the state are grossly undernourished, we are still thankful for the basic opportunity to gain an education and prepare ourselves to make useful contributions to society.

Despite our often-expressed criticism of certain administrative actions, we are thankful for the willingness of some administrators to cooperate with the students.

We are thankful for the beautiful campus that provides an inspiring background to our academic lives.

We will always be thankful for the professors who go beyond the course requirements to give us inspiration, and in many cases to make indelible impressions on our lives.

Modern ideas in social, cultural and scientific fields are often presented through the Artists' and Lecture Series.

Opportunities for relaxation and amusement are available through the varied recreational facilities and sports events.

The educational atmosphere that provides these almost limitless opportunities in academic and extra-curricular activities is something for which we are thankful.

We are also thankful for:

University employees that go out of their way to aid students.

Opportunities to meet students of other races, creeds and religions.

The library staff's sacrifice of their Thanksgiving vacation, so the library could remain open.

The best ice cream in the world, which comes to us from the University creamery.

The relatively lenient regulations for women students established by the Dean of Women.

The extra effort made by Food Service to create as pleasant an atmosphere as possible in the dining hall on Thanksgiving.

Many of the things we are thankful for today may soon be forgotten, but others will leave a lasting imprint on our lives.

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Letters

Greek Role Questioned

TO THE EDITOR: In last Friday's Collegian there was a small article entitled "Pep Rally Tonight." When we read the article, we were under the impression that this was a pep rally for last Saturday's game between Penn State and Holy Cross.

However, we were very much mistaken for it turned out to be a rundown of the line-ups for the Powder Puff Bowl (much like the Rose Bowl). The participants in this bowl were not Penn State or Holy Cross, but Kappa Kappa Gamma and Chi Omega sororities.

The pep rally lasted about twenty minutes and approximately eighteen of these minutes were spent cheering the Greeks. Of course, the cheerleaders did have about two minutes to squeeze in a short-yell S-T-A-T-E, and sing a few Penn State songs.

At the pep rally for the West Virginia game they announced that the seniors on the football team would make an appearance. Well, we did notice that some of the senior players took the time to come, but due to the disorganization of the pep rally they were never recognized.

Maybe they aren't Greeks? Maybe it was a good thing that they didn't call on the players to speak, for there was no public address system or other means of amplification with which to speak. We suppose that that would be too simple a solution to the problem.

We fail to see why the Greeks should be made such an integral part of a pep rally intended for the Penn State-Holy Cross game, when if it wasn't for the independent men attending the rallies, there would probably never be a pep rally.

- James Foster '63
-Gene Stefko '63
-Jim Elder '65
-Denny Namey '62

Senior Hits Frosh Protest

TO THE EDITOR: Recently, some freshmen have protested the tendency of upperclassmen to criticize the administration at every opportunity on any subject at all.

Let me say this: we live in a supposedly free society, and in such a society there is no such thing as unquestioned authority, regardless of the position of the official.

By the time these freshmen have been here four years they will surely understand the ideals for which we battling upperclassmen stand. If they don't they are CLODS, and deserve to be ruled by a tyrannical administration.

Freshmen, please remember two things. First, you pay tuition to come here; second, the administrators are salaried.

Then again, maybe customs should be extended to a full year to thoroughly indoctrinate freshmen.

-Bruce Harrison '62

Gazette

TODAY
Players' production, William Saroyan's "The Cave Dwellers," 8 p.m., Center Stage
PSOC Cabin party at the ski cabin, 1:30 and 5:30 p.m., Rec Hall
PSOC Ski instruction orientation meeting, 2 p.m., 112 Buckhout
PSOC Work party at the ski slope, 10 a.m., Rec Hall
Student Film "Horror of Dracula," 7:30 p.m., HUB assembly hall
TOMORROW
Folklore Society, 6:30 p.m., HUB ballroom
Kappa Alpha Psi, 2 p.m., 212 HUB
PSOC Rock Climbing-Huntingdon, 9:30 a.m., Rec Hall
PSOC Work party at the ski slope, 10 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., Rec Hall
Student Film "Horror of Dracula," 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly hall
MONDAY
Alpha Phi Omega, 7 p.m., 212, 218 HUB
Art Education, 11:10 a.m., HUB assembly hall
Bridge Club, 6:30 p.m., HUB card room
Engineering Mechanics Seminar, Dr. M. G. Sharma, "Experimental Results and Correlation with a Theory," 4 p.m., 210 Hammond
Faculty Luncheon Club, Dr. C. O. Bergeson, "Glimpses of Soviet Schools," 12:30 p.m., HUB dining room A
Faculty meeting, College of Physical 4-H Toastmasters, 7 p.m., 216 HUB
Lecturo, Sister M. Thomasita, 11:10 a.m., Home Ec auditorium

Letters

Variability of 'Facts' Noted by Grad Student

TO THE EDITOR: (Ref: Le Winter "common sense") In trying to diminish the import of anti-communist issues, the communists often attack the person who raised them in order to discredit him in the eyes of others, rather than answer the issues themselves.

Such a method should not be used by a person who doesn't wish to be identified with the communist movement.

Their basis of logic, "dialectical materialism," is ever so logical, but is based on false assumptions and has a tendency to shift in point of view from time to time, as anyone with common sense can see.

So-called "facts" often depend, too, on one's point of view. For example, it was a "fact" that Stalin was the savior of Russia during World War II; soon it will be a "fact" that it was really Khrushchev, not Stalin, who was the Russian savior.

The shift in "fact" is due to the shift in point of view. In like manner, the "facts" about the film "Operation Abolition" depend on one's biases and interpretation.

Naturally, a participant in the San Francisco riots would see the "facts" in a different light—or even see different "facts"—than say J. Edgar Hoover, who has a long record of integrity in his fight against communism.

How one sees the "facts," then, of this riot and the resulting film depend in large measure on whether one is favorable to the work of the HUAC or against it. (By the way, the committee has done a few

worth-while things besides "persecute" the communists and their sympathizers!)

As any one with common sense knows, false "facts" are easy enough to come by. Statistics are often juggled, or gathered from only favorable sources.

We are quite familiar, in the world of advertising, with the technique of obtaining on-the-scene testimonials; but it is not mentioned that these good citizens were remunerated for their testimonial or had some other vested interest in the particular slant given to their remarks.

Another method to convince people of the truthfulness of a lie is simply to repeat it often enough. (Remember in Orwell's 1984 the great truths: "War is Peace" and "Hate is Love"?)

In closing, I would like to point out that it's an undeniable fact that communism promises an abundant material life to those not yet under its influence; it's also a fact that a country which has newly adopted communism as a political basis sees its citizens, from every station in life, stream out by the thousands and even millions (if given the chance!)

And those left rebel sooner or later against their new benefactors. Why? Because they have found the real facts of a communist society to be: no God, no religion, no liberty, no family life, and even no improvement in the material situation! As one Old Testament prophet put it so well, "Choose you this day whom you shall serve . . ."

-Neil Benner
Graduate Student

Dining Hall Intruder

TO THE EDITOR: I guess almost everybody who lives in West Halls has noticed the tyrannic little teen-ager who has invaded our dining halls. He makes a grand entrance at every meal and then proceeds to flit from table to table making sure that each little boy and girl is not being naughty.

His self-imposed rules include: Spot-checking to weed out the aliens among us, ascertaining that no one is sharing his tray (such is a crime worse than death), questioning all suspicious-looking characters, and generally making life miserable for one and all.

When he finds a quaking victim, he at once seizes the matric card of the guilty party and runs off to get a manly counselor to enforce his claims.

Everyone's eyes are continually searching for this man, fearful that at any moment he might pounce.

Must we be subjected to this eternal cat and mouse game? Housing could at least rotate this dining-hall dictator to the other living areas so that we can again eat in peace.

-Molly Robertshaw '64

Freshmen Commend Food Service Staff

TO THE EDITOR: On behalf of the boys in Franklin House who could not be home for the Thanksgiving Day vacation, we would like to thank all the East Halls Dining Room employees who helped prepare our Thanksgiving Day meals.

The congenial atmosphere, ample servings, and personal attention presented by the people helped brighten an otherwise lonely holiday.

- Lonnie A. Cole '65
-Lewis B. Coe '65

Senior Hits MI Library For Saturday Closing

TO THE EDITOR: I had specifically not gone to the Holy Cross game because important work had to be done in the Mineral Industries library.

I found the door locked. A note said that it was closed because of the football game. I hope the library staff enjoyed it. This is such a fine university.

-Charles Carson '62

WDFM Schedule SATURDAY

- 5:00 News
5:05 Saturday at State
6:55 Weathercope
7:00 Hi-Fi Open House
9:00 Offbeat
1:00 King's Corner
2:00 Sign-off

